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The Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology

Research on Collision between MSDF DDG ATAGO and a fish boat SEITOKU MARU -Object found during the search operation by the Research Vessel NATSUSHIMA- (2)

The Remotely Operated Vehicle HYPER-DOLPHIN spotted two more manmade objects (which are eighth and ninth since the research started) during the research on the collision between MSDF DDG ATAGO and a fish boat SEITOKU MARU being carried out by the Research Vessel NATSUSHIMA belongs to the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC; Mr. Yasuhiro Kato, President).

1. Found objects

Photograph 1

- (1) Location : North Latitude 34.31, East Longitude 139.49, Water depth 1,844m
(Please refer to [Fig.1](#))
- (2) Photographed date and time: 15:14 February 28, 2008

Photograph 2

- (1) Location : North Latitude 34.31, East Longitude 139.49, Water depth 1,842m
- (2) Photographed date and time: 16:00 February 28, 2008

JAMSTEC provided the information immediately to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and we heard that the MEXT provided the information to the Crisis Center in the Prime Minister's Office, the Japan Coast Guard and the Ministry of Defense. Currently, we have not informed if the Japan Coast Guard makes any decision about relation between the found object and the accident.

South Off Boso

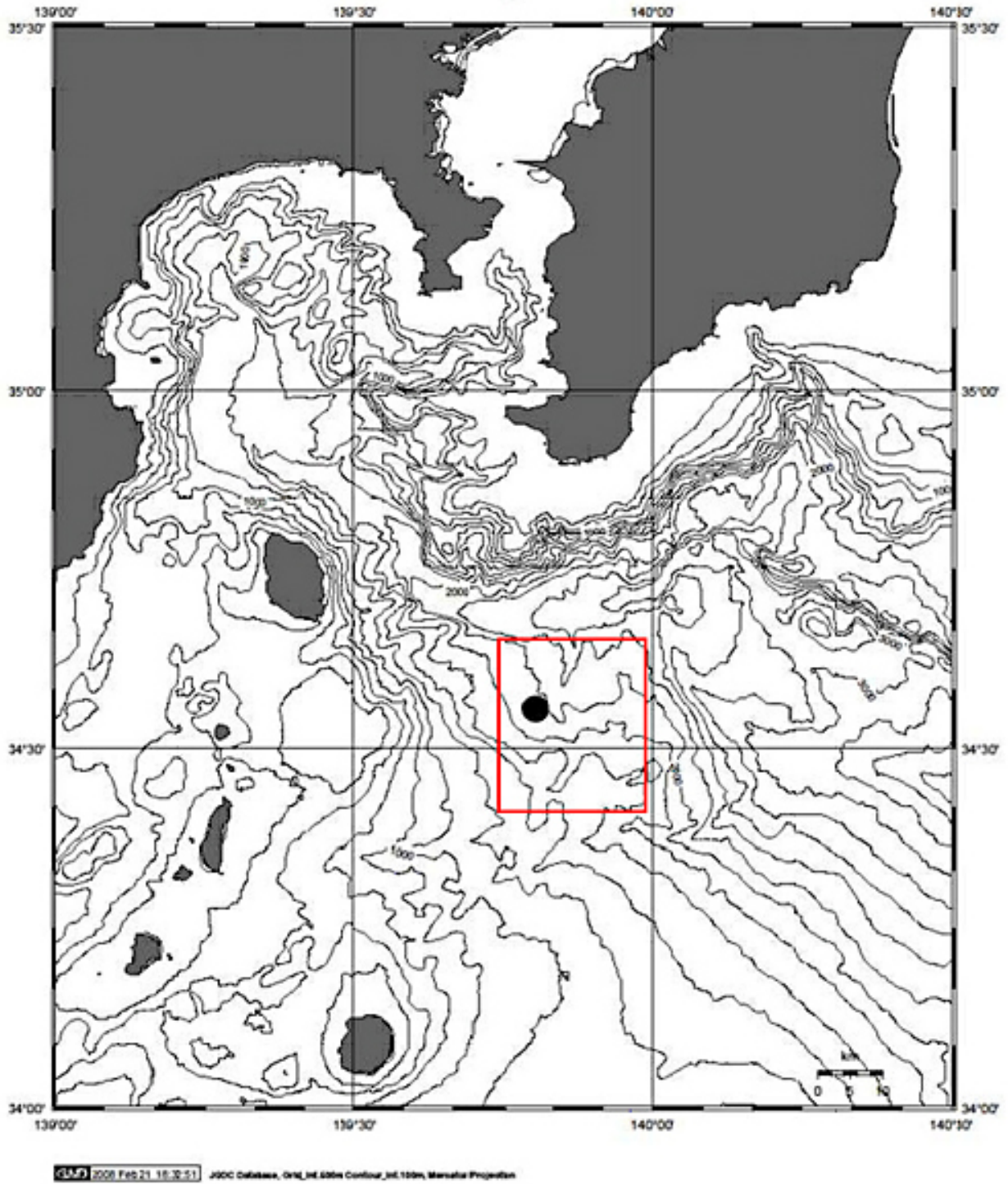
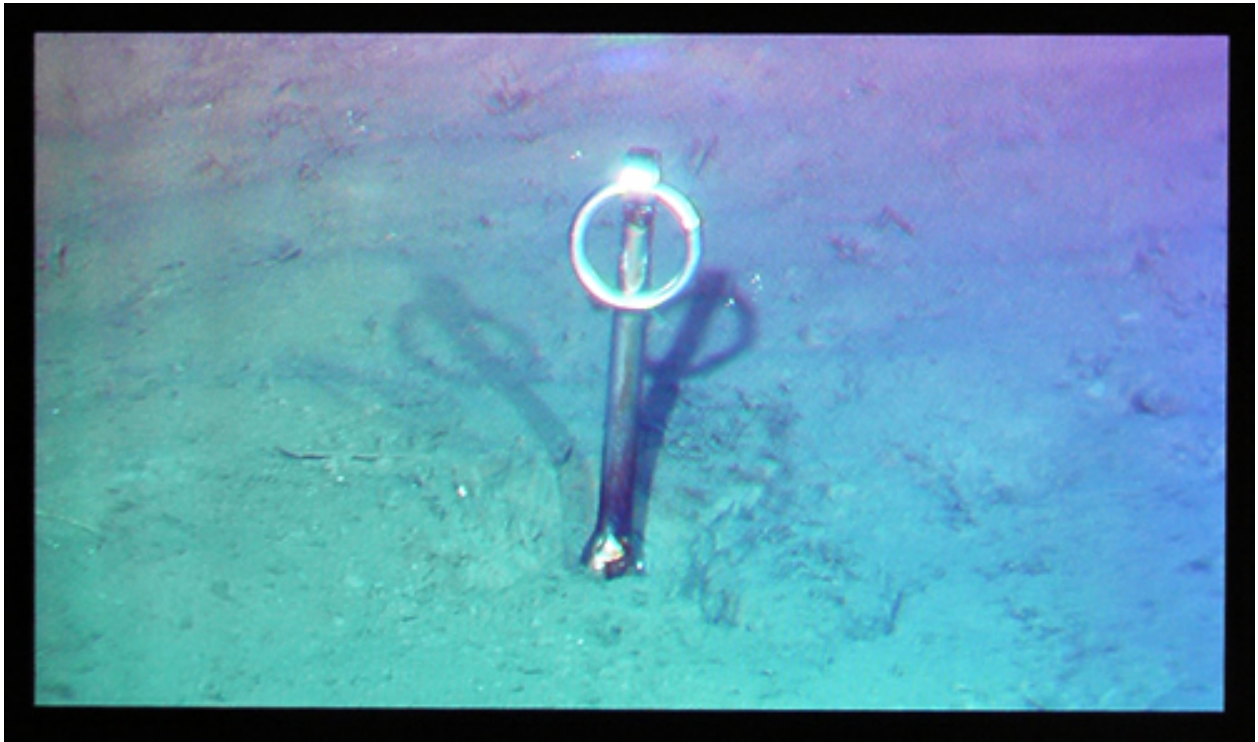
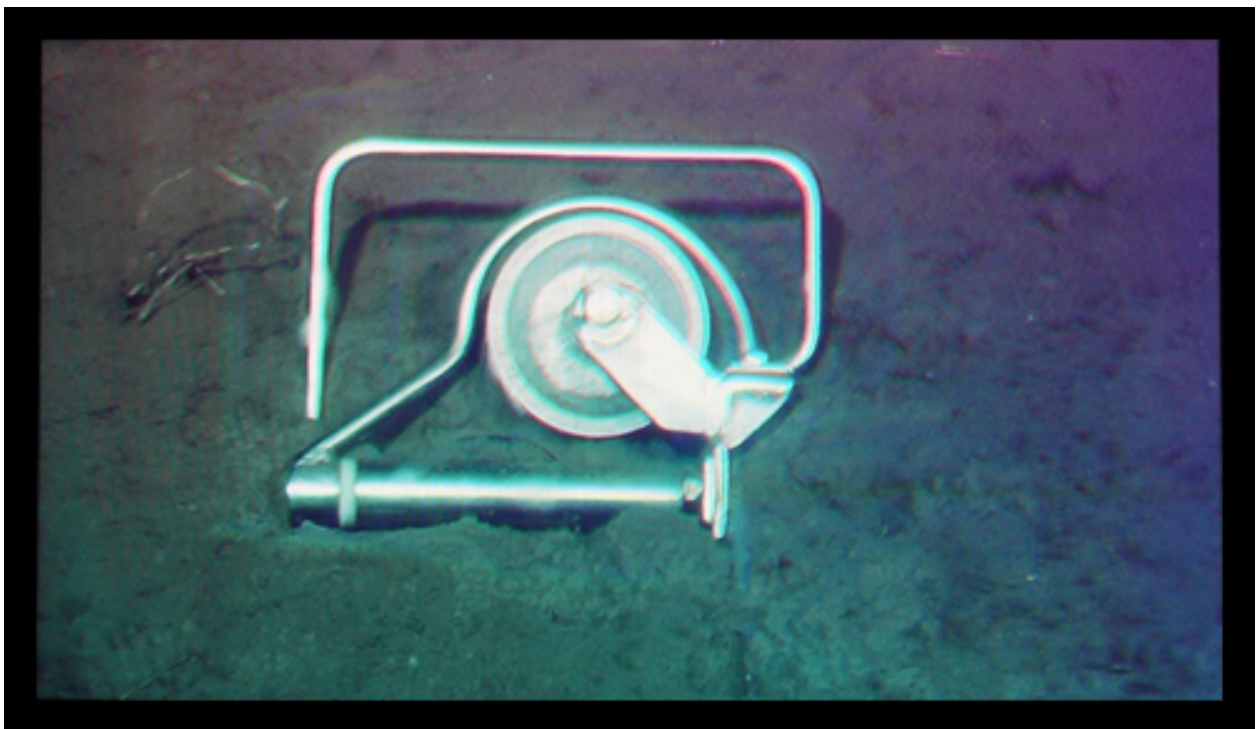


Fig.1 Research Area
●: location of the object spotted and filmed
□: research area



Photograph 1
Image of on-board display screen taken by a digital camera
(North Latitude: 34.31 East Longitude:139.49 Water Depth 1,844m)



Photograph 2
Image of on-board display screen taken by a digital camera
(North Latitude: 34.31 East Longitude:139.49 Water Depth 1,842m)

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