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Networking ocean observatories around the North Pacific Ocean



# ***OCTOPUS***

*OIST Cabled Teleoperational Observatory Performing Undersea Surveillance*

A new coastal cabled observatory system  
in Okinawa, Japan.

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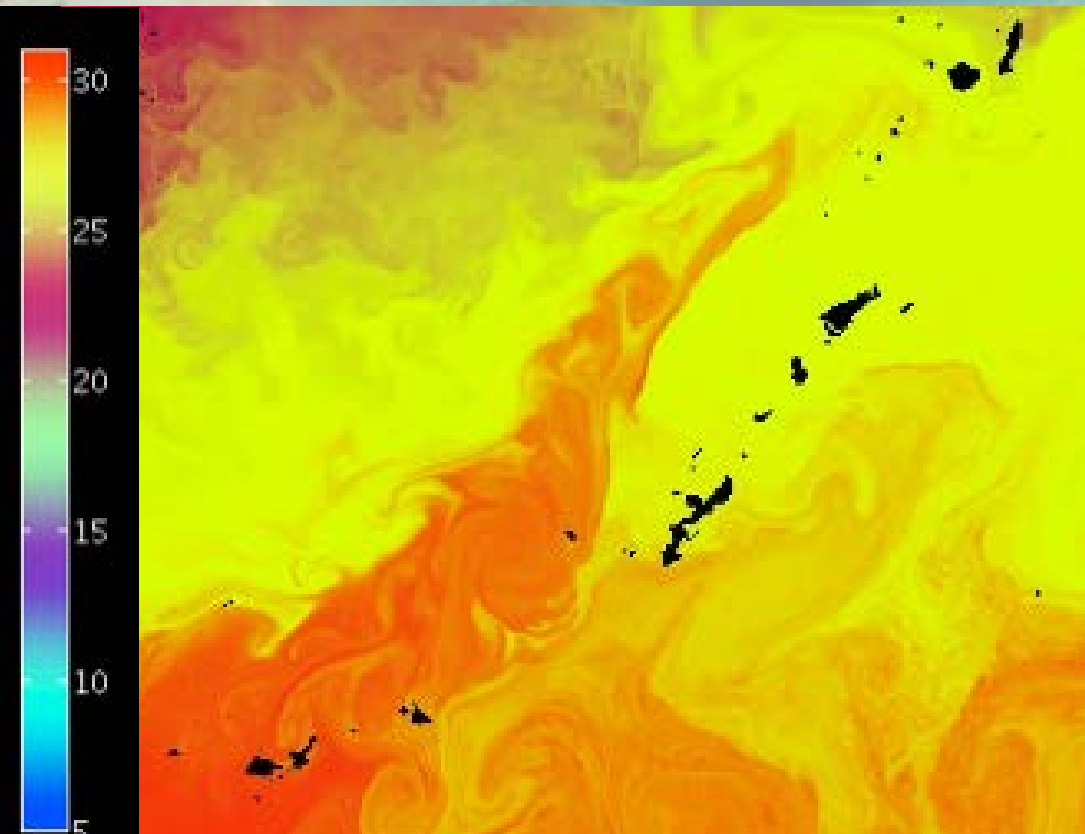
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# Okinawa



June 2013 SST (ROMS model © S. Mitarai)

# *Air - Ocean Interface*



*Plankton*



*Marine Snow*



Transport  
Reproduction  
Food



*Nutrients*



*Coral coverage*

# Caribbean coral growth influenced by anthropogenic aerosol emissions

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Without action on climate change, coral reefs in the Coral Triangle will disappear by 2100  
– WWF



## Ocean acidification causes bleaching and productivity loss in coral reef builders

K. R. N. Anthony<sup>1</sup>, D. I. Kline, G. Diaz-Pulido, S. Dove, and O. Hoegh-Guldberg

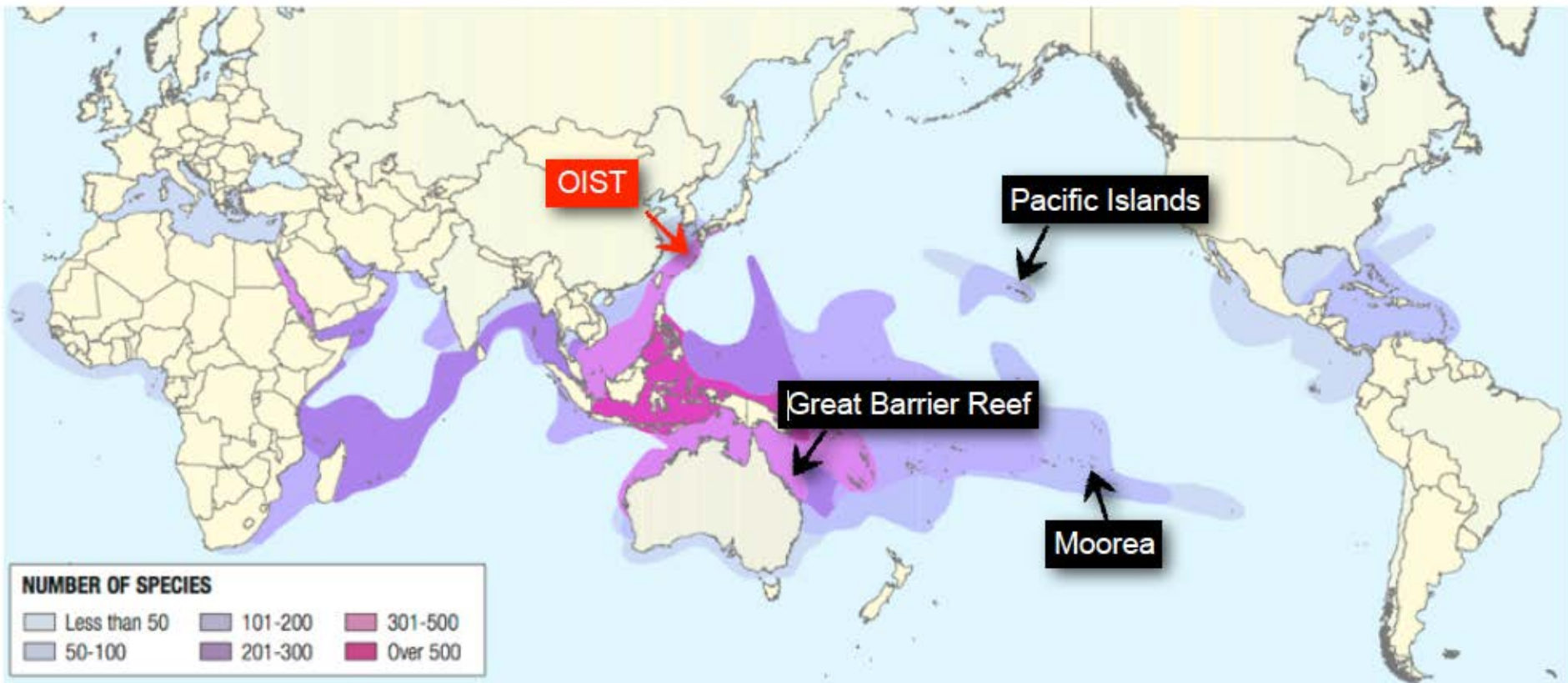
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Ocean acidification represents a key threat to coral reefs by reducing the calcification rate of framework builders. In addition, acidification is likely to affect the relationship between corals and

link between CO<sub>2</sub> and coral bleaching (16). Secondly, we investigate effects on organic productivity, which is expected to be influenced by bleaching state, and thirdly, we compare the patterns of these

