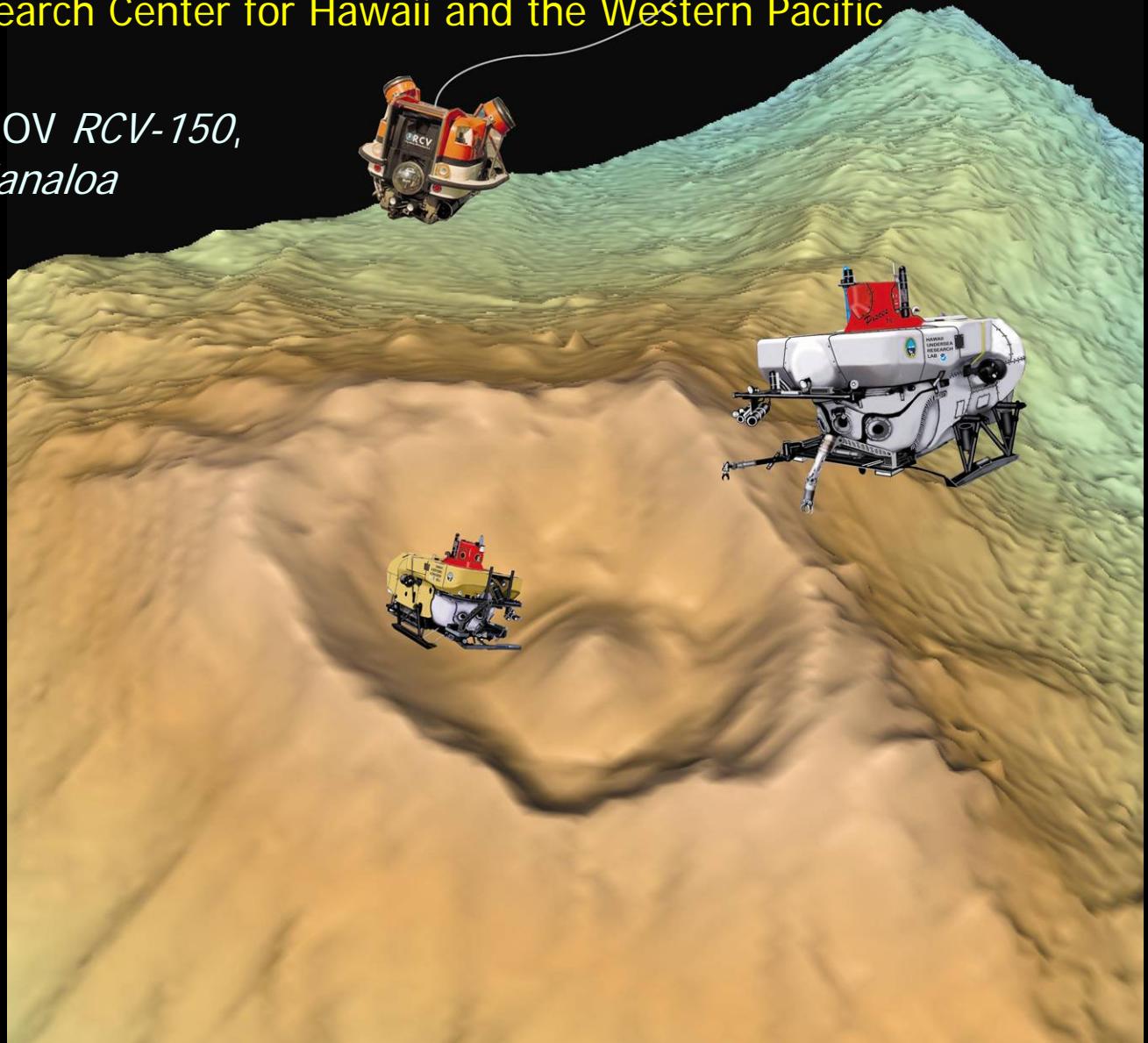
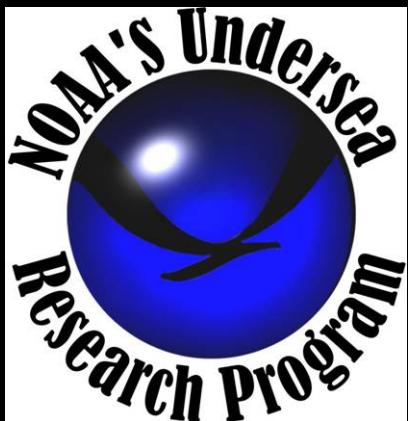


