STUDY AREA: Cape Lookout Lophelia B

STATION OVERVIEW			
Project	Life on the Edge 2005		
Principal investigators	SW Ross ¹		
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PI Contact Info ¹	Center for Marine Science, 5600 Marvin Moss Ln., Wilmington, NC 28409		
Purpose	Mapping of deep coral banks, ecological studies of macroinvertebrates and fishes, paleoclimate studies, coral genetics and education outreach		
Vessel	R/V Seward Johnson, Johnson Sea Link I Submersible		
Science Divers	C Morrison (bow), L Baird (stern)		
External Video Tapes	6 mini DVs		
Internal Video Tapes	3 mini DVs		
Digital Still Photos	Yes		
Positioning System	dGPS		
CTD File	\checkmark		
Specimens Collected			
Other	Hard copies of bow and stern audio logs		
Acknowledgements	NOAA-OE, NOAA Fisheries, USGS, UNCW, NO Museum of Natural Sciences		
SEADESC Analyst	A Zilg		
Date Compiled	6/1/2011		
PI Station Number	JSLI-05-4892		

GENERAL LOCATION







DIVE DATA

Date	18-Oct-05
Minimum Bottom Depth (m)	370
Maximum Bottom Depth (m)	411
Start Bottom Time (EDT)	8:22
End Bottom End (EDT)	10:42
Starting Latitude (N)	34° 13.896'
Starting Longitude (W)	75° 52.436'
Ending Latitude (N)	34° 14.076'
Ending Longitude (W)	75° 52.328'
Surface Current (Kts)	1
Bottom Current (Kts)	0.6

Image A: Soft Substrate 34º 13.892' N, 75º 52.434' W



IMAGE GALLERY

Image B: Hard Corals with Attached Fauna 34° 14.067' N, 75° 52.350' W STUDY AREA: Cape Lookout Lophelia B

Image C: Hard Corals without Attached Fauna 34° 14.083' N, 75° 52.330' W

 * indicates image position is approximated

 Ils Image D: Hard Corals

 Juna
 with Attached Fauna

 30' W
 34° 14.072' N, 75° 52.320' W



RELEVANT WORK AND/OR LITERATURE CITED

Uchupi (1967) R/V Eastward training cruise 1966 (photo in Rowe and Menzies 1968 and Menzies et al. 1973) NR-1 submersible cruise Nov 1993 (Sulak and Ross unpubl. data) R/V Cape Hatteras cruises Aug 2001 & Sep 2006 (S.W. Ross, unpubl. data) EEZ-SCAN 87 Scientific Staff (1991) Reed and Ross (2005) Brooks et al. (2007)

BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

A large number of fishes and invertebrates were observed on this dive. On the sand bottom leading to the mound there were hermit crabs, skates, and squid. Common vertebrates on reef included scorpaenids, *Laemonema* sp., *Beryx decadactylus*, and *Helicolenus dactylopterus*. *Anthias woodsi* was also observed on reef, as well as a shark. A manta ray was recorded on internal cameras swimming over the top of the mound. Much of the hard coral had attached fauna, including brissingid sea stars, urchins, anemones, and sponges. Gorgonians (unidentified), flytrap anemones, and *Aphrocallistes* spp. were abundant on this mound. Other invertebrates on mound included hermit crabs in sandy patches and numerous galatheid crabs on *Lophelia pertusa*.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

This site is located at the northern end of the Cape Lookout B mounds. The mound consisted of moderately steep slopes leading to ridges. Troughs between ridges were flat and sandy with some coral rubble. The area was very rugged with a profile of around 0.5-1 m throughout. At the tops of ridges currents reached upwards of 1 kn, while in the troughs currents were still stable at around 0.6-0.7 kn. There were a lot of particulates in the water column. Off mound was a sand bottom habitat, and the base of the mound was a mix of soft substrate and rubble. The mound itself was almost entirely hard coral matrices with some areas of attached fauna. Areas observed with steeper slopes lacked attached fauna.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The external bow video was captured on 3 mini DVs and archived on 3 DVDs. External stern video was captured on 3 mini DVs and archived on 3 DVDs. Internal bow video was captured on 3 mini DVs and archived on 3 DVDs. Constistently high currents made controlling the sub and collecting difficult. The video was good quality, with very few unusable sections.