# Coral Reef Monitoring Systems



Vernon and Stafford-Smith, 2000

# **Continuous monitoring of a Coral Reef Ecosystem Okinawa Island**

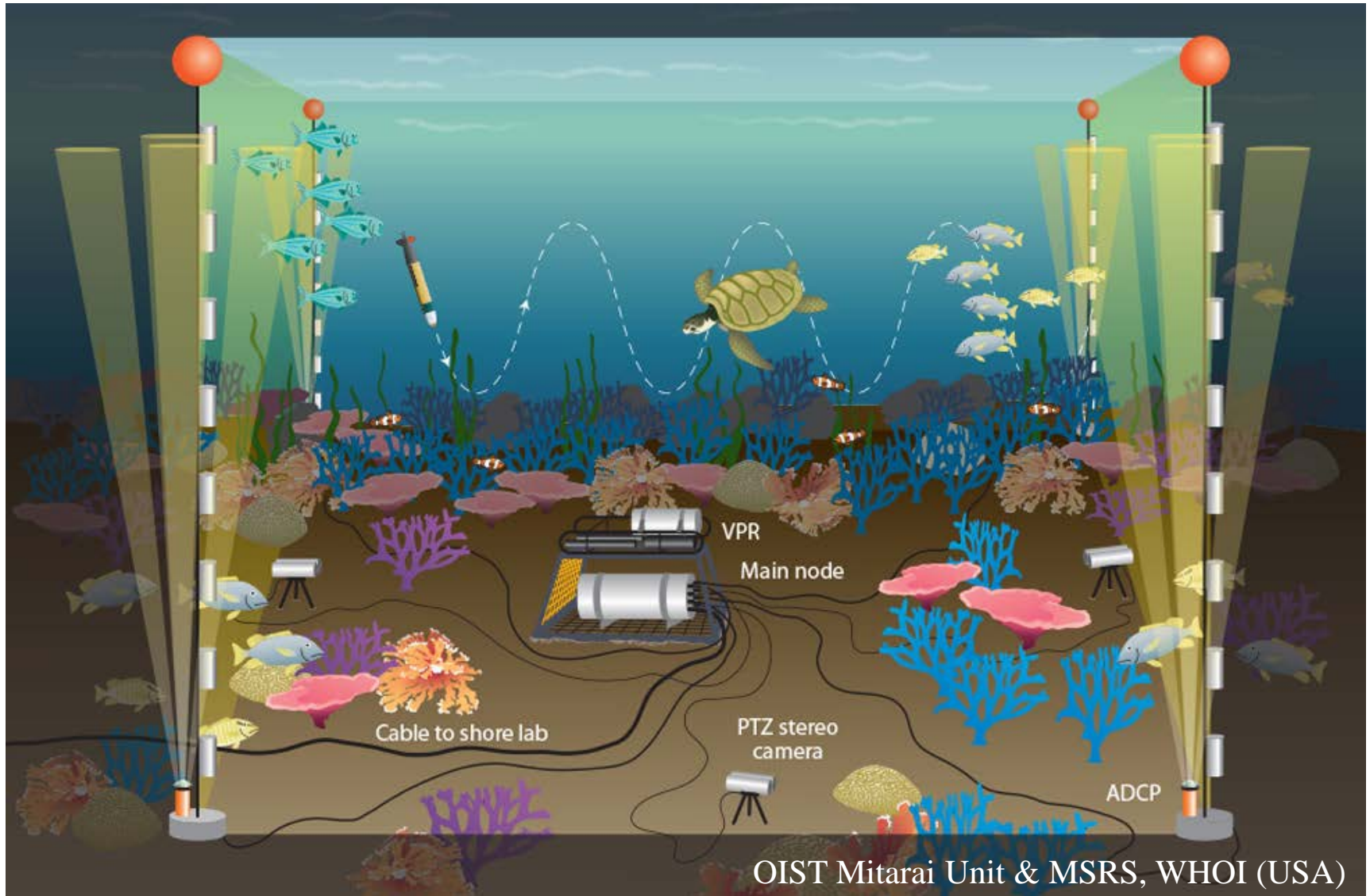
Measure physical and biological parameters of the coral reef and the water column above it.

Detect disturbances at the scale of minutes, hours.

Quantify seasonal and inter-annual variability.

# *OCTOPUS*

## Cabled Observatory System



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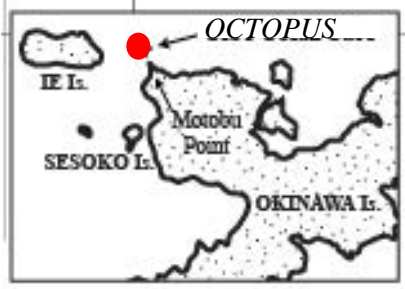