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HOVs *Pisces IV & V*, ROV *RCV-150*,
and R/V *Ka'imikai-o-Kanaloa*



2006 *Pisces* upgrades

- *Pisces IV* refit for ABS 3-year Special Survey
- *Pisces V* receives new syntactic flotation to increase payload
- *Pisces V* gets new utility hydraulics system
- ABS annual survey on *Pisces IV & V*



2007 *Pisces* upgrades



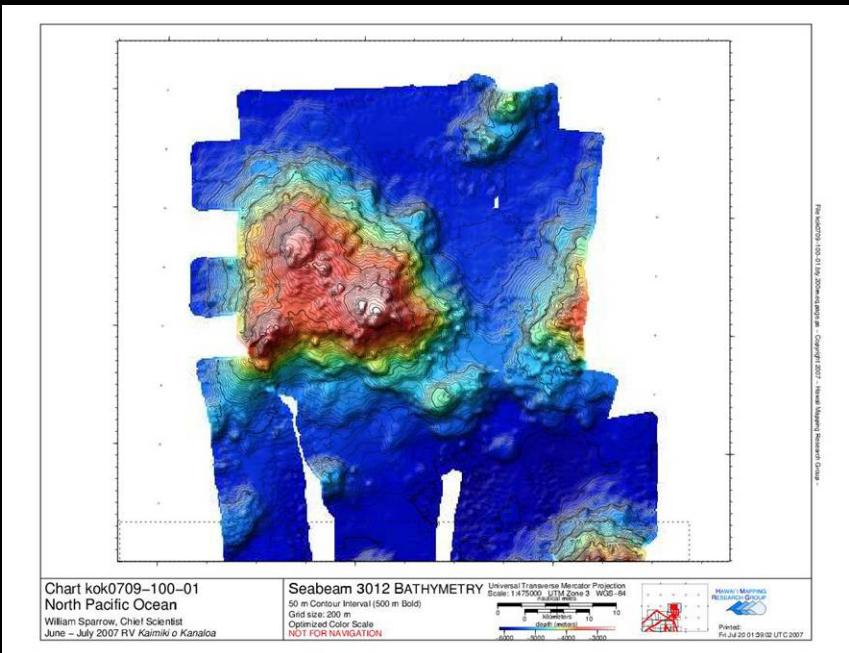
- *Pisces V* refit for ABS 3-year Special Survey
- Overhaul of *Pisces IV* ballast pack and trim weight assembly
- *Pisces V* gets new utility hydraulics system
- ABS annual survey on *Pisces IV & V*

2007 ROV *RCV-150* upgrades

- Power pack overhauled and moved to protected area (2006)
- Complete disassembly for inspection & maintenance
- Improved reliability of hydraulic power unit
- New fiber optic multiplexers
- New main video camera with increased resolution, added a wide angle cam

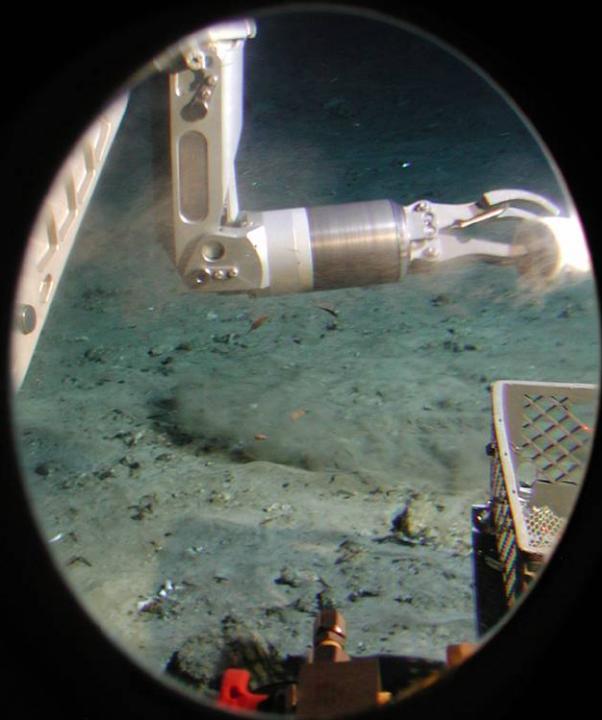


2007 Multibeam activities



- Upgrade to SeaBeam 3012 Phase 1
- Collaborating with OTG and HMRG for system maintenance and mapping support
- Two successful mapping cruises in 2007, non-HURL & HURL

