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## Zware Apparatuur

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### Deep Reef & Lake Surveyor



**Activity Report 2006–2011**

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# TECHNISCHE SPECIFICATIES

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**Type** Cherokee ROV, Sub Atlantic, Aberdeen

## Dimensions

### ROV

Length: 1400 mm

Width: 870 mm

Height: 1110 mm

Weight in air: 300 kg

### TMS: Tethered Management system

Length: 1950 mm

Width: 1190 mm

Height: 2372 mm

Weight in air: 700 kg

Weight ROV + TMS + tether + equipment: 1500 kg

**Depth rating** 2000 m, limited to 1400 m by cable length

**Thrusters** 6 vectorized thrusters, powered by 440 VAC

Forward thrust 117 kgf

Lateral thrust 88 kgf

Vertical thrust 78 kgf

## Cameras and lighting

Colour zoom: Kongsberg OE14-366/367, 460 TV lines, 0.02 lux sensitivity

Black and white: Kongsberg OE15-100a, 560 TV lines, 0.0013 lux sensitivity

Rear black and white: Kongsberg OE1358, 570 TV lines, 0.004 lux sensitivity

Digital stills: Kongsberg OE14-208, 5MP, 0.02 lux

Flash gun: Kongsberg OE 11-242, 80W/s light output

TMS camera: General purpose black and white

Video format: PAL

Video Output: Composite

External lights

Front: 3 x Q-LED from ROS, light output > 250 Watt

Rear 1 x Q-LED from ROS, light output > 250 Watt

TMS: 2 x 250 Watt halogen

## Hydraulic

Hydraulek HLK-EH5: 5 fie manipulator; medium duty work, lift capacity: 25 kg  
Drawer in skid: Drawer for sample stowage

## Sensors

Standard on video overlay: Heading, Depth, Height, Roll, Pitch  
Obstacle avoidance sonar: Tritech super seaKing dual freq., 325/675 kHz  
CTD CTD 90M probe from SST  
extra sensors: Turbidity, Fluorometer, Oxygen  
Sediment temperature: Micrel THP temperature probe  
Side-scan sonar: Klein 3000 SSS, to be integrated  
Client sensor on request: RS 232 ,12/24 VDC available  
Laser for measuring purposes  
Niskin bottles, operated by manipulator  
push core device

## Umbilicals

### Live boating mode

500 meter tether, dia 30 mm  
Weight in air: 750 kg/km  
Weight in H<sub>2</sub>O: 215kg/km

### TMS mode

- 1600 m steel armored heavy lift cable, diameter 25.1 mm  
Weight in air: 1550 kg/km  
Weight in H<sub>2</sub>O: 1170 kg/km  
Breaking strength: 230 kN  
Min bending diameter: 900 mm  
- 200 m tether on TMS, specs idem live boating

### Conductors

copper for power, MultiMode fibre optics for telemetry

## Power

### Live boating mode

ROV system: 380-440 VAC, 32 Amps  
Control system: 240 VAC, 16 Amps

### TMS mode

ROV system: 380-440 VAC, 32 Amps  
Winch : 380-440 VAC, 64-70 Amps  
Control container: 240 VAC, 16 amps

## Positioning

IXSEA GAPS: Plug and play USBL system, accuracy 0.2 %

deployment on fixed pole, or hanging on slings

## **Winch**

Hydramec hydraulic winch

Length: 2.4 m

Height: 1.7 m

Width: 2.4 m

Weight with umbilical: 7500 kg

Power: 380-440 VAC, 70 Amps at full load

## **Other**

Max weight of ROV + TMS system to be deployed: 2000 kg in air, 600 in H<sub>2</sub>O