EAST CHINA SEA



PHILIPPINE SEA

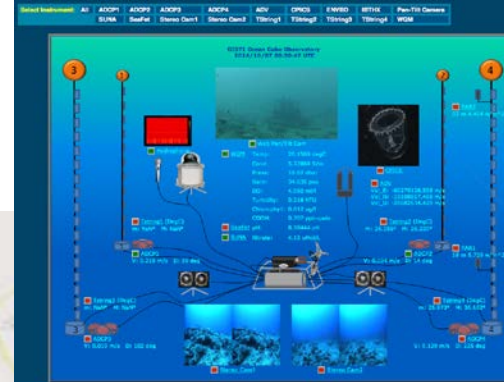


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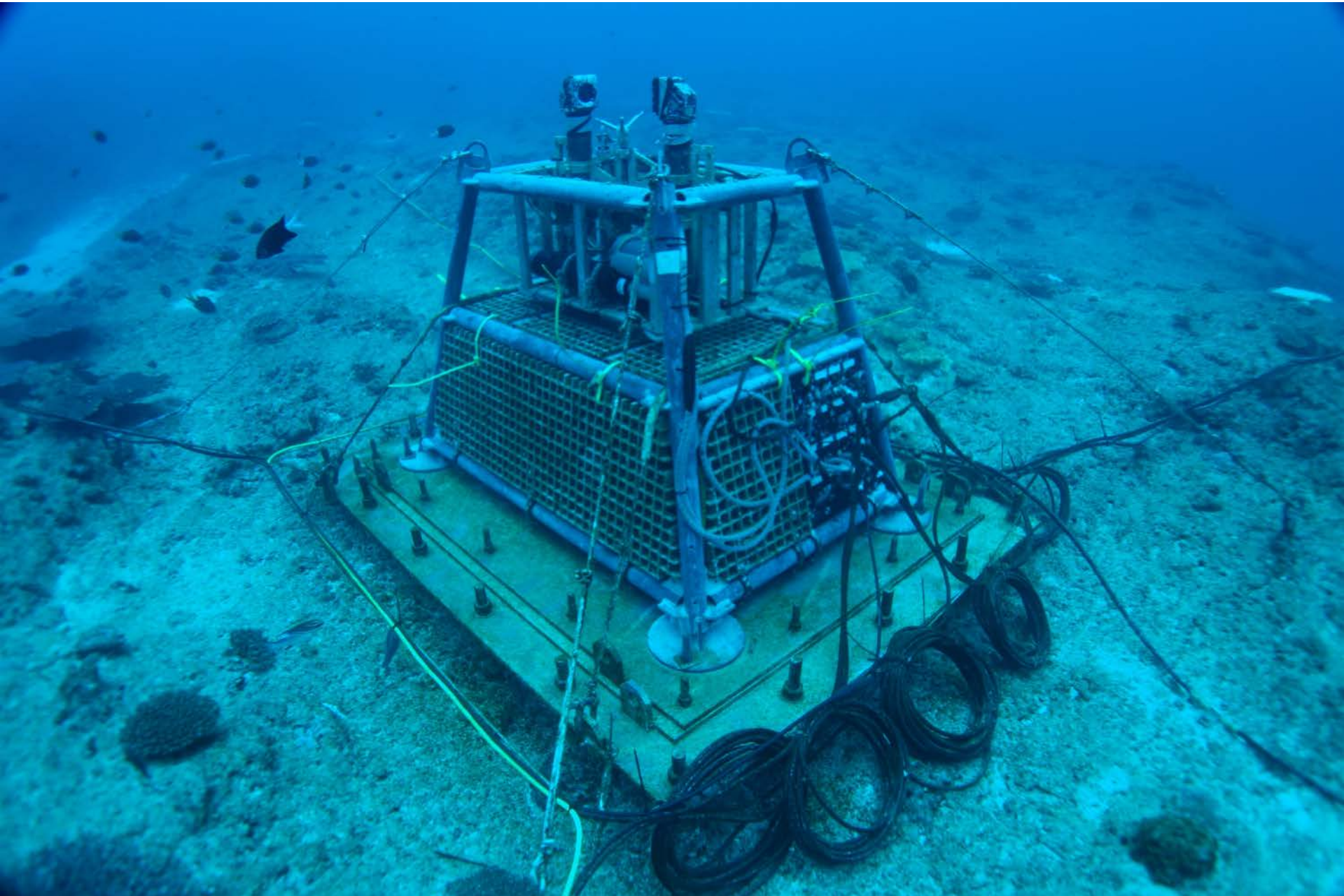
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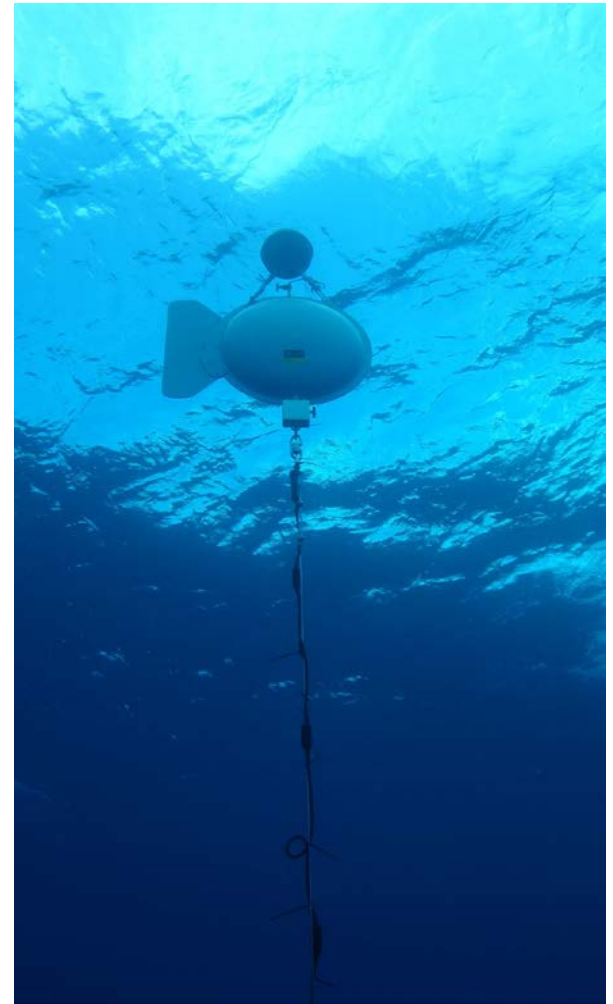


*OCTOPUS* main node



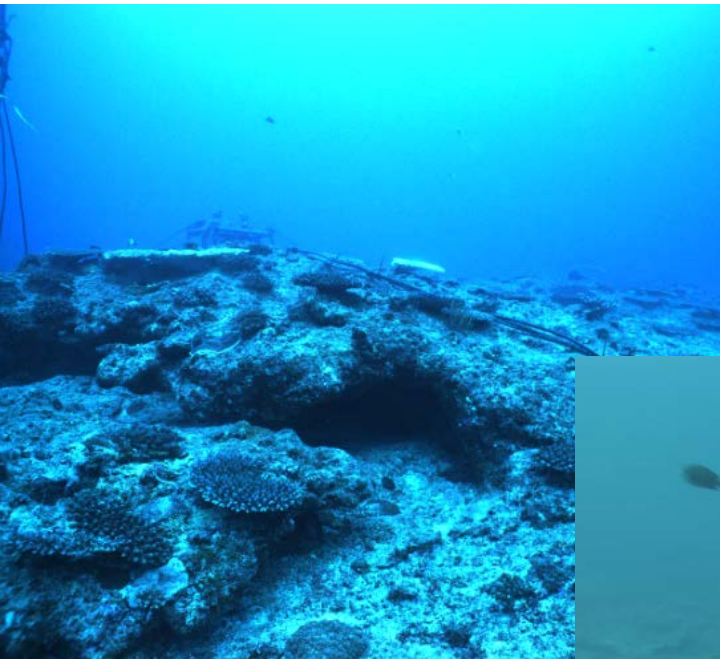
# Environmental parameters

- Wave height
- Current speed
- Water temperature
- Salinity
- Density
- pH
- Turbidity
- Dissolved oxygen
- Nitrate concentration
- Chlorophyll *a* concentration
- Coloured dissolved organic matter

