

EU-Workshop on Best Practices on Mining Policies and Technologies

"Equipment for environmental assessment during the exploration phase and monitoring the exploitation of marine mineral resources in the deep sea".

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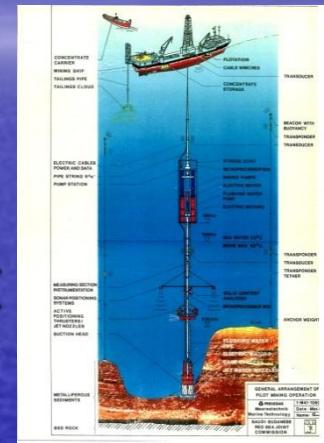
International Environmental Studies for future Deep-Sea Mineral Mining

1977 – 1981

MESEDA

Red Sea
(Saudi Arabia/Sudan/Germany)

MEtalliferous SEDiments Atlantis II



1978 / 1983

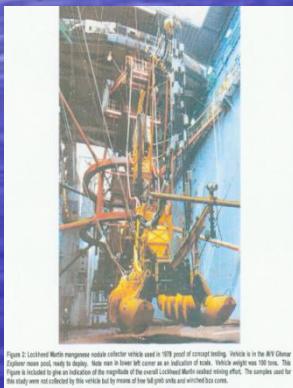


Figure 2: Lockheed-Martin manganese nodules collector vehicle used in 1978 proof of concept testing. Vehicle is in the MV Glomar Explorer moor pool, ready to deploy. Note that it has no crane as an issue of weight of the vehicle weight was 100 tons. This photograph was taken during the early stages of the proof of concept of the manganese nodule mining effort. The samples used for this study were not collected by this vehicle but by means of free fall probe units and winched box cores.

DOMES

(USA)

Deep Ocean Mining Environmental Studies

North-East Pacific



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Deep-sea mining visions from the early 1980ies

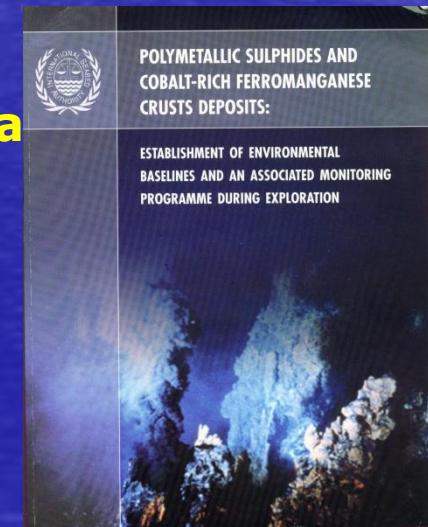
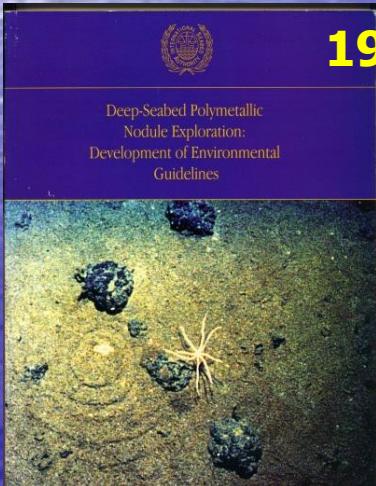


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1982 The UN- Conference adopted the United Nations Convention of Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

1994 The UNCLOS came into force – the Tribunal of the Law of the Sea (Hamburg) and the International Seabed Authority (ISA, Kingston Jamaica) were established.

1998 – 2013 ISA has held several workshops on environmental impacts of deep-sea mining and set up regulations for the exploration of manganese nodules, ferromanganese crusts and massive sulphides.