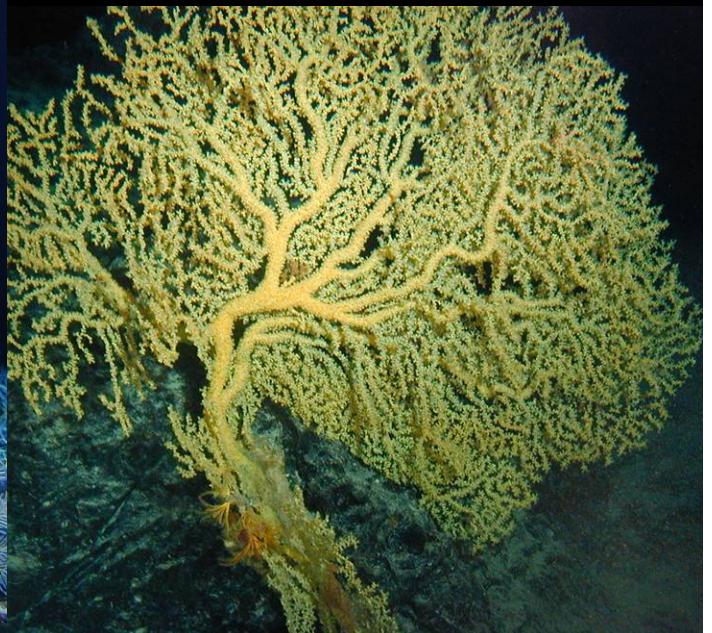
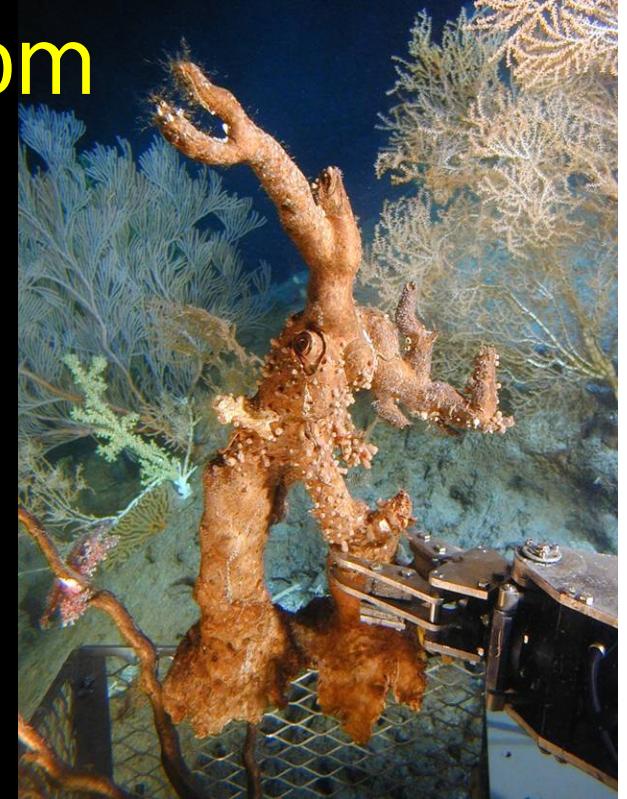
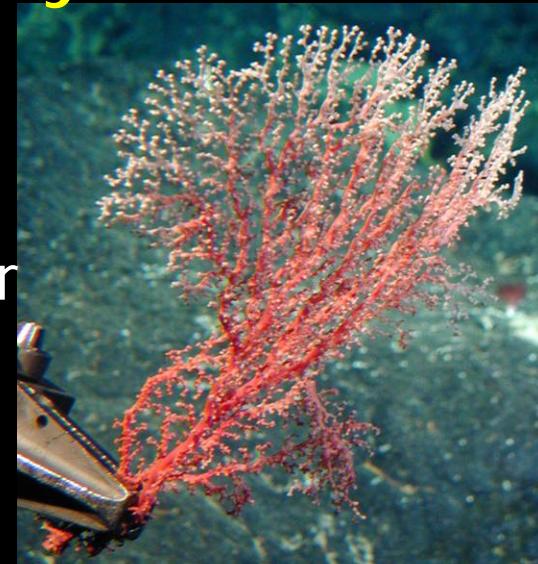
2007 Science Accomplishments



- 9 projects in the Main and Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
- ~43 HOV and ~30 ROV dives
- Varied research projects including deep sea coral fishery assessment, bio census of high-diversity habitats in the NWHI, climate variability in the North Pacific gyre from deep sea corals, bottomfish community study, deep reef study
- **Instrument recovery, OTEC pipe survey**