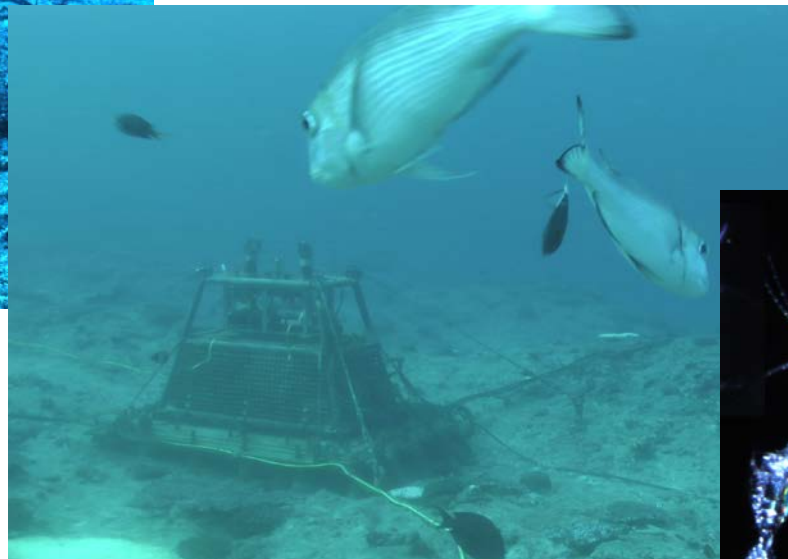


# Biological imaging

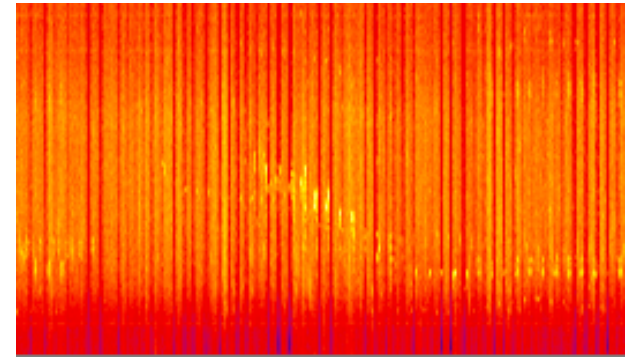
2 stereo camera sets  
**coral reef**



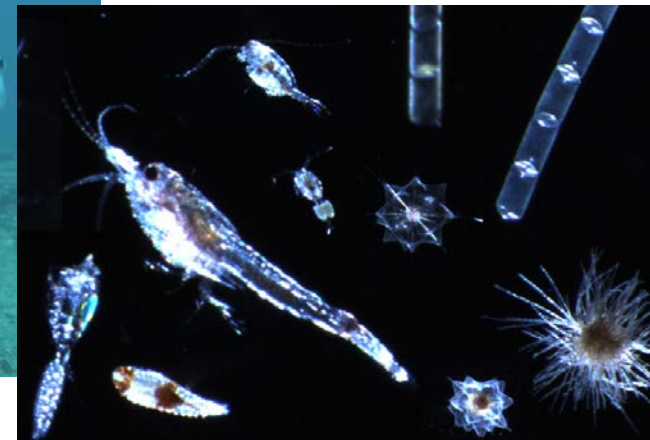
1 PTZ camera  
**larger vertebrates**



1 Hydrophone  
**Cetaceans + boat traffic**



1 continuous plankton  
recorder  
**plankton**

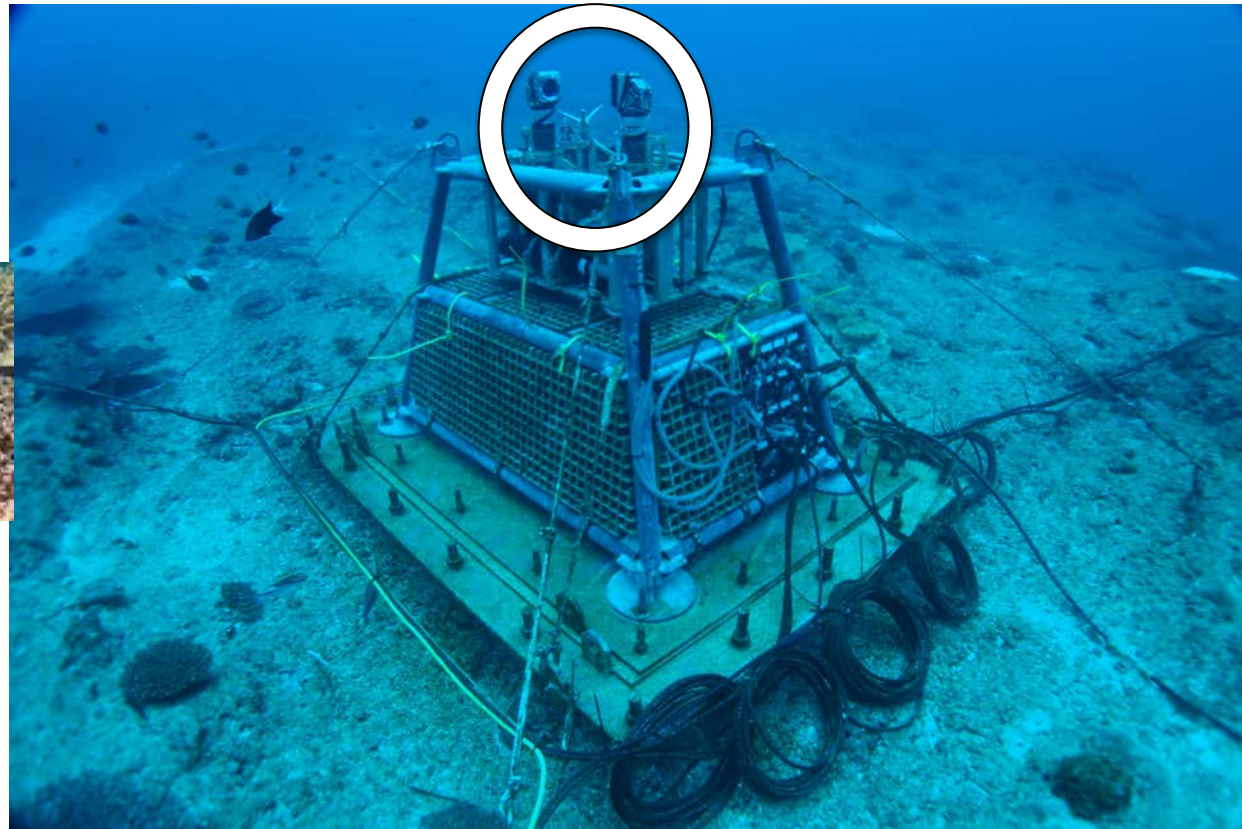
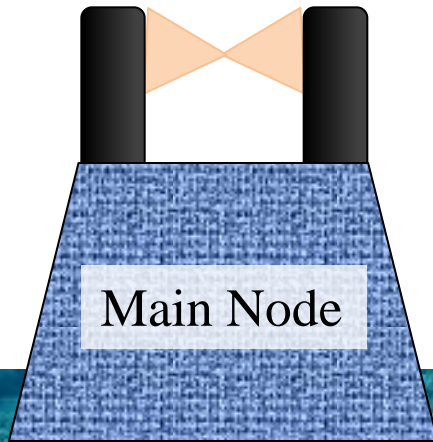


