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The Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone in the North Pacific hosts extensive deposits of ferro-manganese nodules, a source of valuable metals. The growing commercial interest in mining these nodules is stimulating a spurt of research activities that are unprecedented in their scope, complexity, scale and duration, and occurring in a unique regulatory context. These activities, their context and the opportunities they offer to the oceanographic research community are presented.

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