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1988 – 1993

DISCOL
(Germany)
DISturbance and re-COLonization Experiment

South-East-Pacific

1992 – 1995

SEDIPERU, FeMILIEU, MEPARSED
(Germany)
several single projects

South-East-Pacific

1995 – 1998

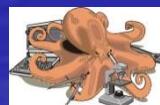
ATESEPP
(Germany)
Effects of technical Interventions into the Ecosystem of the Deep Sea in the Southeast Pacific Ocean

South-East-Pacific

1991 – 2001

BIE
(USA, Russia, Japan, IOM, India)
Benthic Impact Experiment

North-East-Pacific (CCZ)



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In 1989/90 German scientists created the interdisciplinary working group TUSCH (from German : Tiefsee-Umwelt-SCHutz) to guarantee the information about the state of the art to all partners of the different disciplines involved like:

- Oceanography,**
- Geology,**
- Geochemistry,**
- Biology**

from the academe and from the commercial sector like

- engineers of mining technique developing disciplines**
- processing development and**
- commercial units,**

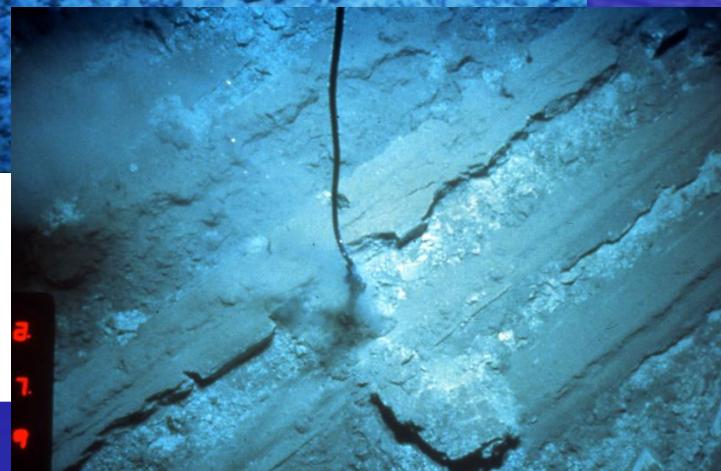
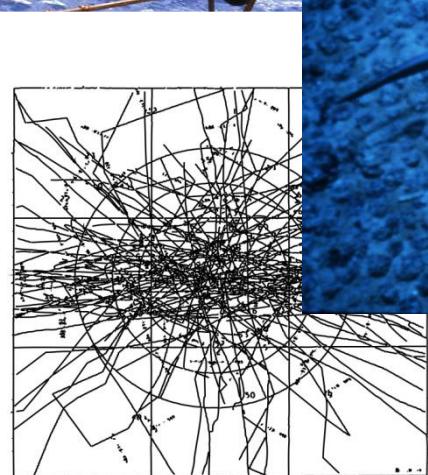
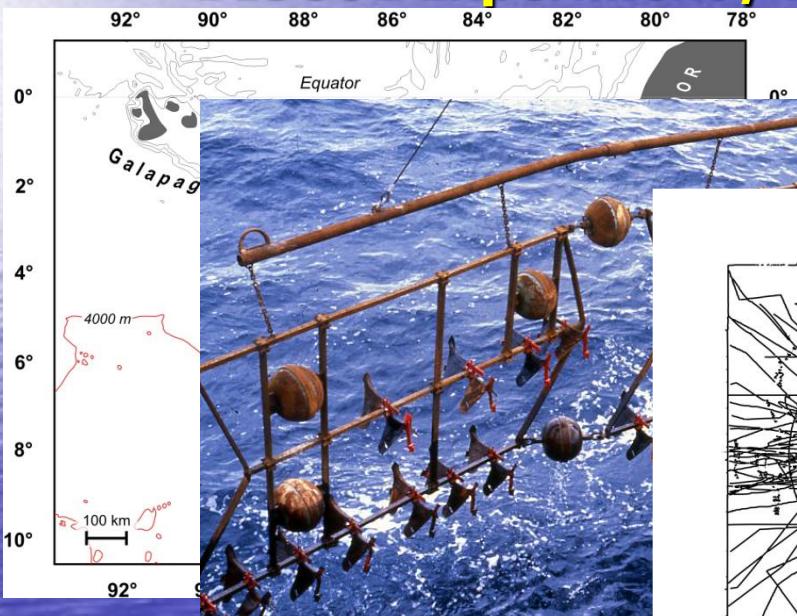
as well as from the different administrative and governmental organizations

