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STUDY AREA: Jacksonville

STATION OVERVIEW

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Project	Life on the Edge 2004
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Purpose	Mapping of deep coral banks, ecological studies of macroinvertebrates and fishes, paleoclimate studies, coral genetics and educational outreach
Vessel	R/V Seward Johnson, Johnson Sea Link I Submersible
Science Divers	KJ Sulak (bow), E Baird (stern)
External Video Tapes	3 mini DVs, 1 HD
Internal Video Tapes	2 mini DVs
Digital Still Photos	14
Positioning System	dGPS
CTD File	
Specimens Collected	
Other	Hard copies of bow and stern audio logs
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DIVE DATA

Date	10-Jun-04
Minimum Bottom Depth (m)	543
Maximum Bottom Depth (m)	581
Start Bottom Time (EDT)	8:32
End Bottom End (EDT)	10:55
Starting Latitude (N)	30° 31.047'
Starting Longitude (W)	79° 39.621'
Ending Latitude (N)	30° 30.974'
Ending Longitude (W)	79° 39.725'
Surface Current (Kts)	
Bottom Current (Kts)	0.5

Image A: Mixed Habitat 30° 31.046' N, 79° 39.646' W



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IMAGE GALLERY

Image B: Rubble 30° 31.026' N, 79° 39.646' W * indicates image position is approximated

Image C: Mixed Habitat 30° 30.935' N, 79° 39.740' W Image D: Mixed Habitat 30° 30.935' N, 79° 39.740' W



RELEVANT WORK AND/OR LITERATURE CITED

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BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

Relatively few fishes were documented during this dive, and those seen were typically in low numbers. The exception to this was *Nezumia sclerorhynchus*, which was common. Other observed species included *Laemonema melanurum*, *L. barbatulum*, *Trachyscorpia cristulata*, and notably an *Odontaspis ferox*. Mobile invertebrates were limited to an abundance of galatheoid crabs on the reef. Sessile invertebrates were more diverse with a number of anemones, hexactinellid and sulfur sponges, antipatharians, isidids and small growths of *Lophelia pertusa*.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Three habitat types were observed on this dive. In the beginning of the dive, the habitat included a mixed community of abundant sulfur sponges, hexactinellid sponges, and *L. pertusa* on a rubble and sand covered bottom. A transitional area of rubble habitat was then traversed. Substrate was >75% rubble and included areas both with and without attached fauna (few soft corals and crinoids). One small area was dominated by hard coral (*L. pertusa*) with attached fauna. Mixed habitat was then seen on the remainder of the dive, and included mostly a prime reef area with an abundance of anemones, hexactinellid sponges, soft corals, and antipatharians.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

This dive was captured on 3 mini DVs and 1HD and archived on 3 DVDs. At times the transects were underlit and the close footage was out of focus. The color balance was also off, giving a very green/yellow cast to the video.