Max cable weight: 2170 kg in air, 1650 kg in H<sub>2</sub>O

Sheave wheel comes with the ROV system, ships specific shackles needed

Required height of A- frame on board: 5 m

Total weight of transport container, incl winch ROV, TMS and controls: 14 tons

13-20 June 2006

R/V Belgica

Belgica 06/12

## La Chapelle Bank and Bantry Bay, North Atlantic Ocean

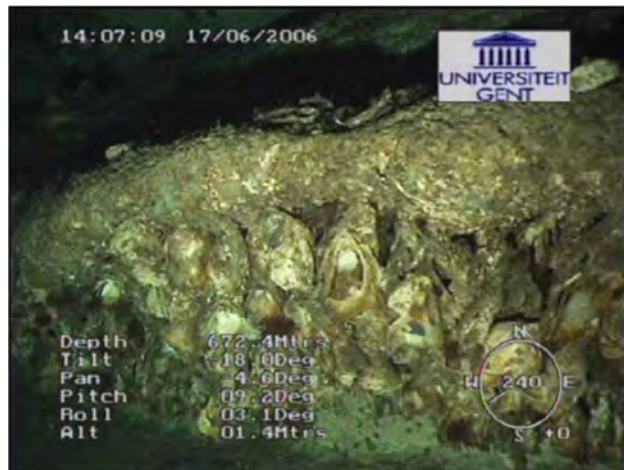
Brest (France) – Cork (Ireland)

UGent-RCMG research

Total dives: 10

Total observation time: 20 hours

Depth range: 15-600 m



### MAIN OBJECTIVE

First testing and deployment of the ROV at the sheltered environment of the Bay of Douarnenez and visual observations on La Chapelle Bank

### PROJECT

EU FP6 "HERMES", EU FP5 RTN "EURODOM", ESF EUROCORES EuroMargins "MOUNDFORCE"

### PARTICIPANTS

UGent-RCMG (Belgium), NOC Southampton (UK), University College Cork (Ireland), IFREMER Brest(France)

### SUMMARY

The main aim of this cruise was testing the ROV, which was successful. Lessons were learned in order to improve the ROV for next cruises. Two successful dives on La Chapelle Bank revealed a sandy-muddy seabed with intriguing bedforms and erosion exposing consolidated sedimentary sequences, often cut by vertical cliffs up to 10 m high. At the base of the cliffs, fallen blocks provided settlement sites for sessile organisms whilst the cliffs and protruding banks revealed dense communities of oysters with occasional cold-water coral (*Lophelia*). Although deep-water 'oyster banks' had already been reported earlier by Le Danois (1948) on the base of dredgings, these dramatic seascapes had remained largely hidden to the human eye up to now.

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Van Rooij, D., De Mol, L., Le Guilloux, E., Wisshak, M., Huvenne, V.A.I., Moeremans, R. & Henriët, J.-P., 2010. Environmental setting of deep-water oysters in the Bay of Biscay. *Deep-Sea Research Part I*, **57**, 1561-1572.

06-21 September 2006	RRS Discovery	Discovery D311
<b>Denmark Strait, North Atlantic Ocean</b>		
Reykjavik (Iceland) – Reykjavik (Iceland)	Commissioned	

Total dives: 1	Total observation time: 3 hours	Depth range: 40-70 m
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**MAIN OBJECTIVE**

Visual observations in Denmark Strait and recovery of moorings (test)

**COMMISSIONER**

Institut für Meereskunde, University of Hamburg (Germany)

**BUDGET**

travel/transport

**PARTICIPANTS**

UGent-RCMG (Belgium), University of Hamburg (Germany)

**SUMMARY**

Due to technical problems and bad weather conditions only a test-dive at the end of the survey was successfully performed near the coast of Iceland. It resulted in good-quality video-pictures of the shelf bottom. Also the technical knowledge of the ROV-system was greatly improved.

**PUBLICATIONS**

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27 February - 22 March 2007	R/V Sonne	Sonne SO 191-3
<b>Hikurangi Margin, Pacific Ocean</b>		
Napier (New Zealand) – Auckland (New Zealand)		Scientific collaboration
Total dives: 7	Total observation time: 7 hours	Depth range: 650-910 m



#### MAIN OBJECTIVE

Precise localisation, visual observation, measuring and sampling of active methane seeps

#### PARTNER

IFM-GEOMAR, Kiel (Germany)

#### PROJECT

BMBF GEOTECHNOLOGIEN "COMET", EU FP6 "NEW-VENTS", FWO-Flanders "GENESIS"

#### PARTICIPANTS

UGent-RCMG (Belgium), IFM-GEOMAR, Kiel (Germany), NIWA Wellington (New Zealand), GNS, Lower Hutt (New Zealand), EAWAG, Kastanienbaum (Switzerland)