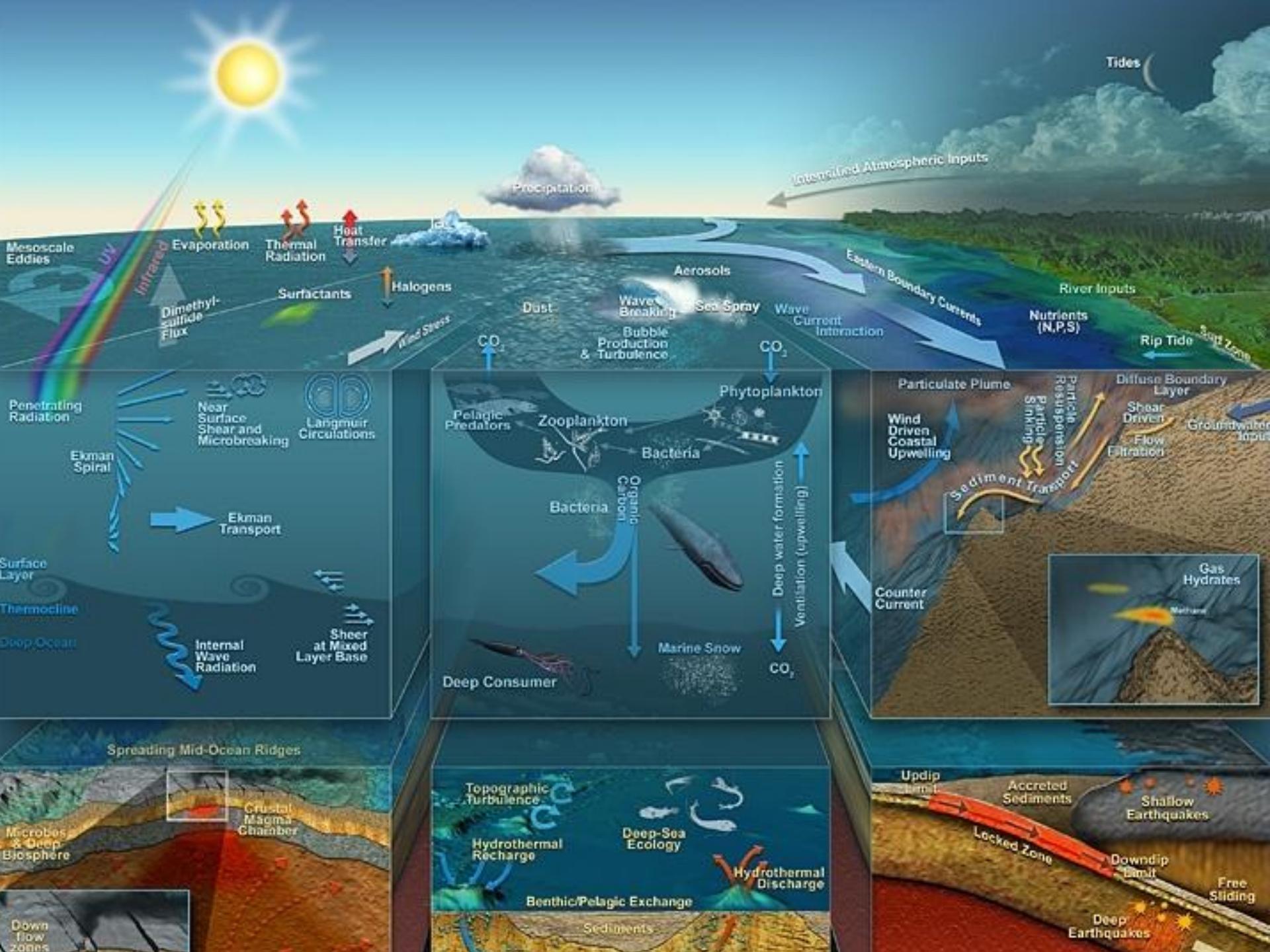
- ministry of commerce**
- ministry of science on technology**
- ministry of the environment**
- ministry of foreign affairs etc.**

