

The challenge of exploring and understanding the mid-ocean ridge on a global scale is too great for any single nation to tackle alone.



Through its Working Groups, InterRidge brings scientists together from different disciplines - from geophysicists and geochemists to biologists and engineers - to identify and target high-priority areas for mid-ocean ridge research.



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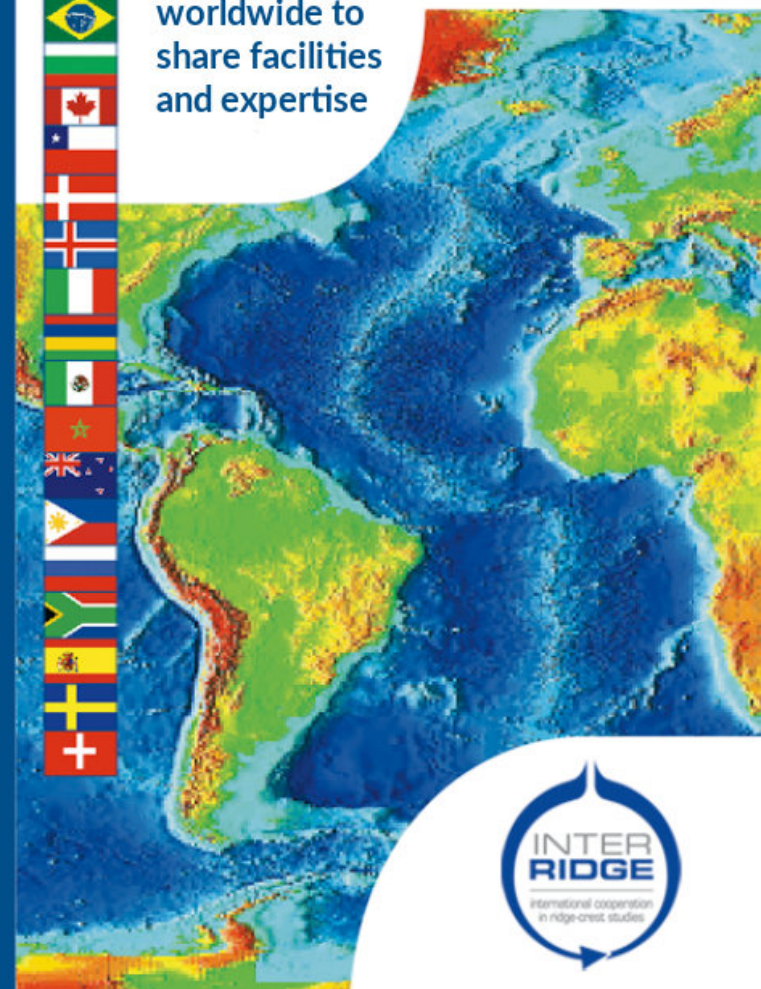


InterRidge exists to promote international collaboration at the mid-ocean ridge, helping scientists



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worldwide to share facilities and expertise







**InterRidge provides a unified voice for mid-ocean ridge researchers, advising international and governmental organisations, and encourages the protection and management of the ocean ridge environment as we continue to explore it.**

The mid-ocean ridge is our planet's longest geological feature, snaking unseen for 65,000 km through the ocean depths. The events taking place along it shape our world, from the eruptions of undersea volcanoes to the rifting of the plates of the Earth's crust.



Studying the mid-ocean ridge is vital to understand how our planet works, but until the mid-20th century, its importance was unknown - and today, most of it remains uninvestigated.

The ridge is also dotted with lush colonies of marine life that thrive around volcanic vents on the seafloor, unimagined until their discovery in the late 1970s.

