

4. What were our research facility

Facilities we took in R/V Natsushima Cruise

- 1) To observe the sea bottom right after the Sumatran Earthquake using ROV Hyper- Dolphin
- 2) To monitor the aftershocks locally by an Ocean Bottom Seismometer (OBS) array system
- 3) To better understand bathymetry of the area taking high-resolution multi-narrow beam echo sounder with single channel seismic profiler





Research Vessel R/V Natsushima led by Captain Y. Saito



R/V Natsushima (1981)

Length: 67.4m
 Breadth: 13.0m
 Depth: 6.3m
 Draft: 3.6m
 Gross Tonnage: 1,739 t





Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) Hyper-Dolphin led by K. Mitsufuji



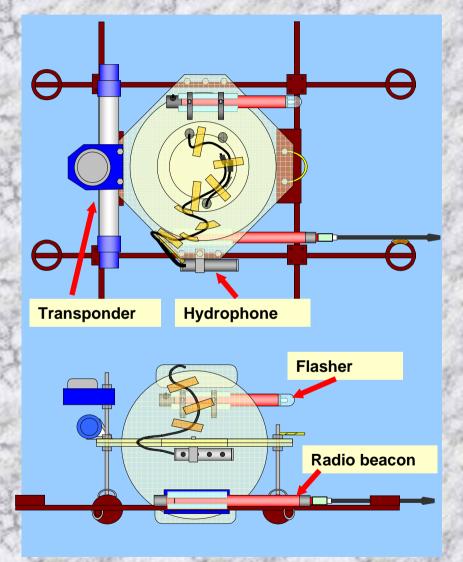
Hyper-Dolphin(1999)

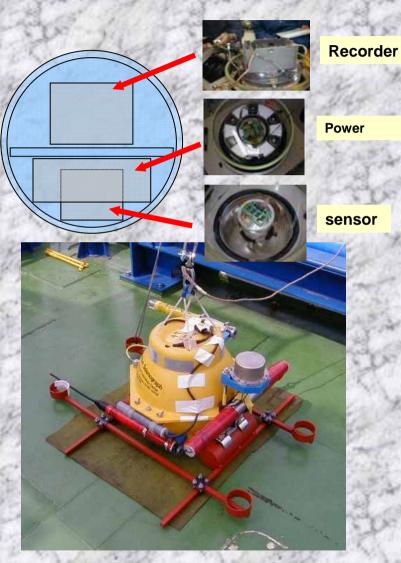
Length: 3.0m
Breadth: 2.0m
Height: 2.3m
Depth Capability: 3,000m
Weight (air): 3.8 t





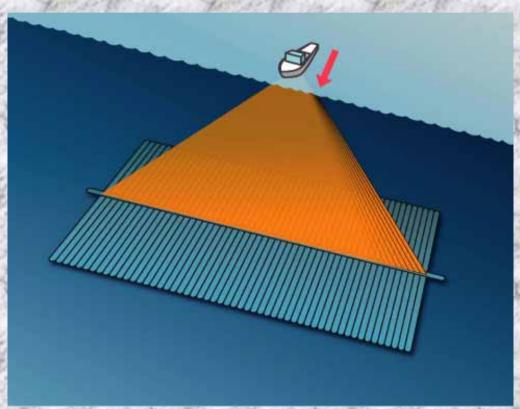
Ocean Bottom Seismometer







Multi-narrow Beam Echo Sounder



Wave length:

50 kHz

Swath Angle:

150 deg.

Footprint deg:

1.5 deg. by 1.5 deg.

Function:

Depth contours and backscatter mappings