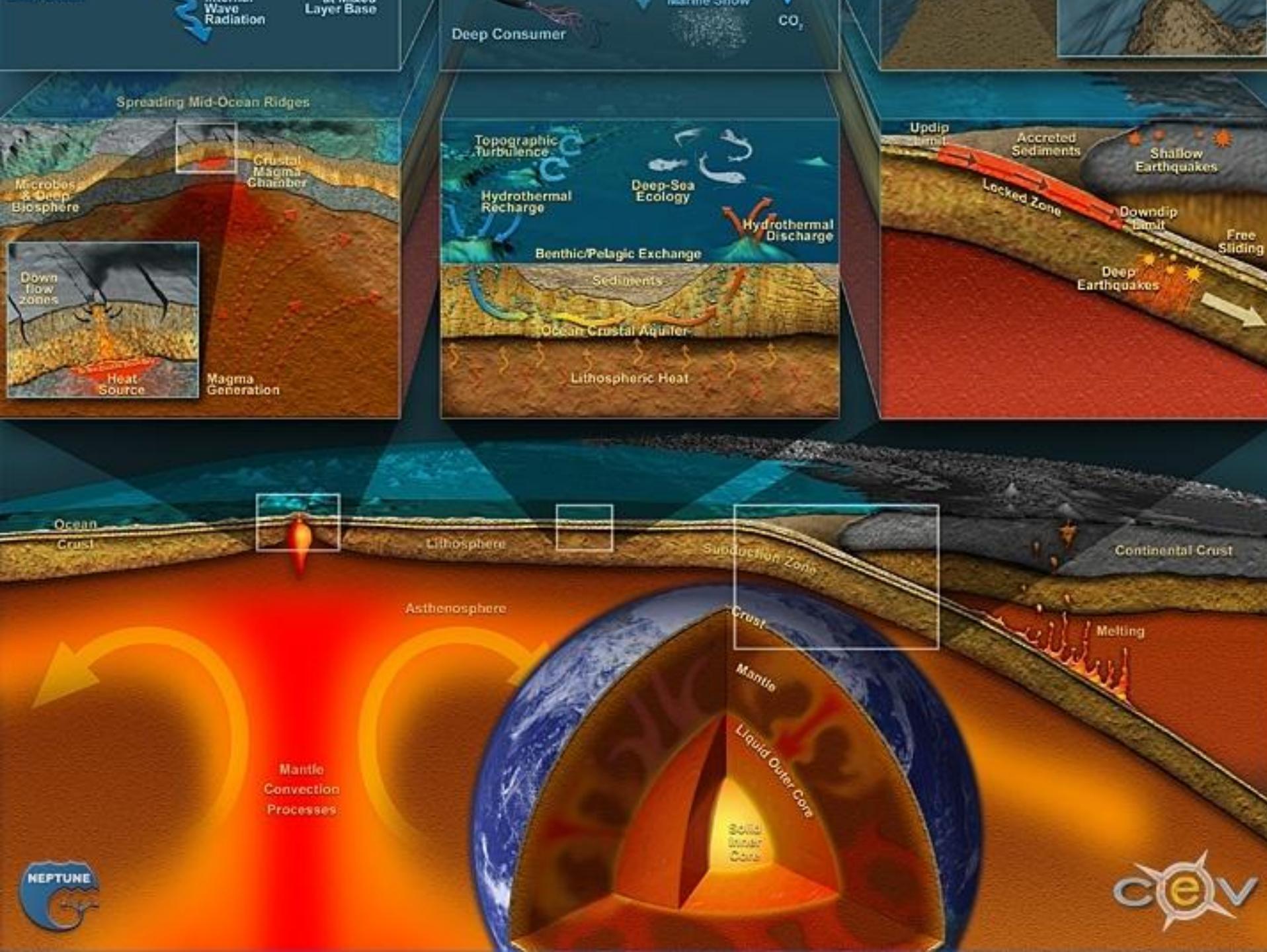


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DISCOL Experiment / ATESEPP (1988 – 1998)







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Exploration of deep-sea minerals with



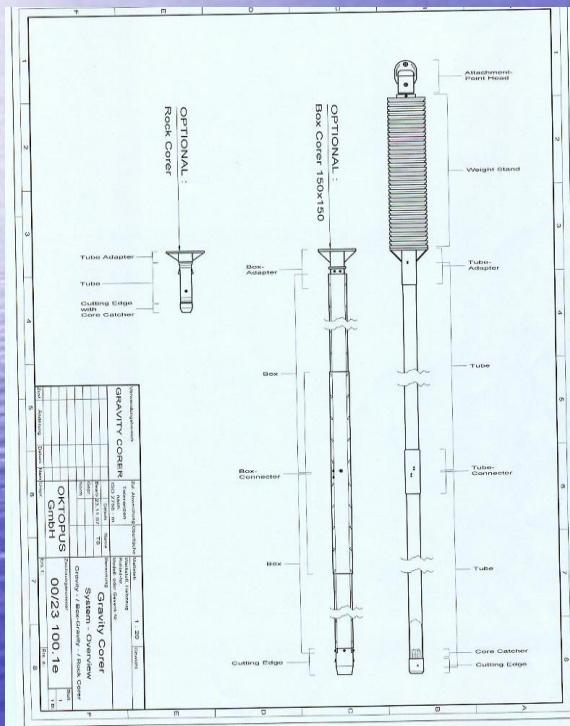
AUV ABYSS , GEOMAR Kiel



ROV Kiel 6000, GEOMAR Kiel

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Equipment for geological exploration and sediment sampling