Climate Variability inferred from Deep-Sea Corals

(Rob Dunbar, multi-year & location project)

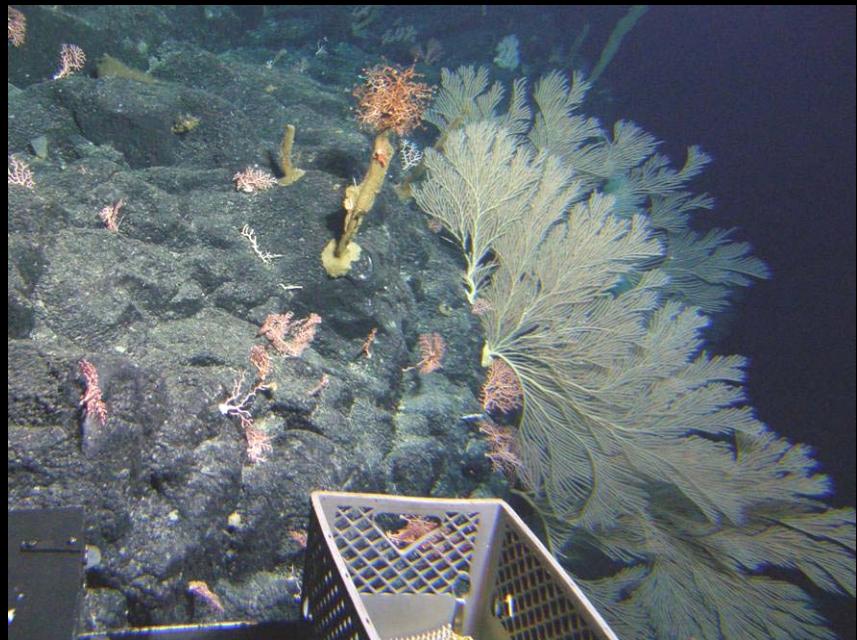


HURL research project on high density/diversity deepwater communities in the NWHI



Christopher Kelley (HURL)

