DIVE NUMBER: JSLI-4700

STUDY AREA: Jacksonville

STATION OVERVIEW

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 M Nizinski (bow), K Cartwright (stern)

External Video Tapes 1 mini DV, 2 HDs

Internal Video Tapes 2 mini DVs

Digital Still Photos 0

Positioning System dGPS

CTD File ✓

Specimens Collected

Other Hard copies of bow and stern audio logs

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SEADESC Analyst AM Necaise, ML Partyka

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GENERAL LOCATION



Dive Track:

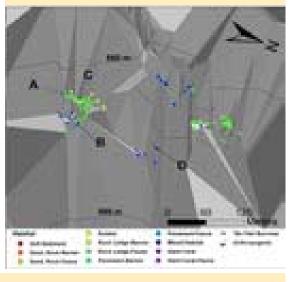
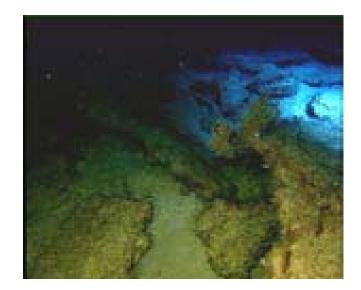


Image A: Rock Ledge-Fauna 30° 30.750' N, 79° 39.696' W

DIVE DATA

Date	19-Jun-04
Minimum Bottom Depth (m)	558
Maximum Bottom Depth (m)	568
Start Bottom Time (EDT)	9:37
End Bottom End (EDT)	11:07
Starting Latitude (N)	30° 30.756'
Starting Longitude (W)	79° 39.679'
Ending Latitude (N)	30° 30.847'
Ending Longitude (W)	79° 39.603'
Surface Current (Kts)	
Bottom Current (Kts)	



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IMAGE GALLERY

* indicates image position is approximated

Image B: Rock Ledge-Fauna 30° 30.750' N, 79° 39.666' W

Image C: Rubble 30° 30.762' N, 79° 39.684' W Image D: Mixed Habitat 30° 30.798' N, 79° 39.612' W *







RELEVANT WORK AND/OR LITERATURE CITED

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BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

Fish species seen during this dive included *Laemonema melanurum*, *Nezumia sclerorhynchus*, *Trachyscorpia cristulata*, and *Sternoptyx* sp. *Nezumia sclerorhynchus* and *L. melanurum* were the most common though still relatively rare. *Eumunida picta* were common and observed on dead *Lophelia pertusa* and coral rubble. Other mobile invertebrates observed included *Bathynectes longispina* and *Chaceon* sp. Sessile invertebrates were diverse, and included antipatharians, isidids, anemones, starburst corals, sponges, and small patches of *L. pertusa, Madrepora,* and *Stylaster*.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Four distinct habitat types were observed during this dive: rubble, mixed, rock ledge with attached fauna and rock ledge without attached fauna. The areas containing coral rubble were found predominantly at the base of the slope over which the dive took place. While some stretches of coral rubble were completely devoid of attached fauna, others had scattered hydroids, small sponges and occasional pieces of live *L. pertusa*. Complex communities of hexactinellid sponges, hydroids, isidids, antipatharians, *Madrepora, Stylaster, L. pertusa*, and other unidentified corals were common in mixed habitat areas. The majority of the dive took place over rock ledge habitat with and without attached fauna. The attached fauna found along the rock ledges ranged from large antipatharians and isidids to dense assemblages of small sponges, hydroids, small isidids, and growths of *L. pertusa*.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

This dive was captured on a combination of mini DV and HD video. The first half of the dive was only recorded on HD video and does not have a time/CTD overlay.