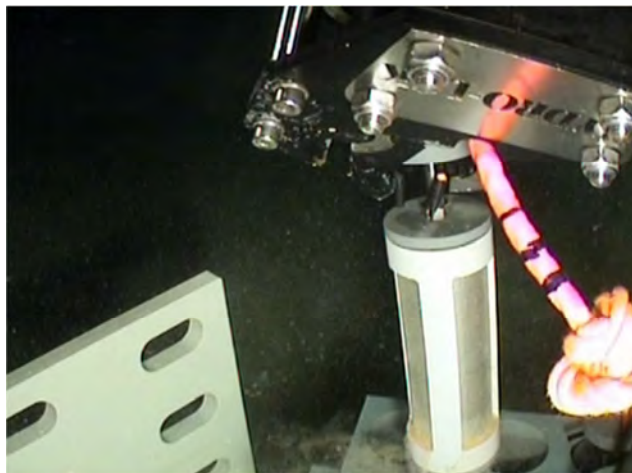
#### SUMMARY

Two methane seeps sites (Faure Site & LM-3) were explored with the ROV in the Rock Garden area on the Hikurangi accretionary margin, east of the New Zealand North Island. ROV observations allowed the first visual observations of bubble-releasing seeps at the Hikurangi Margin. The ROV footage was also used to obtain a submeter characterization of both seeps sites, indicating a clear difference in seep environments for both sites. The total volume of bubble-released methane and the temporal variations in bubble-release activity was also estimated based on the ROV footage. Besides the visual observations also bottom-water and in-sediment temperature measurements were made with the ROV-based CTD en THP probes. Water and gas samples were taken with the two installed 5L Niskin bottles to analyse the dissolved gasses.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Naudts, L., Greinert, J., Poort, J., Belza, J., Vangampelaere, E., Boone, D., Linke, P., Henriët, J.P. & De Batist, M., 2010. Detailed visual observations and measurements by ROV and TV-sleds at Rock Garden, Hikurangi Margin, New Zealand. *Marine Geology*, **272(1-4)**, 233-250.

03-15 June 2007	R/V Belgica	Belgica 07/13
Gulf of Cadiz, North Atlantic Ocean		
Cadiz (Spain) – Cadiz (Spain)	UGent-RCMG research	
Total dives: 10	Total observation time: 19.5 hours	Depth range: 300-700 m



#### MAIN OBJECTIVE

(1) Surveying and mapping of carbonate mound systems, (2) video-surveying of IODP ready sites, (3) surveying of mud volcano craters to identify active seepage systems, and (4) deployment and retrieval of colonisation experiments

#### PROJECT

EU FP6 “HERMES”, ESF EUROCORES EuroMargins “MOUNDFORCE”, ESF EUROCORES EuroMargins “MVSEIS”, ESF EUROCORES EuroDiversity “MiCROSYSTEMS”, ESF EUROCORES EuroDEEP “CHEMECO”

#### PARTICIPANTS

UGent-RCMG (Belgium), UGent-MBS (Belgium), University of Aveiro (Portugal), Mohamed V University of Rabat (Morocco)

#### SUMMARY

In total, three mud volcanoes were investigated, namely Mercator, Lazarillo de Tormes and Gemini mud volcanoes. Unfortunately it was not possible to recover the colonisation experiment of the University of Aveiro due to malfunctioning of the ROV arm. After repairing the arm the experiment of the Marine Biology Section was deployed on Gemini mud volcano. In addition two cold-water coral mounds (Alpha and Beta mound) were observed on Pen Duick Escarpment as well as the foot of the escarpment and a small mound on Vernadsky Ridge was imaged.

#### PUBLICATIONS

De Mol, L., Hilário, A., Van Rooij, D. & Henriët, J.-P., (submitted). Habitat mapping of a cold-water coral mound on Pen Duick Escarpment (Gulf of Cadiz). In: Harris, P., Baker, E. (eds.) *Seafloor Geomorphology as Benthic Habitat: GeoHab Atlas of seafloor geomorphic features and benthic habitats*. Elsevier Insights.

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Van Rooij, D., Blamart, D., De Mol, L., Maignien, L., Larmagnat, S., Mienis, F., Stadnitskaia, A., Wehrmann, L., Templer, S., Frank, N., Pirlet, H., Barbieri, R., de Haas, H., Stivaletta, N., Zhang, Y., Hamoumi, N., van Weering, T., Henriot, J.-P. & the MiCROSYSTEMS MD169 shipboard party, (in press). Cold-water coral mounds on the Pen Duick Escarpment, Gulf of Cadiz: the MiCROSYSTEMS approach. *Marine Geology*, doi: 10.1016/j.margeo.2010.08.012.