Seamounts and Rift Zone Ridges



Go ahead and feed the animals!
(transponders) on Cross Seamount

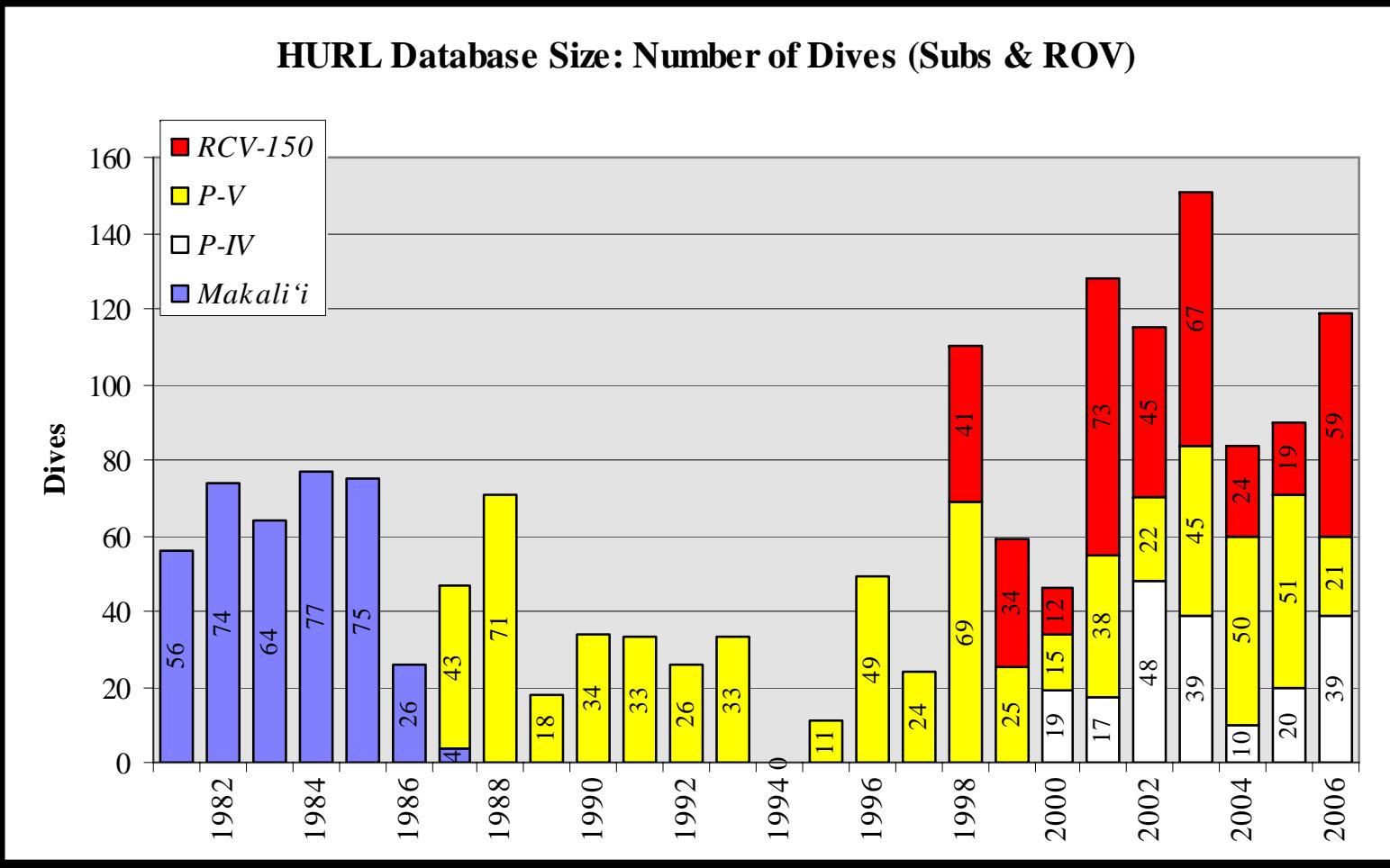


Kevin Weng (U. Hawaii) & Frank Parrish (NMFS)