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Vessel	R/V Seward Johnson, Johnson Sea Link I Submersible			
Science Divers	A Howard (bow), S Ross (stern)			
External Video Tapes	5 mini DVs			
Internal Video Tapes	HD video (A. Howard)			
Digital Still Photos	Yes			
Positioning System	dGPS			
CTD File				
Specimens Collected	\checkmark			
Other	Hard copy of stern audio log			
Acknowledgements	NOAA-OE, NOAA Fisheries, USGS, UNCW, N Museum of Natural Sciences			
SEADESC Analyst	A Zilg			
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GENERAL LOCATION

5°0'N

N'30'N



DIVE DATA

Date	18-Oct-05
Minimum Bottom Depth (m)	366
Maximum Bottom Depth (m)	420
Start Bottom Time (EDT)	16:30
End Bottom End (EDT)	18:31
Starting Latitude (N)	34° 13.998'
Starting Longitude (W)	75° 52.298'
Ending Latitude (N)	34° 14.184'
Ending Longitude (W)	75° 52.282'
Surface Current (Kts)	
Bottom Current (Kts)	

Image A: Rubble 34º 14.023' N, 75º 52.314' W



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IMAGE GALLERY

Image B: Hard Corals with Attached Fauna 34° 14.083' N, 75° 52.336' W Image C: Hard Corals with Attached Fauna 34° 14.104' N, 75° 52.338' W

 * indicates image position is approximated

 IIs Image D: Hard Corals

 na
 with Attached Fauna

 \38' W
 34° 14.117' N, 75° 52.304' W



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BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

A few fishes were observed on this dive, while attached fauna was very abundant. Soft substrate and rubble bottom leading to the mound was inhabited by *Rochinia* sp. crabs, *Fenestraja plutonia*, *Laemonema melanurum*, and a few *Beryx decadactylus*. Common fishes on reef induded scorpaenids, *L. melanurum*, *L. barbatulum*, *B.decadactylus*, *Anthias woodsi*, *C. oceanicus*, and *Helicolenus dactylopterus*. *Scyliorhinus meadi* and a squalid shark were also observed. *Eumunida picta* was also common on mound and was caught in traps deployed durring the dive. Much of the hard coral had attached fauna, including brissingid sea stars, anemones, and sponges. Gorgonians (unidentified), flytrap anemones, (white and pink anemones), and glass sponges were abundant on this mound.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

This site is located at the northern end of the Cape Lookout B mounds. Visibility was about 25ft, with an overall current of 0.5 kn from the West. The dive started on soft sand bottom and approached the mound base, a mix of soft substrate and rubble. On mound was rugged and very dense with a moderate profile around 0.5-1m. The mound consisted of few troughs and ridges with moderate to steep slopes. This dive transected numerous areas of attached fauna on a mostly dead *Lophelia pertusa* matrix (<10% living).

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The external bow video was captured on 3 mini DVs and archived on 3 DVDs. External stern video was captured on 2 mini DVs and archived on 2 DVDs. Internal bow video was a digital copy placed on a hard drive. The video quality was clear.

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Vessel	R/V Seward Johnson, Johnson Sea Link I Submersible			
Science Divers	S Ross (bow), M Roberts (stern)			
External Video Tapes	6 mini DVs			
Internal Video Tapes	3 mini DVs			
Digital Still Photos	Yes			
Positioning System	dGPS			
CTD File				
Specimens Collected				
Other	Hard copies of bow and stern audio logs			
Acknowledgements	NOAA-OE, NOAA Fisheries, USGS, UNCW, No Museum of Natural Sciences			
SEADESC Analyst	A Zilg			
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GENERAL LOCATION







DIVE DATA

19-Oct-05
397
450
8:22
10:59
34° 10.656'
75° 53.580'
34° 10.998'
75° 53.340'
0.1

Image A: Soft Substrate 34º 10.610' N, 75º 53.595' W



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IMAGE GALLERY Image B: Rubble 34° 10.781' N, 75° 53.530' W

Image C: Hard Corals without Attached Fauna 34° 10.928' N, 75° 53.442' W

 * indicates image position is approximated

 Ils Image D: Hard Corals

 una
 without Attached Fauna

 42' W
 34° 10.958' N, 75° 53.492' W



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BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