25 May - 07 June 2008	R/V Belgica	Belgica 08/13a
<b>Guilvinec Canyon (Bay of Biscay), North Atlantic Ocean</b>		
Brest (France) – La Coruna (Spain)	UGent-RCMG research	
Total dives: 5	Total observation time: 13.5 hours	Depth range: 250-900 m



#### MAIN OBJECTIVE

Visual observation and mapping of deep-sea ecosystems and targeted sampling

#### PROJECT

EU FP6 "HERMES", ESF EUROCORES EuroDiversity "MICROSYSTEMS"

#### PARTICIPANTS

UGent-RCMG (Belgium), IFREMER Brest (France)

#### SUMMARY

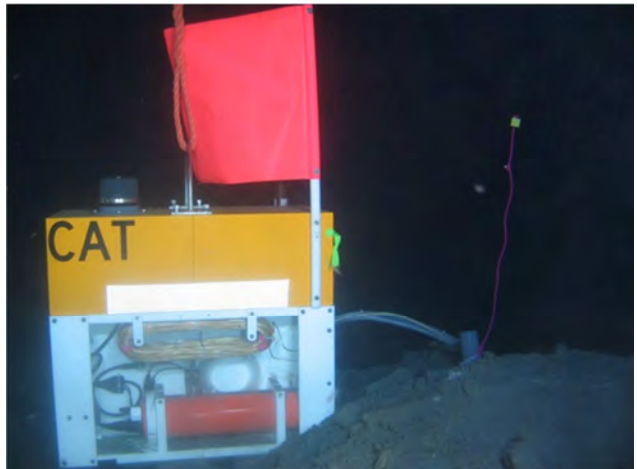
Two different cold-water coral reef settings were distinguished. In water depths ranging from 260 to 350 m, mini mounds up to 5 m high, covered by dead cold-water coral rubble, were observed. The second setting (350-950 m) features hard substrates with cracks, spurs, cliffs and overhangs. In water depths of 700 to 950 m, both living and dead cold-water corals occur. Occasionally, they form dense coral patches with a diameter of about 10–60 m, characterised by mostly stacked dead coral rubble and a few living specimens. In addition, deep-water pycnodontine oysters were observed. The combined use of multibeam bathymetry, seismic profiling, CTD casts and ROV observations made it possible to describe the physical habitat and to assess the oceanographic control for the recently described species *Neopycnodonte zibrowii*.

#### PUBLICATIONS

De Mol, L., Van Rooij, D., Pirlet, H., Greinert, J., Frank, N., Quemmerais, F. & Henriët, J.-P., (in press). Cold-water coral habitats in the Penmarc'h and Guilvinec Canyons (Bay of Biscay) : deep-water versus shallow water settings. *Marine Geology*, doi : 10.1016/j.margeo.2010.04.011.

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07-25 November 2008	R/V Pelagia	Pelagia 64PE298
<b>West Nile Delta, Mediterranean Sea</b>		
Heraklion (Greece) – Port Said (Egypt)	Commissioned	
Total dives: 17	Total observation time: 60 hours	Depth range: 400-500 m



**MAIN OBJECTIVE**

(1) Installation of temperature observatories and CAT meters for long term monitoring, (2) video monitoring of seafloor structures of mud volcanoes, (3) deployment of an active source for CSEM measurements

**COMMISSIONER**

IFM-GEOMAR Kiel (Germany)

**BUDGET**

44 633 €  
(excl. travel/transport)

**PARTICIPANTS**

UGent-RCMG (Belgium), IFM-GEOMAR Kiel (Germany)

**SUMMARY**

The survey area consisted of two mud volcanoes: North Alex and Giza. After two general reconnaissance video dives of North Alex, a long term heatflow station was deployed with the aid of the ROV. A 10 m wide EM-source was successfully implemented on the ROV. During 4 dives (total of 20 hrs) tracks were sailed

covering whole North Alex. Six CAT-meters were deployed (3 dives) by the ROV. Also heatflow (T-stick) measurements at different sites and some push cores were taken in different dives. A general reconnaissance video dive at Giza was followed by heatflow measurements, one CAT-meter deployment and some pushcores. Also a lost transponder (20.000 Euro) was recovered.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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18-27 May 2009

