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"Oceans and the Census of Marine Life : A Symposium on Ocean Exploration, Governance and Ten Years of Discovery"

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The symposium will consist of moderated round table discussions. It should allow significant time for discussion and exchanges regarding the Census of Marine Life and the themes relevant to the movie “Océans,” which will be screened at the Museum of Natural History on the Mall starting at 6:30 PM. The time frame is 1 PM to 5:45 PM. This event is by invitation only and is non-transferable.

Download the program