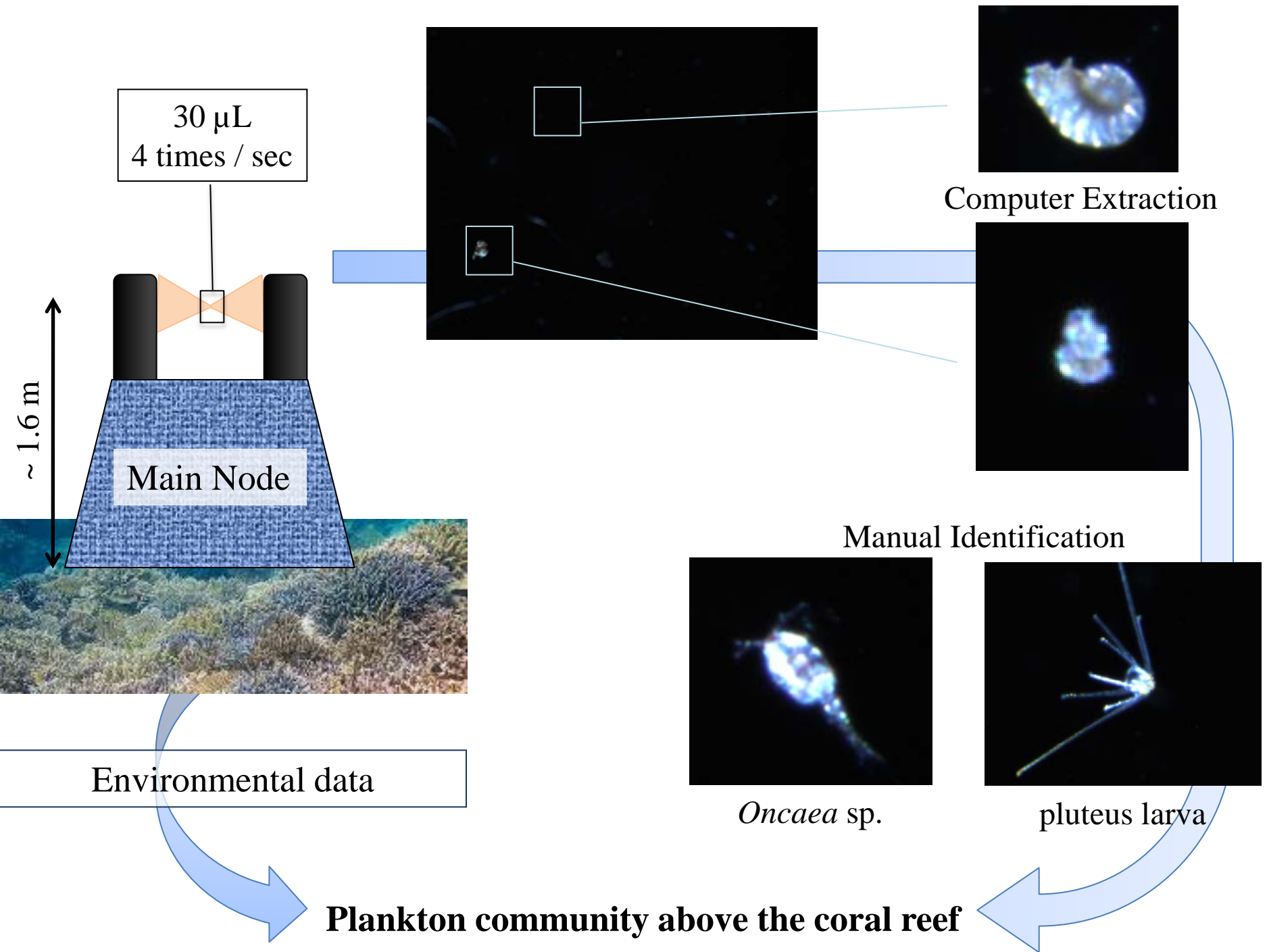
# CPICS

## Continuous Plankton Imaging System

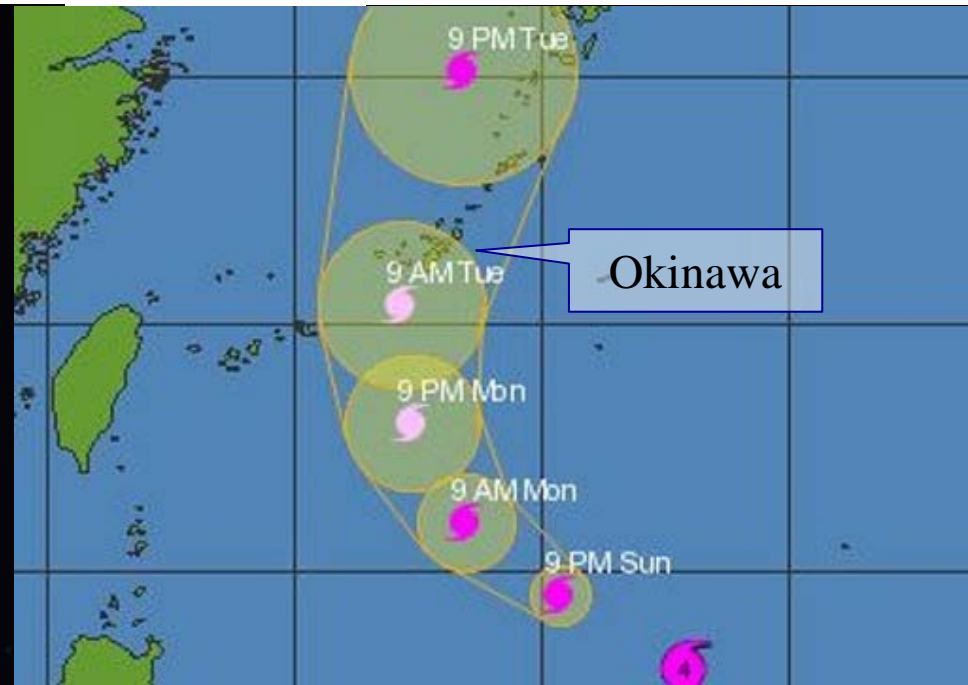
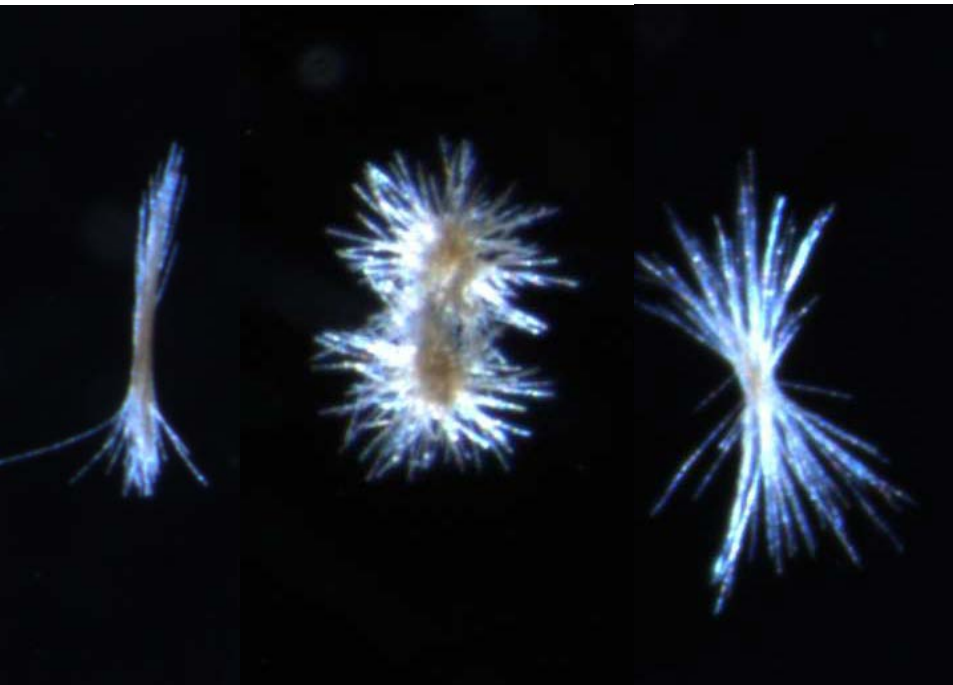
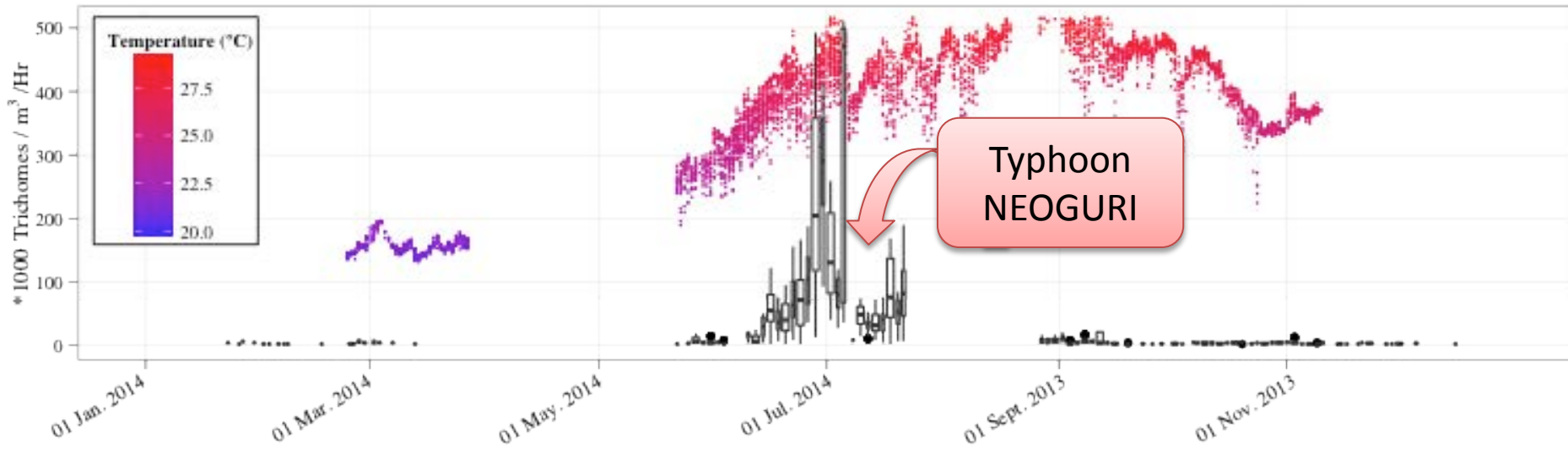
Fixed-station Visual Plankton Recorder