R/V Belgica

Belgica 09/14b

Gulf of Cadiz, North Atlantic Ocean

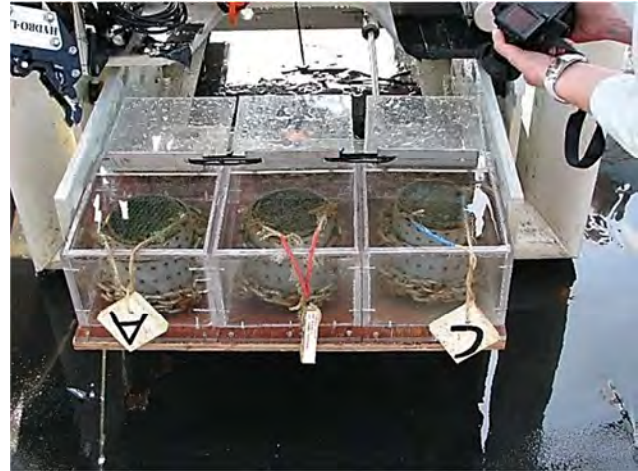
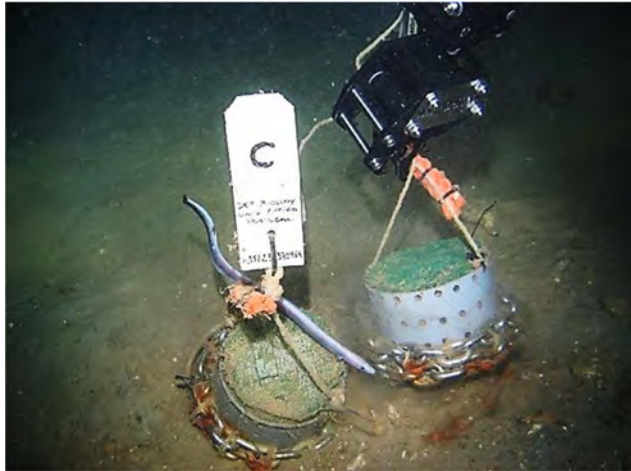
Cadiz (Spain) – Vigo (Spain)

UGent-RCMG research

Total dives: 10

Total observation time: 9.5 hours

Depth range: 350-1150 m



#### MAIN OBJECTIVE

(1) Recovery of colonisation devices on Mercator, Meknes and Darwin mud volcanoes; and (2) visual observation of deep-water ecosystems on top of cold-water coral mounds (Pen Duick Escarpment) for habitat and environmental mapping

#### PROJECT

EC FP7 "HERMIONE", ESF EUROCORES EuroDEEP "CHEMECO"

#### PARTICIPANTS

UGent-RCMG (Belgium), University of Aveiro (Portugal), Laval University (Canada), Mohamed V University of Rabat (Morocco)

#### SUMMARY

(1) Each colonisation set, composed of three devices loaded with different types of substrate (carbonate,

wood and alfalfa), was recovered. Each device was photographed and fixed following specific protocols for the study of the microbial film and the taxonomic and trophic characterisation of colonising metazoans. (2) The ROV observations will allow a detailed study of the distribution and significance of cold-water corals and discuss their role in the build-up of cold-water coral mounds and their potential for the reconstruction of palaeoceanographic conditions.

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30 May – 08 June 2009	R/V Belgica	Belgica 09/14c
<b>Cabo Ortegal, North Atlantic Ocean</b>		
Vigo (Spain) – Zeebrugge (Belgium)	UGent-RCMG research	
Total dives: 3	Total observation time: 3.5 hours	Depth range: 400-800 m



#### MAIN OBJECTIVE

Visual observation and mapping of seafloor ecosystems as well as sampling of sponges associated with cold-water corals

#### PROJECT

EC FP7 “HERMIONE”, ESF EUROCORES EuroDEEP “BIOFUN”

#### PARTICIPANTS

UGent-RCMG (Belgium), UGent-MBS (Belgium), University of Santiago de Compostella (Spain), University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

#### SUMMARY

Two dives were taking place in an area of so-called mini mounds whereas the third dive took place in an area where coral rubble was recovered by means of dredge samples during the RV Sarmiente de Gamboa cruise in 2008. The seafloor consisted of bioturbated soft sediment with on a regular base small to larger pieces of dead coral (*Lophelia pertusa*). In addition, anemones, crinoids, gastropods, holothurians, sea pens, hermit crabs and a few galatheid lobsters were observed.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Verreydt, W., 2011. *Late Cenozoic sedimentary processes on the outer edge of the NW Iberian shelf, Cabo Ortegal*. MSc Thesis.

