

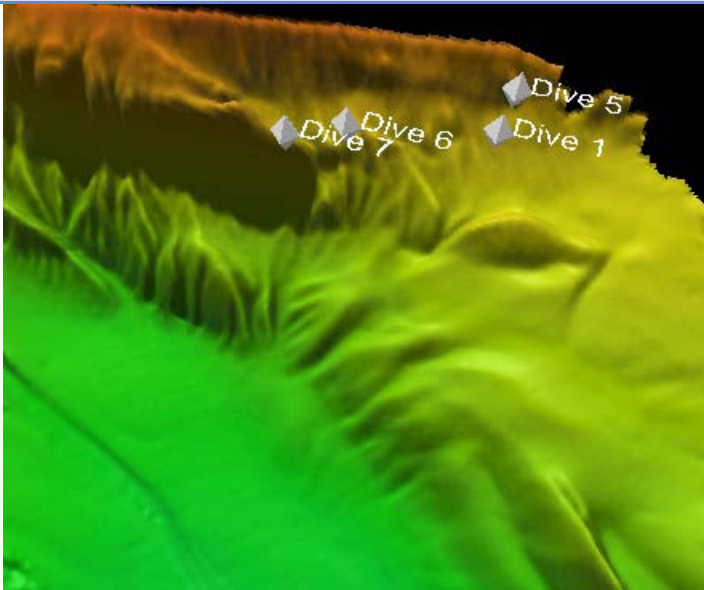
OKEANOS EXPLORER ROV DIVE FORM

Site Name	TestSite									
ROV Lead	Dave Lovalvo									
General Area Descriptor	6 km South of Santa Cruz Island, Channel Islands, CA									
UTC Date & Time	Deployment	4/25/2011 18:24h								
	Recovery	4/25/2011 23:24h								
Bottom Time [HH:MM]	3:19									
Landing Time & Location	UTC Time	19:14			Depth [m]	745				
	Latitude	33	0	56.139		'	N			
	Longitude	119	0	35.489		'	W			
Off Bottom Time & Location	UTC Time	22:37			Depth [m]	~745				
	Latitude	33	0	~56.139		'	N			
	Longitude	119	0	~35.489		'	W			
ROV Dive Name	Cruise Season	EX1102			Leg	-				
	Dive Number	ROV05								
Equipment Deployed	ROV:	Little Hercules								
	Camera Platform:	Seirios								
ROV Measurements	☒ CTD	☒ Depth			☒ Altitude					
	☒ Scanning Sonar	☒ USBL Position			☒ Heading					
	☒ Pitch	☒ Roll			☒ HD Camera					
	☒ Low Res Cam 1	☒ Low Res Cam 2								
Equipment Malfunctions	None									
Special Notes	Click here to enter text.									
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Purpose of the Dive: ROV Shakedown – this was an engineering dive.										

Description of the Dive:

This dive was one of the deeper dives on the South Santa Cruz Island escarpment at ca. 750m. The habitat was dominated by soft sediment with occasional small to medium sized rock outcrops. As with other sites, the rock outcrops showed almost complete colonization by benthic invertebrates. In particular, this dive provided numerous images of deep water rock scallops which quite common. Also common were medium sized pitcher sponges, most of which housed associated animals—crabs mostly and one with a hagfish. This dive was also noteworthy for the diversity of deep water sponges that were on the rock outcrops. There were several sponges that have still not been identified, but there were specimens from at least three different Orders: Poecilosclerida, Hexactinosida and Lyssachinosida. This dive also provided some great opportunities to observe pom-pom anemones (*Liponema brevicornis*).

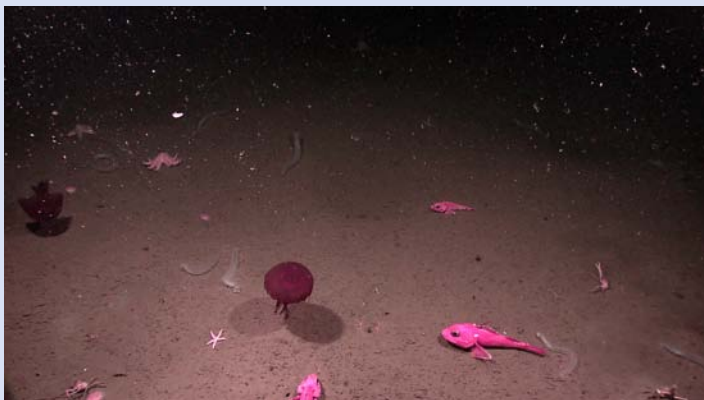
Overall Map of ROV Dive Area



Close-up Map of Main Dive Site



Representative Photos of the Dive



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The diversity on the soft sediment. Noteworthy as an example of the consistent observation of harvested fish out on the soft sediment, rather than in association with corals or sponges.



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Small rock with anemone (*Liponema brevicornis*) and sea pen with associated brittle star, demonstrating the premium on space.

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