This dive transected two mounds. Soft substrate leading to the mound was inhabited by a few hagfish and numerous crabs, including *Rochinia* sp. Schools of squid were common throughout the dive, as well as shrimps attracted to the light. *Ateleopus* sp. was observed at the base of the first mound on rubble habitat. Other fishes included *Laemonema barbatulum*, *L. melanurum*, and *Chloropthalmus agassizi*. *Dysommina rugosa* was extremely abundant throughout the entire dive on both mounds. *Echinus* spp. was common. Very few Galatheids were observed. Sessile invertebrates were largely lacking.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Two Cape Lookout B mounds were transected as part of this dive, both were characterized by a moderate profile of mostly dead (>75%) *Lophelia pertusa*. The base of each mound had a transition zone from soft substrate to rubble to hard coral habitat. There was little current over the mound, although current increased slightly as the JSL reached the summit. Both mounds had slopes between 30° and 60°.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The external bow video was captured on 3 mini DVs and archived on 3 DVDs. External stern video was captured on 3 mini DVs and archived on 3 DVDs. Internal bow video was captured on 3 mini DVs and archived on 3 DVDs. Video contains good footage of *Ateleopus* sp.

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Vessel	R/V Seward Johnson, Johnson Sea Link I Submersible		
Science Divers	L Baird (bow), A Quattrini (stern)		
External Video Tapes	6 mini DVs		
Internal Video Tapes	HD video (A. Howard)		
Digital Still Photos	0		
Positioning System	dGPS		
CTD File	\checkmark		
Specimens Collected			
Other			
Acknowledgements	NOAA-OE, NOAA Fisheries, USGS, UNCW, NC Museum of Natural Sciences		
SEADESC Analyst	A Zilg		
Date Compiled	9/16/2011		
PI Station Number	JSLI-05-4895		

GENERAL LOCATION







Soft Sediment		Rock Ledge - Barren	Mixed Habitat	۲	Tile Fish Burrows
Sand, Rock - Barren	٠	Rock Ledge - Fauna	Hard Coral	1	Anthropogenic
Sand, Rock - Fauna	٠	Pavement - Barren	Hard Coral - Fauna		
Rubble		Pavement - Fauna	No Video or Poor Video		

DIVE DATA

Date	19-Oct-05
Minimum Bottom Depth (m)	390
Maximum Bottom Depth (m)	413
Start Bottom Time (EDT)	16:22
End Bottom End (EDT)	18:51
Starting Latitude (N)	34° 12.954'
Starting Longitude (W)	75° 53.040'
Ending Latitude (N)	34° 12.960'
Ending Longitude (W)	75° 52.980'
Surface Current (Kts)	
Bottom Current (Kts)	0.1

Image A: Soft Substrate 34º 12.946' N, 75º 53.081' W



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IMAGE GALLERY Image B: Rubble 34° 12.965' N, 75° 53.087' W

Image C: Hard Corals without Attached Fauna 34º 12.926' N, 75º 53.039' W

 * indicates image position is approximated

 Ils Image D: Hard Corals

 Juna
 without Attached Fauna

 39' W
 34° 12.958' N, 75° 53.032' W



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BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

The majority of this dive transected hard coral habitat with abundant fauna. Fishes commonly observed throughout the entire dive included *Conger oceanicus*, *Synaphobranchus* sp., *Laemonema melanurum*, *Beryx decadactylus*, and *Helicolenus dactylopterus*. Other scorpaenids were observed less commonly as well as *Nezumia* sp. Galatheid crabs were extremely abundant in patchy distributions throughout the entire dive, as were flytrap anemones, hexactinellid sponges, and brissingid sea stars. Common invertebrates included pencil urchins, pillow stars, and white anemones. *Lophelia pertusa* was the dominant coral; *Anthothela sp.* was commonly observed, while *Enallopsammia profunda* was rare.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

This dive began transecting over soft substrate leading up to hard coral habitat. The majority of the dive covered hard coral habitat without attached fauna. Soft substrate was visible between *L. pertusa* matrices of moderate to high profile (0.5-1 m). The area was very patchy, less than 50% of the *L. pertusa* was living, with most of that occurring at the tips of coral bushes. Moderate slopes between ridges and troughs characterized the overall area. Some troughs contained soft substrate with rubble habitat, with and without attached fauna. Visibility was approximately 25 ft and currents were steady around 0.1 kn.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The external bow video was captured on 3 mini DVs and archived on 3 DVDs. External stern video was captured on 3 mini DVs and archived on 3 DVDs. Internal bow video was a digital copy placed on a hard drive. The majority of the last half of the dive was spent looking for crab traps that were set out at the begining of the dive, the were found but the video has a lot of footage that overlaps areas of the reef. The quality of video is extremely clear.