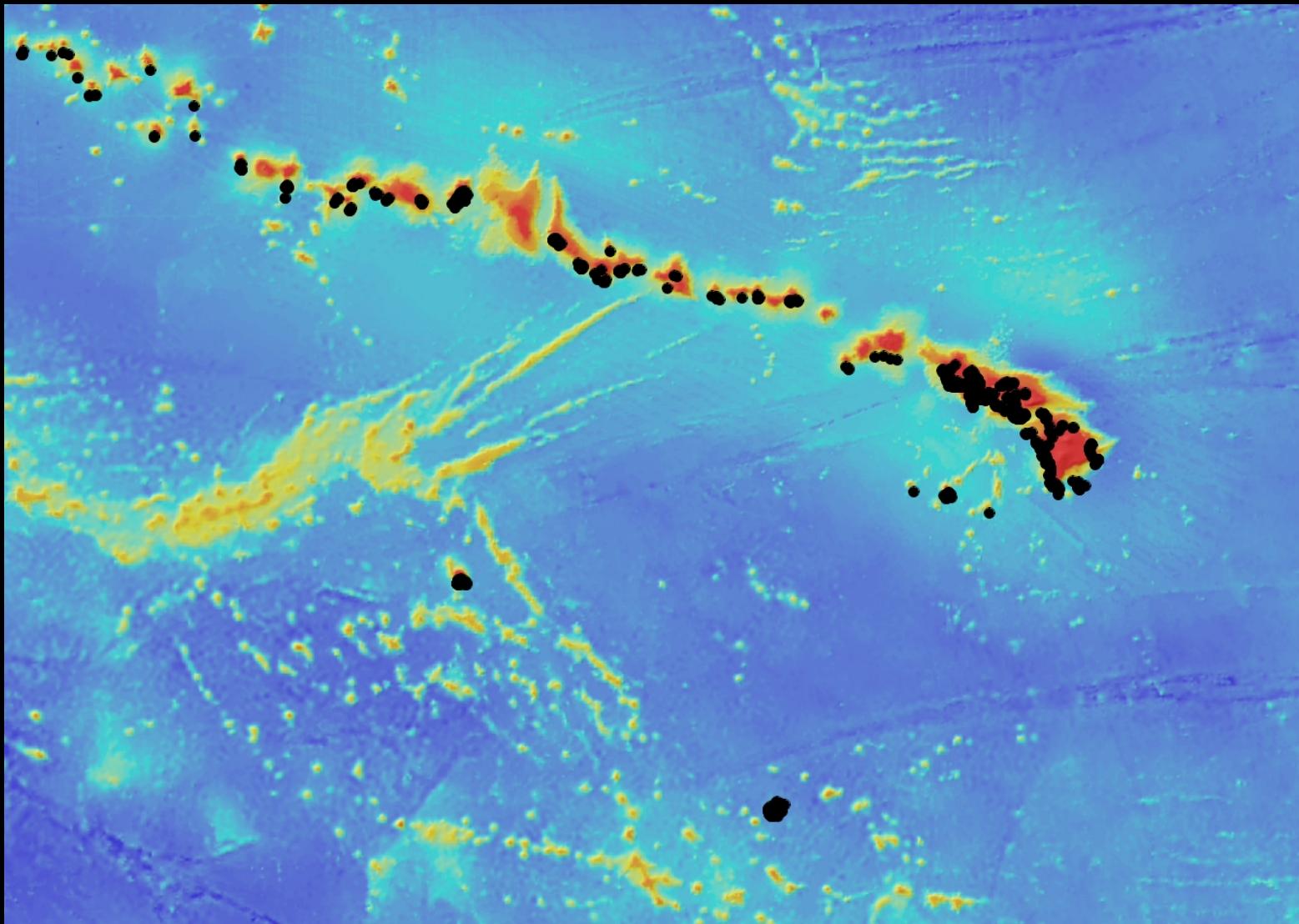
Long term HURL Dive Statistics

**HURL Data Center:
A Comprehensive Pacific
Benthic Ecology Database**

By the end of 2006 the database consisted of 1501 dives (376 *Makali'i*, 153 *Pisces IV*, 657 *Pisces V*, and 315 *RCV-150*) that represented 7456 hours of time underwater.



GS of HURL Sub/ROV Dives



HURL Video Logging

- Latest protocol instituted in 2000.
- Fish and invertebrate records are logged in 5 minute increments.

| Record # | Int | Org:Type | Org Name | Org # | Substrate | Complexity | Slope | Depth | Activity | Comments |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| P4-070-d1-013 | 35 | fish;gempylid | Rexea nakamurae | 1 | sed | lr;nc | 2 | 345-350 | traverse | |
| P4-070-d1-014 | 35 | fish;morid | Laemonema rhodochir | 1 | bedl;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 345 | stop | pos 21 20.370/157 35.580 |
| P4-070-d1-015 | 40 | fish;gempylid | Rexea nakamurae | 1 | bedl;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 345 | stop | 0:41:51 - End d1 |
| P4-070-d2-001 | 0 | fish;gempylid | Rexea nakamurae | 1 | bedl;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 345 | stop | |
| P4-070-d2-002 | 0 | fish;percophid | Chironema sp | 1 | sed+ | lr;nc | 2 | 344-345 | traverse | start as transect & abort |
| P4-070-d2-003 | 0 | cnidarian;scleractinian | scleractinian - single polyp | 1 | sed;bedl+ | lr;fsc | 2 | 344-345 | traverse | |
| P4-070-d2-004 | 0 | fish;ophichthid | ophichthid | 1 | sed;bedl | lr;fsc | 2 | 344-345 | traverse | |
| P4-070-d2-005++ | 5 | cnidarian;gorgonian | Callogorgia formosa? | 1 | sed;bedl+ | lr;fsc | 2 | 344 | stop | cntr 0:06:44 - vid (prev C.gilberti) |
| P4-070-d2-006 | 10 | cnidarian;gorgonian | Callogorgia formosa? | 1 | sed;bedl+ | lr;fsc | 2 | 344 | stop | pos 21 20.315/157 35.570 |
| P4-070-d2-007 | 15 | fish;ophichthid | ophichthid | 1 | sed | lr;nc | 2 | 344-350 | traverse | to nw; look for transect site |
| P4-070-d2-008 | 15 | fish;argentiniid | Glossanodon struhsakeri | 3 | sed | lr;nc | 2 | 344-350 | traverse | |
| P4-070-d2-009 | 15 | urchin;cidarid | Stereocidaris hawaiiensis | 1 | sed | lr;nc | 2 | 344-350 | traverse | |
| P4-070-d2-010 | 15 | fish;ateliopid | Ijimaia plicatellus | 1 | bedl;sed | lr;fsc | 2 | 344-350 | traverse | |
| P4-070-d2-011 | 15 | mollusk;cephalopod | Octopus sp | 1 | bedl+;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 344-350 | traverse | |
| P4-070-d2-012 | 20 | urchin;cidarid | Stereocidaris hawaiiensis | 1 | bedl+;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 344-350 | traverse | |
| P4-070-d2-013+ | 20 | fish;scorpaenid | scorpaenid | 1 | bedl+;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 344-350 | traverse | cntr 0:20:37 - ladder |
| P4-070-d2-014+ | 20 | fish;ateliopid | Ijimaia plicatellus | 1 | bedl;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 344-350 | traverse | cntr 0:23:16 - line |
| P4-070-d2-015 | 20 | fish;chaunacid | Chaunax umbrinus | 1 | bedl+;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 350 | stop | pos 21 20.450/157 35.634 |
| P4-070-d2-016 | 25 | fish;chaunacid | Chaunax umbrinus | 1 | bedl+;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 350 | transect | transect #1 |
| P4-070-d2-017 | 25 | fish;scorpaenid | scorpaenid | 1 | bedl+;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 350 | transect | start nw, around headland to e |
| P4-070-d2-018 | 25 | cnidarian;gorgonian | isidid | 1 | bedl+;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 350 | transect | |
| P4-070-d2-019 | 25 | cnidarian;antipatharian | Cirripathes spiralis | 1 | bedl+;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 350 | transect | |
| P4-070-d2-020 | 25 | cnidarian;antipatharian | Bathypathes conferta | 1 | bedl+;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 350 | transect | |
| P4-070-d2-021 | 25 | cnidarian;antipatharian | Antipathes sp 1 | 1 | bedl+;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 350 | transect | |
| P4-070-d2-022 | 30 | cnidarian;gorgonian | Lepidisis olapa | 2 | bedl+;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 350 | transect | |
| P4-070-d2-023 | 30 | cnidarian;antipatharian | Bathypathes conferta | 1 | bedl+;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 350 | transect | |
| P4-070-d2-024 | 30 | cnidarian;antipatharian | Antipathes sp 1 | 2 | bedl+;sed | mr;fsc | 2 | 350 | transect | |