04 January – 02 March 2010	RVIB N.B. Palmer	Palmer 10-01
<b>Antarctic Peninsula</b>		
Punta Arenas (Chile) – Punta Arenas (Chile)		Scientific collaboration
Total dives: 10	Total observation time: 30 hours	Depth range: 160-1420 m



#### MAIN OBJECTIVE

Visualisation and sampling of ecosystems (including methane seeps) at the newly accessible seafloor below the recently disintegrated Larsen B ice shelf

#### PARTNER

Hamilton College, Clinton NY (USA)

#### PROJECT

NSF “Larissa”, BELSPO “HOLANT”

#### PARTICIPANTS

UGent-RCMG (Belgium), Hamilton College, Clinton NY (USA), University of Hawaii at Manoa (USA), University of Colorado, Boulder (USA), Duke University, Beaufort (USA), Ohio State University, Columbus (USA), Scripps Institute of Oceanography, San Diego (USA), Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, New York (USA), Korean Polar Research Institute, Incheon (Korea)

#### SUMMARY

Due to severe sea ice conditions, the Larsen B study area could not be reached by RVIB NBP during the 2010 Larissa expedition. As a backup plan several locations at the western and eastern side of the Antarctica Peninsula were explored with the ROV to study submerged ice shelf moraines, sediment drifts, several circular basins at the western side of the Antarctic Peninsula, a submarine volcano and different fjord basins. At these different environments, epibenthic fauna was recognized, quantified and sampled and compared in relation to their habitats. The main discovery was the presence of invasive lithodid crab species in the Palmer Deep basin.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Smith et al., (in preparation). Large, reproductive population of *Neolithodes yaldwyni* on the West Antarctic shelf. *Proceedings of the Royal Society*.



7-16 June 2010

R/V Belgica

Belgica 10/17a

## Guilvinec Canyon, Bay of Biscay, North Atlantic Ocean

Zeebrugge (Belgium) – La Rochelle (France)

UGent-RCMG research

Total dives: 3

Total observation time: 7 hours

Depth range: 650-1100 m



### MAIN OBJECTIVE

Visual observation of deep-water ecosystems (mainly cold-water corals) for habitat and environmental mapping

### PROJECT

EC FP7 "HERMIONE"

### PARTICIPANTS

UGent-RCMG (Belgium), IFREMER Brest (France)

### SUMMARY

Due to bad weather, only three dives were carried out during this cruise. Thick cold-water coral rubble graveyards with living corals on top were observed, often colonised by sponges, crinoids, antipatharians and soft corals. *Madrepora oculata* and *Lophelia pertusa* are the most common species. In addition, a lot of trawl marks were observed.

### PUBLICATIONS

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19-28 June 2010

R/V Belgica

Belgica 10/17b

## Whittard Canyon, Bay of Biscay, North Atlantic Ocean

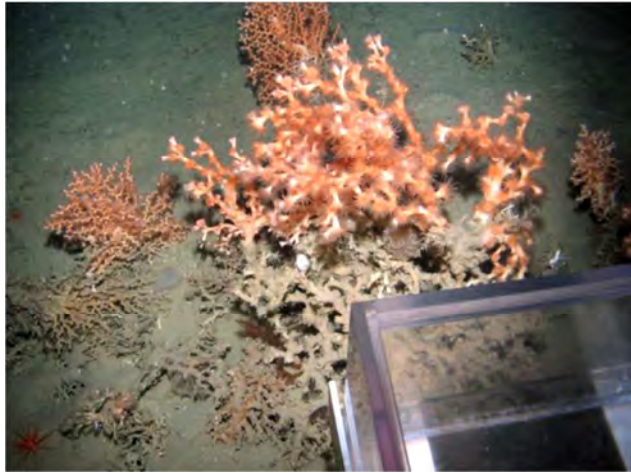
La Rochelle (France) – Zeebrugge (Belgium)

UGent-RCMG research

Total dives: 5

Total observation time: 9 hours

Depth range: 450-1150 m



### MAIN OBJECTIVE

Benthic habitat mapping and groundtruthing of previously observed acoustic features

### PROJECT

EC FP7 "HERMIONE"

### PARTICIPANTS

UGent-RCMG (Belgium), UGent-MBS (Belgium), University College Cork (Ireland)