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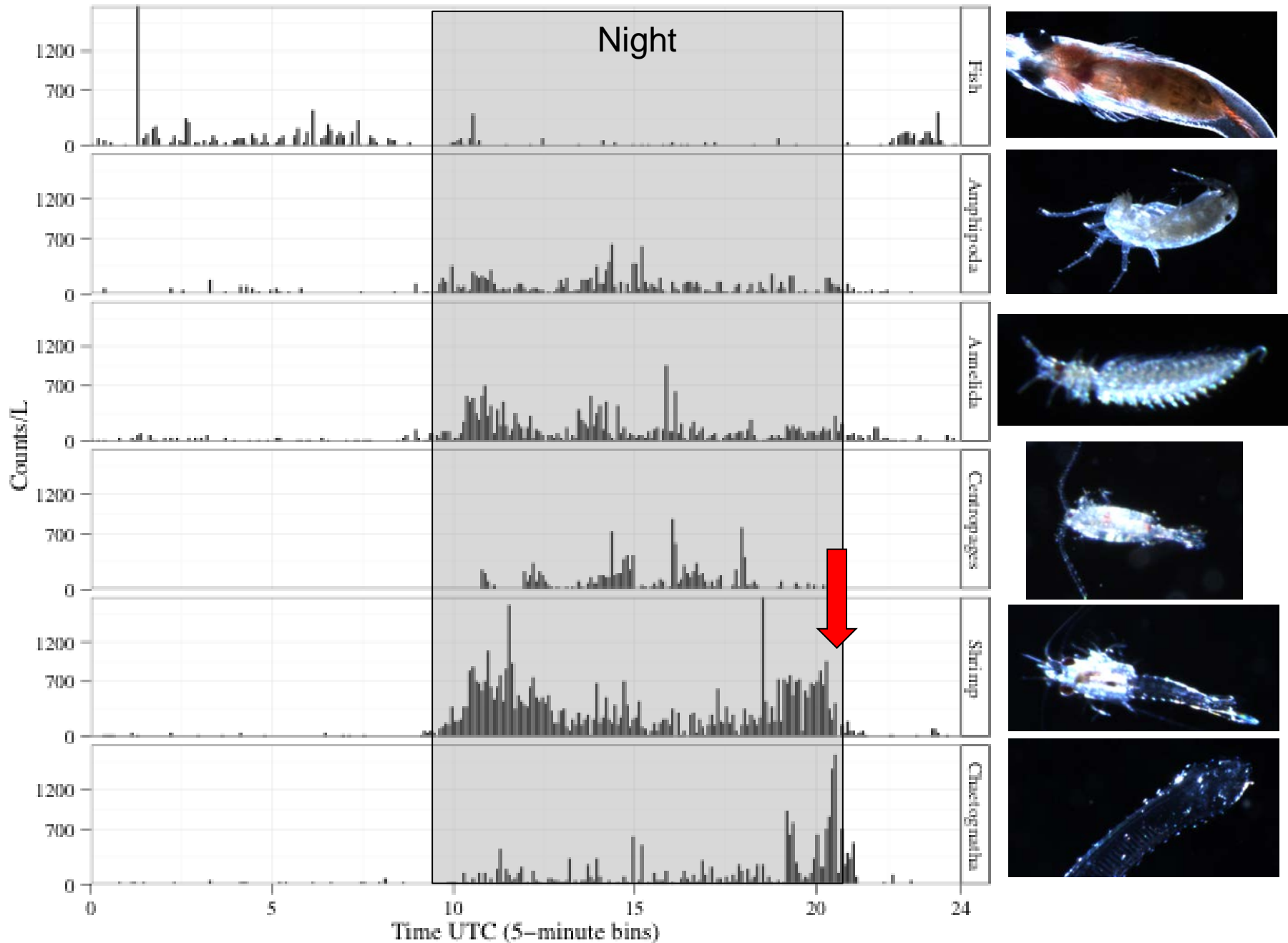


