The GEOMAR New Building



At the Seefischmarkt on Kiel's East Shore, a unique platform for marine research has been created.

With the move to the new extension building starting in Autumn 2023, a plan that was already present in 2004 at the founding of IFM-GEOMAR from the Institute for [IfM] on the western shore of the Kiel Fjord with the GEOMAR Research Centre for Marine Geosciences on the eastern shore becomes reality: All four research divisions, administration and central facilities are united in one location and will be able to cooperate more easily across disciplines according to the strategy GEOMAR 2030.



Facts about the new extension building

- 5 towers, length: 128m, width: 63m, height up to 2 m
- Usable area: about 15,500 square metres
- 21 conference and meeting rooms
- 230 offices for about 500 employees
- 166 laboratories and 18 climate chambers
- Seawater pipeline (under construction): approx. 1.4 km
- 5 Seawater basins (200 cubic metres)
- 2 berths for research vessels
- Public marine science library
- Computer centre with currently five petabytes of storage space
- Total costs: about 140 Million Euro



Facts about Energy efficiency

- Connection to district heating supply of the city of Kiel
- Purchase of green electricity
- Smart facade (natural ventilation, external sun protection, concrete as passive heat storage)
- Photovoltaic systems on the car park (summer 2024)
- Sustainable construction: quality standard analogue to "silver" (certification according to the Assessment System for Sustainable Building (BNB) of the German Federal Ministry of Housing, Urban Development and Building)
- Energy management system in accordance with ISO certification 50001 being implemented



Facts about the Core and Rock Repository

- Cooling of the drill cores at +4°C
- 2 cooling cells for frozen samples at -20°C
- Storage area: **1,550 cubic metres**
- Floor space: 900 square metres
- Sediment core capacity: 40 kilometres
- 1 sampling laboratory
- 1 office room



Facts about the GEOMAR parking facility

- 169 car parking spaces
- 103 bicycle parking spaces, (approx. 300 additional bicycle parking spaces in summer 2024)
- 6 parking spaces for trailers and cargo bikes
- 8 charging stations for e-bikes
- Repair station
- Photovoltaic system on the roof (summer 2024)