- ROV video (left) and sub video (right)
- Also now using digital still photos



Number of Records in the HURL Benthopelagic Megafauna Database

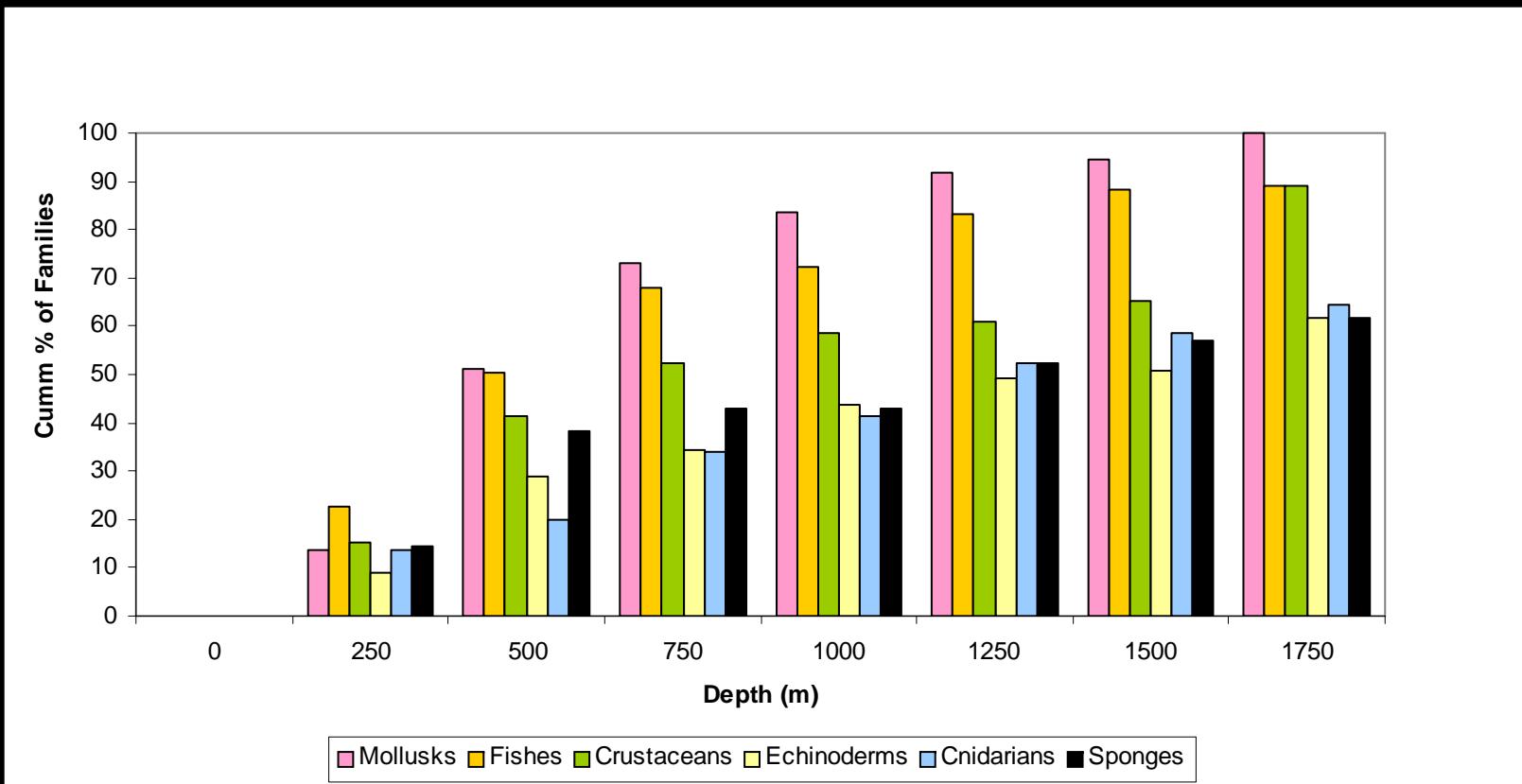
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|-----------------|--------|
| • Fishes | 35,015 |
| • Cnidarians | 29,413 |
| • Echinoderms | 7,963 |
| • Crustaceans | 6,078 |
| • Sponges | 5,404 |
| • Mollusks | 899 |
| • Other Inverts | 841 |