# Hourly abundance of N<sub>2</sub>-fixing cyanobacteria *Trichodesmium*

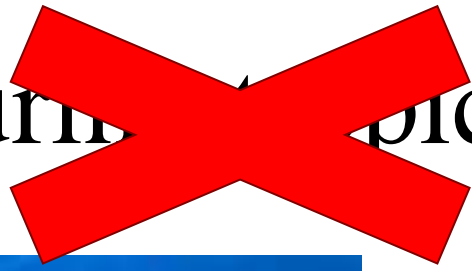




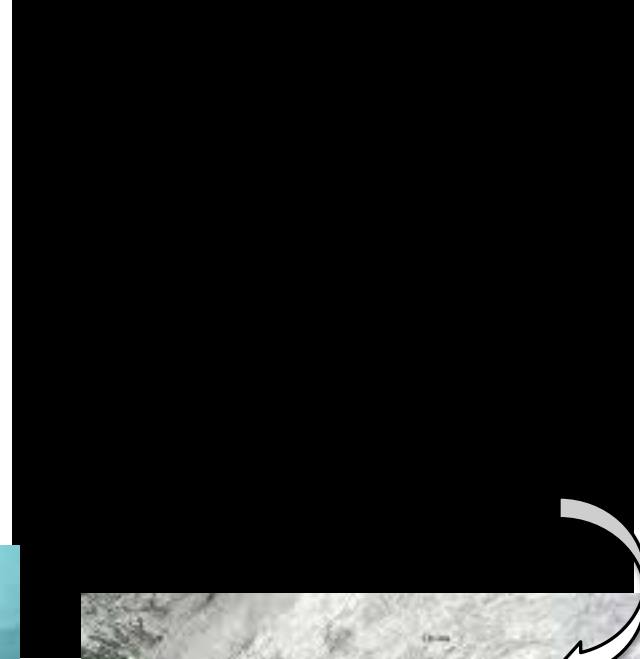
# Temporal segregation amongst predatory plankton groups



# Sampling during tropical cyclones

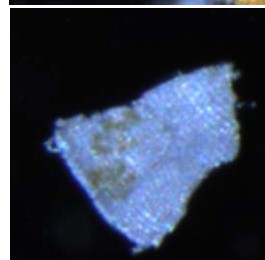
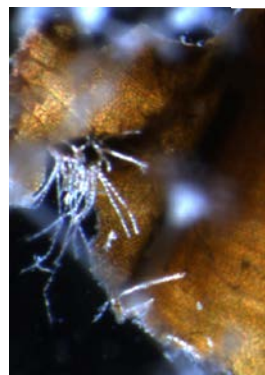
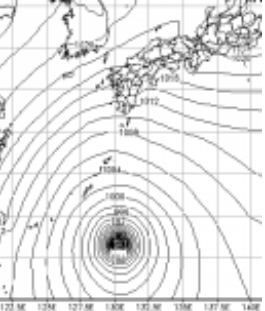
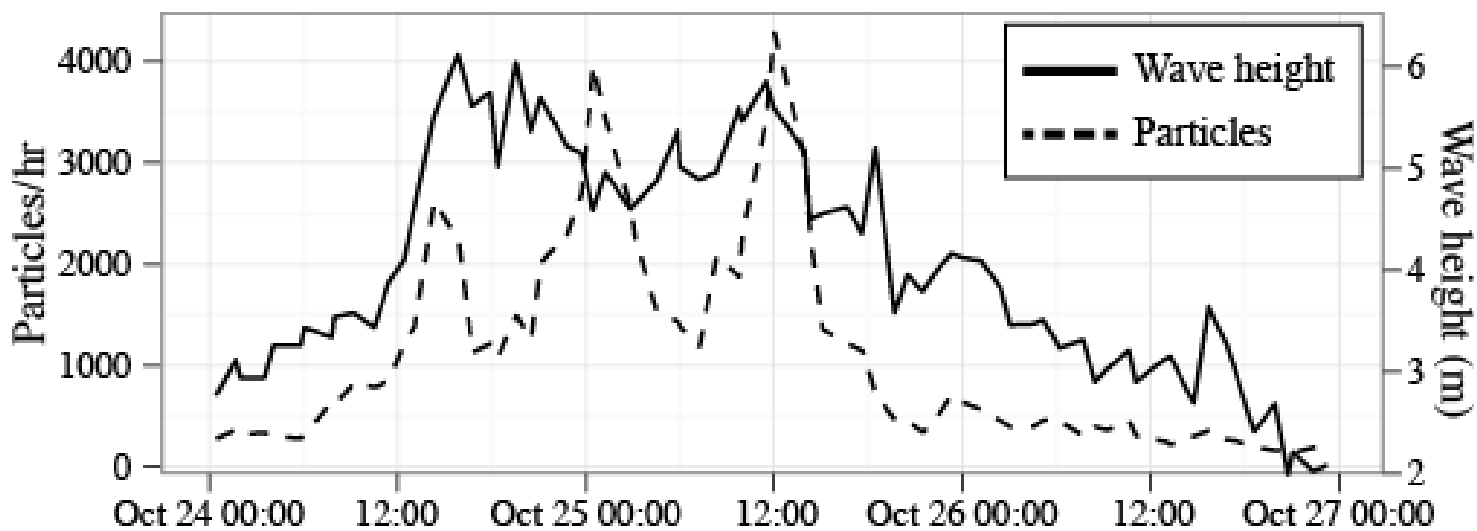
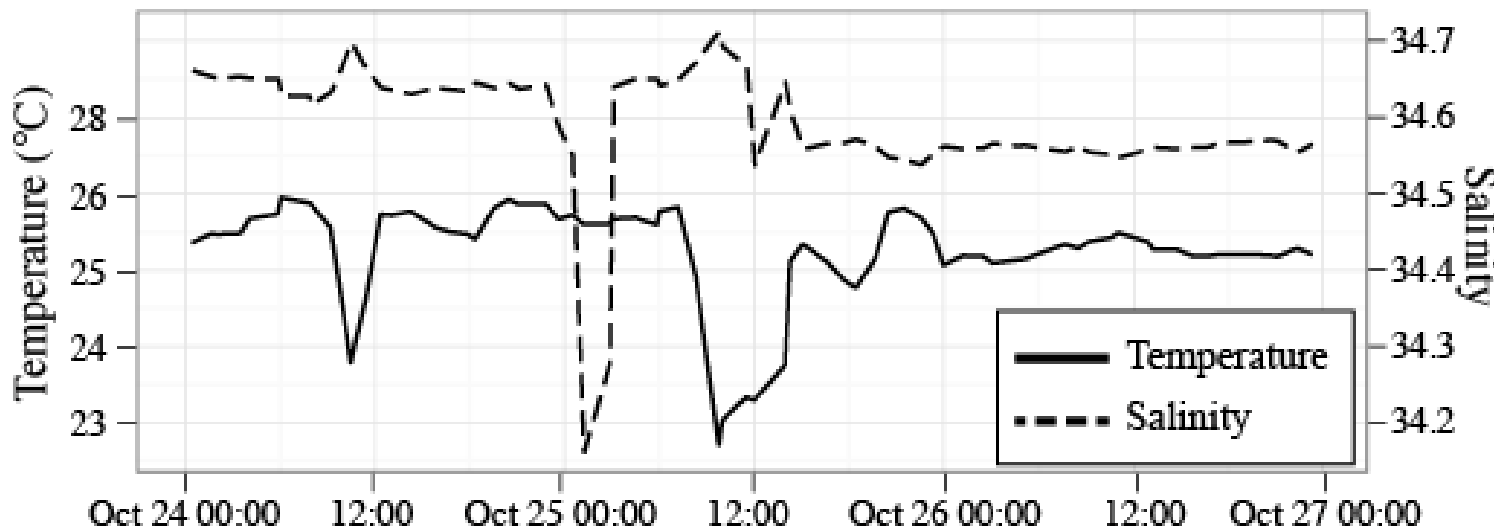


