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recovered rocks from a major debris avalanche on Heard Island which likely preserve a considerable portion of r Arculus said.

returning a week early to allow the medical evacuation of one of the scientists.

The voyage left Fremantle on 8 January 2016 with 26 scientists and students on board from IMAS, the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems CRC, the University of Tasmania, the Australian National University, CSRO, the University of New South Wales, the Pierre and Marie Curie Microbial Oceanography Laboratory (LOMIC), the University of Western European Institute for Marine Studies (IUEM), and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego, USA.

This project is supported by the Australian Antarctic Science Program.

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Also joining the voyage were two artists supported by the Australia Council for the Arts and a photographer/cinematographer

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Video and photos taken during the voyage are available via Dropbox:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jywaoagc1pdz55y/AAA-f5Al2xmM85NewH5AsEbya?dl=0

Background information and blogs about the IMAS voyage can be found at http://www.imas.utas.edu.au

Marine National Facility

RV is a 94 metre purpose-built research vessel, capable of travelling 10,000 nm in a single voyage, accommodating up to 40 scientists and support staff, from the equator to the Antarctic ice-edge. The \$120 million ship was commissioned into operation in December 2014 to support atmospheric, oceanographic, biological and geoscience research.

The Marine National Facility is a blue-water research capability, funded by the Australian Government and managed by CSIRO on behalf of the nation. It is available to all Australian scientists and their international collaborators, with access granted on the basis of proposals that are internationally peer reviewed, and independently assessed for science quality and contribution to the national interest.