### SUMMARY

During these dives, (rippled) soft sediment, often colonized by numerous pennatulids, was seen alternately with hard substrates in the shape of small banks, ridges and/or large cliffs with heights varying between 10 cm and 8 m (even one cliff of about 50 m high). The area was characterised by an irregular topographic relief with steep slopes and frequent evidence of downslope transport. Mostly dead cold-water coral rubble was observed with occasional living cold-water corals (*Lophelia pertusa* and *Madrepora oculata*) on top of the rubble. Several *Dendrophyllia* sp. and *Desmophyllum* species were noticed, as well as debris from the deep-water oyster *Neopycnodonte zibrowii*.

### PUBLICATIONS

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24 September -08 October 2010	R/V M.S. Merian	Merian MSM 16/2
<b>Håkon Mosby Mud Volcano, North Atlantic Ocean</b>		
Tromsø (Norway) – Tromsø (Norway)	Commissioned	

Total dives: 6	Total observation time: 17 hours	Depth range: 1200-1250 m
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**MAIN OBJECTIVE**

(1) Recovery of seafloor observatory "LOOME", (2) deployment of temperature lance and camera, (3) video-surveying of the Håkon Mosby mud volcano.

**COMMISSIONER**

Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology, Bremen (Germany)

**BUDGET**

42 566 €  
(excl. travel/transport)

**PARTICIPANTS**

UGent-RCMG (Belgium), Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology, Bremen (Germany)

**SUMMARY**

During a reconnaissance dive of the mud volcano the seafloor observatory "LOOME" and still-camera were easily found and recovered on the next dive. The T-lance was found around 160 m to the south and recovered on the 4<sup>th</sup> dive. Three wooden blocks for a colonization experiment were taken in the 5<sup>th</sup> dive. In

the 6<sup>th</sup> dive temperature-stick measurements were acquired at 13 sites. Next to this, video-surveying over selected sites was also undertaken during these dives to map e.g. the distribution of gas flares, recent mud volcanism and benthic habitats.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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04-18 October 2011	RV S. Surveyor	ss2011_v05
<b>Offshore Northern Perth Basin, Indian Ocean</b>		
Fremantle (Australia) – Fremantle (Australia)		Commissioned

Total dives: 10	Total observation time: 21 hours	Depth range: 300-800 m
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**MAIN OBJECTIVE**

Quantifying hydrocarbon migration and seepage in the offshore Northern Perth Basin, and its effect on benthic biota

**COMMISSIONER**

Royal NIOZ (Netherlands), Geoscience Australia (Australia)

**BUDGET**

travel/transport/maintenance

**PARTICIPANTS**

UGent-RCMG (Belgium), Royal NIOZ (Netherlands), Geoscience Australia (Australia)

**SUMMARY**

Despite 21 h of video surveying, no hydrocarbon migrations or seepages were spotted. A reconnaissance survey (prior to our survey) of multibeam and subbottom profiles had also not been successful in revealing seepage structures. The study area consisted mainly of a sandy-muddy seabed with consolidated bed forms in some areas.

**PUBLICATIONS**

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# RECENTE SOLLICITATIES

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## Actieve aanvragen

Offshore SW Ireland	RCMG, UGent Marine Biology Section, UGent	2012
Antarctic Peninsula	Scripps Institution, San Diego (USA)	2012
North Sea	NIOZ, Den Helder (NED)	2012
Gulf of Biscay (EuroFLEETS)	IFREMER	2012
Porcupine Seabight (EuroFLEETS)	University of Fribourg (SWI)	2012
Red Sea	IfM-GEOMAR, Kiel (GER)	2012
Offshore South Australia	Australian National University, Canberra (AUS)	2012-2013
Offshore Svalbard	Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris (FRA)	2012-2013
Offshore East Greenland	GEUS, Copenhagen (DAN)	2012-2013
South China Sea	National Taiwan University, Taipei (TWN) Central Geological Survey, Taipei (TWN)	2013-2014 ?

## Gedesactiveerde aanvragen

Offshore Northeast Greenland	VBPR AS, Oslo (NOR)	SEP 2011
Tyrrhenian Sea	IfM-GEOMAR, Kiel (GER)	APR 2011
Offshore Marquesas Islands	Université de Perpignan (FRA)	JAN-FEB 2012
Portuguese continental margin	University of Aveiro (POR)	2011-2013