TOTAL **85,613**



Mining the Database

Example: Megafauna Lower Depth Limits



- Planning to bring this online in the coming year -

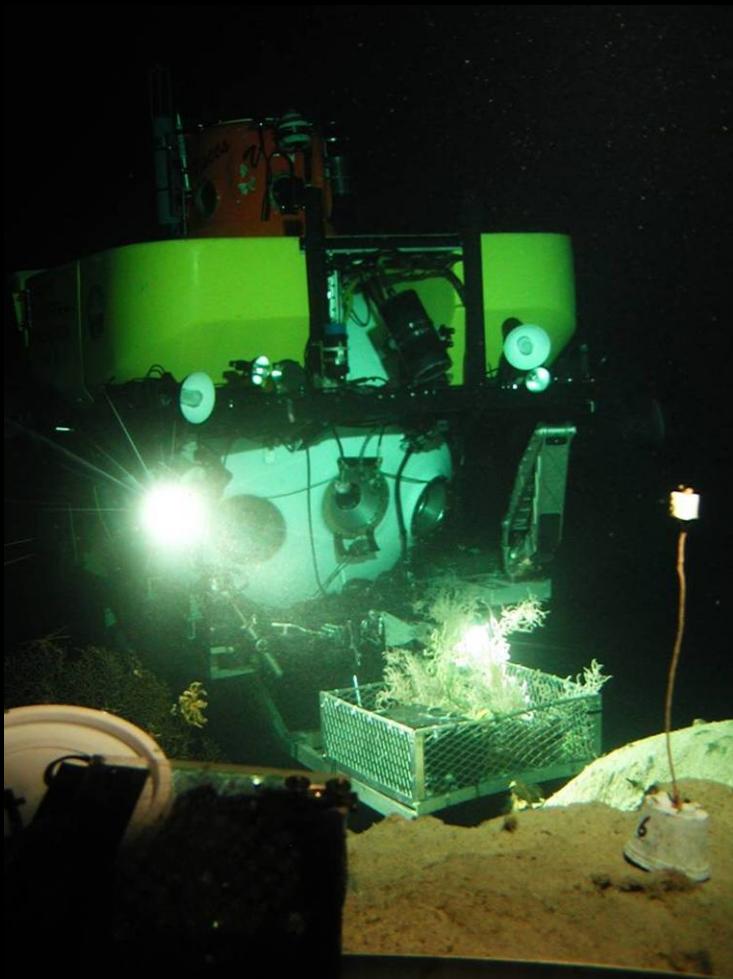
Subset project

The HURL Online Deepwater Gallery



- Coming soon! -

HURL in 2008-2010



- 2008: U.S. Line Islands, Northwestern HI islands, Main HI islands – no new RFP
 - Joint HURL/CRCP RFP out
- 2009: Joint project with West Coast & Polar Regions NURP center for NE Pacific, Alaska/Beaufort Sea, and Emperor/NWHI loop expedition (RFP out in early 2008) – seeking additional partners
- 2010: Possible return to the SW Pacific – presently seeking partners

Community participation

- HOV Safety Standards Committee
(*T. Kerby*)
- Replacement HOV oversight committee (*T. Kerby*)



Continued queries from our PIs and potential PIs about applying for NSF funding

Take a look at
www.soest.hawaii.edu/HURL

