

CUSTOMERS

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MARINE SCIENCE AND LIMNOLOGY INSTITUTE

University research institutes are the most important customers for equipment and services related to marine science. The principal organization involved is the *Instituto de Ciencias del Mar y Limnología (ICML)*, Institute of Marine Science and Limnology, at the *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)*, National Autonomous University of Mexico. The institute operates six main research programs:

1. Marine and limnological/biological community dynamics;
2. Climatology and hydrology;
3. Oceanographical information systems;
4. Oceanic and littoral systems geology;
5. Pollution and environmental impact; and
6. Aquatic system chemistry.

In addition to its facilities on the main campus in Mexico City, *UNAM* has regional research stations specializing in each of Mexico's three marine areas. These stations are equipped with laboratories, libraries, photography facilities, aquariums and computers, as well as land vehicles and watercraft. Specific areas of interest include aquaculture, fisheries, reef ecology, mollusk ecology, zooplankton, climatology, ocean circulation, submerged vegetation and sedimentology.