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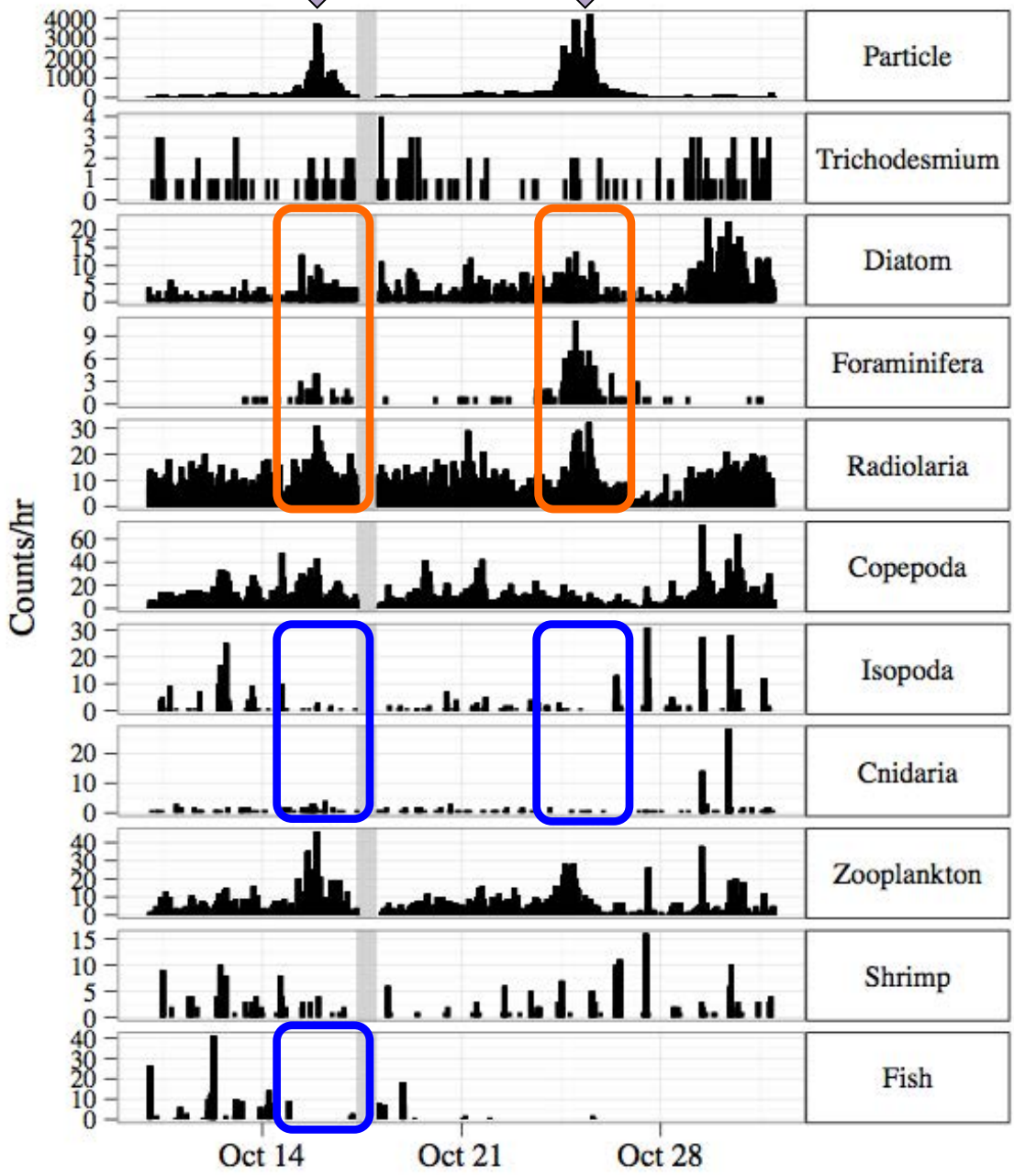
# Monitoring of typhoons at short time scales

**T1327** (1-hour bins)

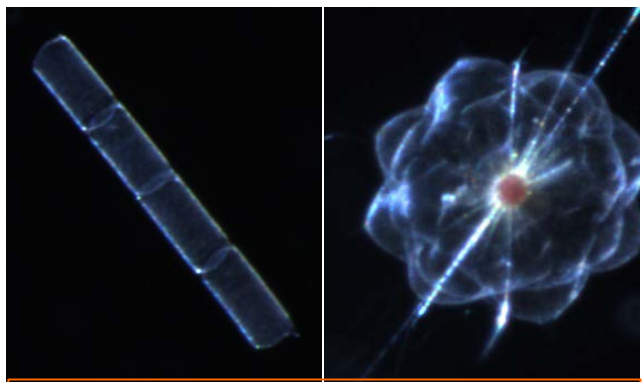


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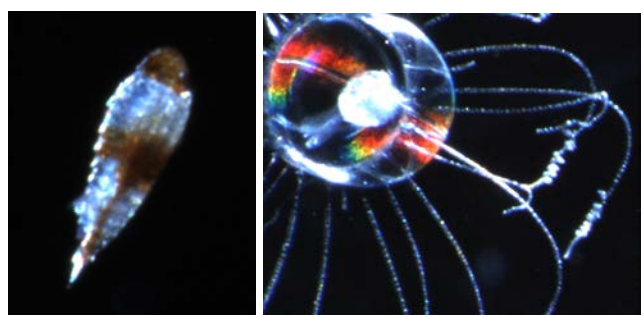
T1327



Foraminifera



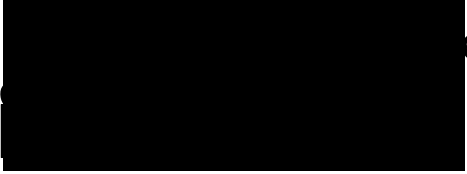
Diatom – Radiolaria



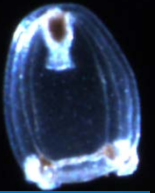
Isopoda – Medusae



Study of Anthozo



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Comments?

Recommendations?

Ideas?





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