## **DIVE NUMBER: JSLI-4703**

# STUDY AREA: Cape Canaveral North

### 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 A Brooks (stern)

External Video Tapes 2 mini DVs, 1 HD

Internal Video Tapes 1 mini DV

**Digital Still Photos** 0

Positioning System dGPS

CTD File ✓

Specimens Collected

Other Training dive, hard copy of stern audio log

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Museum of Natural Sciences

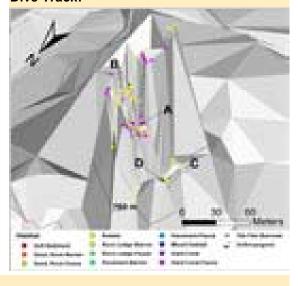
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### **GENERAL LOCATION**



**Dive Track:** 



**DIVE DATA** 

Date	20-Jun-04
Minimum Bottom Depth (m)	741
Maximum Bottom Depth (m)	755
Start Bottom Time (EDT)	17:08
End Bottom End (EDT)	18:52
Starting Latitude (N)	28° 46.621'
Starting Longitude (W)	79° 36.957'
Ending Latitude (N)	28° 46.622'
Ending Longitude (W)	79° 36.958'
Surface Current (Kts)	
Bottom Current (Kts)	0.4

Image A: Hard Coral-Fauna 28° 46.626' N, 79° 36.960' W \*



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### **IMAGE GALLERY**

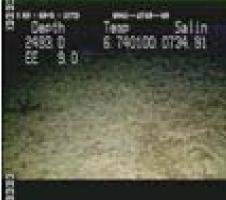
\* indicates image position is approximated

Image B: Rubble 28° 46.620' N, 79° 36.954' W



Image D: Rubble 28° 46.620' N, 79° 36.972' W







### **RELEVANT WORK AND/OR LITERATURE CITED**

EEZ-SCAN 87 Scientific Staff (1991) Reed (2002) Reed and Ross (2005) Reed et al. (2006) Ross and Nizinski (in press)

### **BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT**

Few fishes and invertebrates were observed. Fishes observed on rubble habitat included *Synaphobranchus* spp., *Fenestraja plutonia* (Image D), and *Trachyscorpia cristulata*. Few *Synaphobranchus* spp. and *Nezumia* spp. were seen in the hard coral habitat. Crinoids were abundant throughout the dive, and mostly on rubble bottom. A few pancake urchins and no galatheid crabs were observed during this dive. Sessile invertebrates were also common, but not diverse. Sessile invertebrates included small antipatharians, alcyonaceans, *Lophelia pertusa*, and hexactinellid sponges.

#### PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Habitats seen on this dive included coral rubble and hard coral with attached fauna. Coral rubble was the dominant habitat type during this dive. The bottom had many valleys and crests covered with ~75% rubble. During the middle of the dive, a patch of hard coral was encountered, which was composed mostly of dead *Lophelia pertusa* with attached alcyonaceans. For the remainder of the dive, the submersible transected patches of coral rubble with and without attached fauna and hard coral with fauna.

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

This dive was captured on 2 mini DVs and archived on 2 DVDs. There was a large amount of footage shot at very close range with little perspective during this dive. Additionally, at times there were interruptions in the video feed that created blank spaces and static.