e.g. different gravity corer:



GC 120 and 110

GC 90



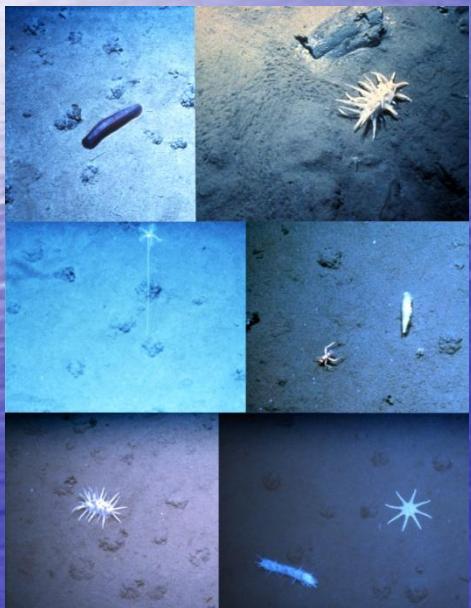
GC 60



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Deep-sea bottom communities:

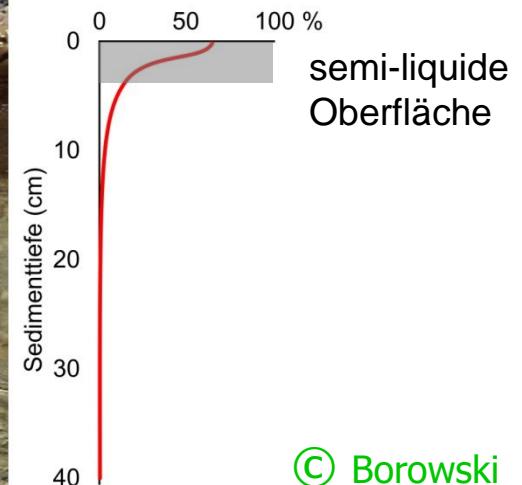
Megafauna



Makro-/ Meiofauna



Distribution in Sediments



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Equipment for geological and biological exploration and sediment sampling e.g. different box and multiple corer:



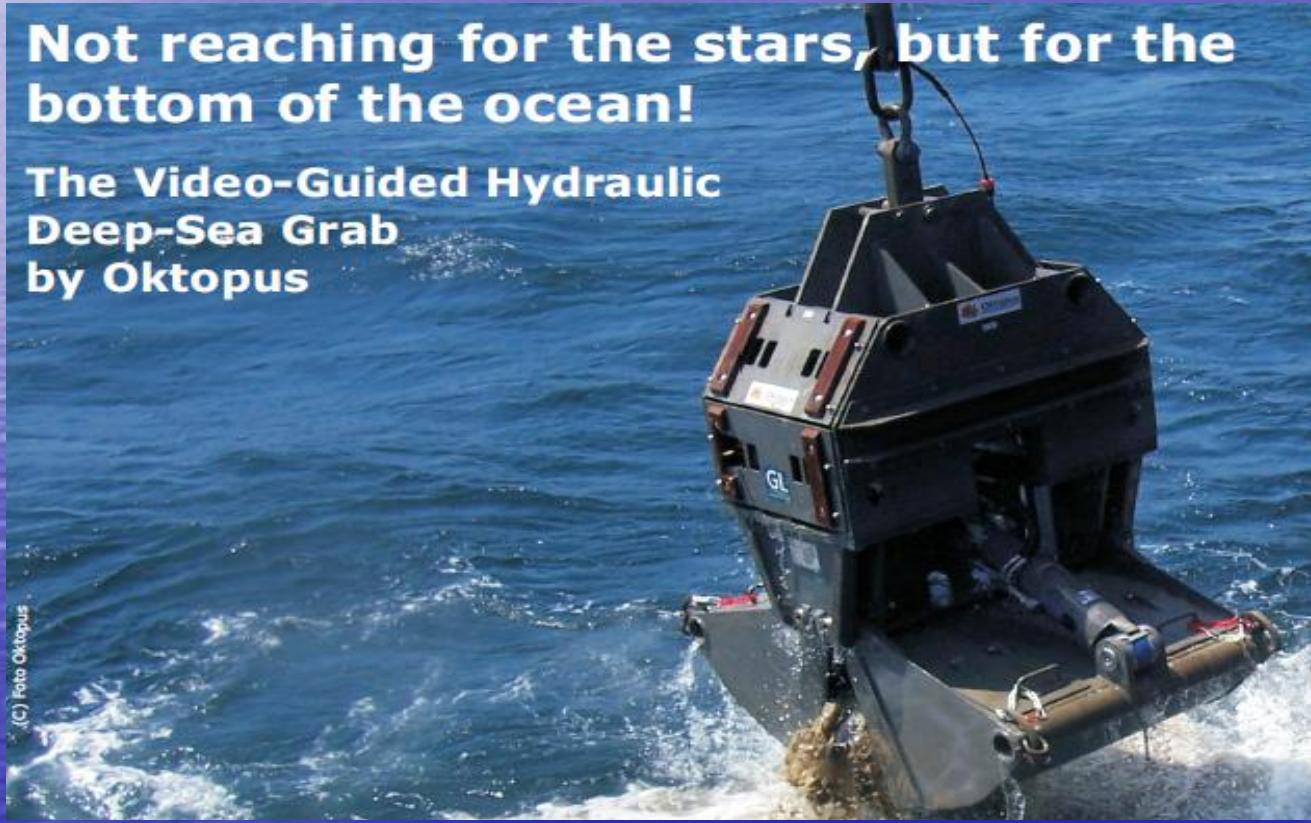
Boxcorer

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Equipment for geological and biological exploration e.g. the video-guided hydraulic deep-sea grab:

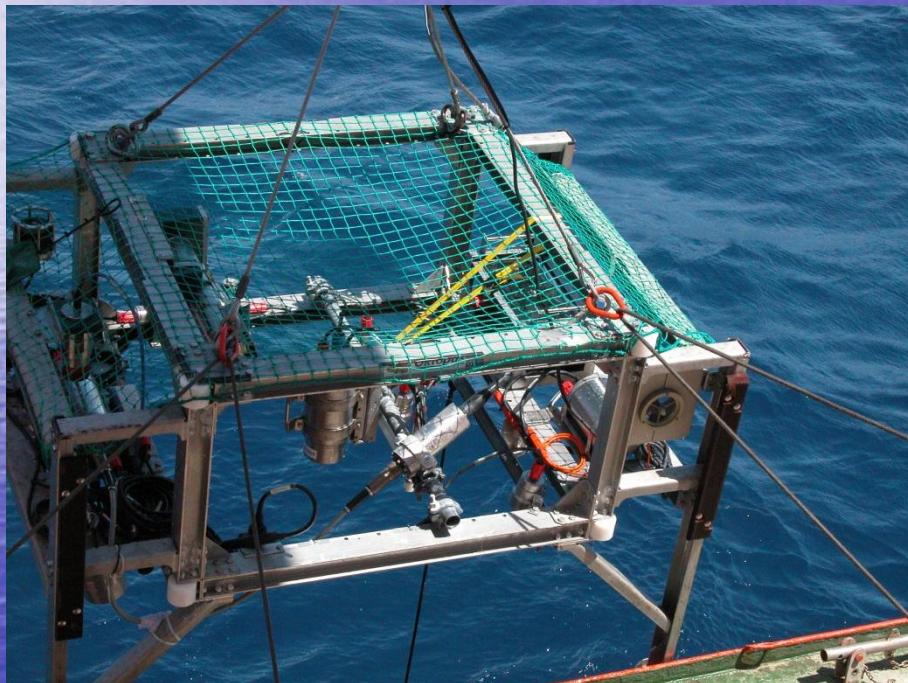
Not reaching for the stars, but for the bottom of the ocean!

**The Video-Guided Hydraulic Deep-Sea Grab
by Oktopus**

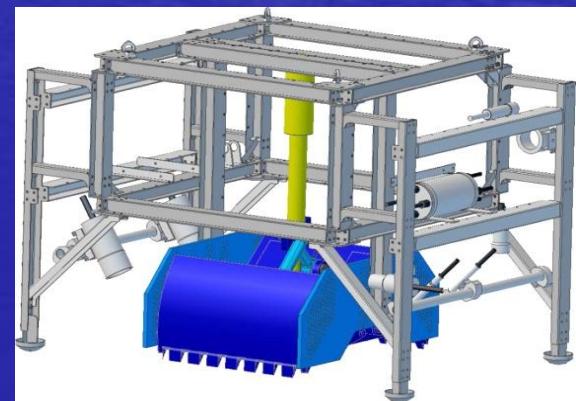


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Equipment for geological and biological exploration e.g. the scientific equipment carrier (SEC):



Scientific Equipment Carrier (SEC) with photo-video telemetry-system and side-scan-sonar



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Equipment for geological and biological exploration e.g. the epibenthic sledge (EBS):



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Equipment for geological and biological exploration, exploitation and monitoring e.g. video and photo equipment as well as lights for e.g. the scientific equipment carrier (SEC), the video-guided hydraulic grab or the epi-benthic sledge:



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All these tools and systems are built in our workshop and transported to our customers worldwide:



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e.g. to

North America

Canada

USA

Central America: Mexico

South America: Peru

Chile

Brazil



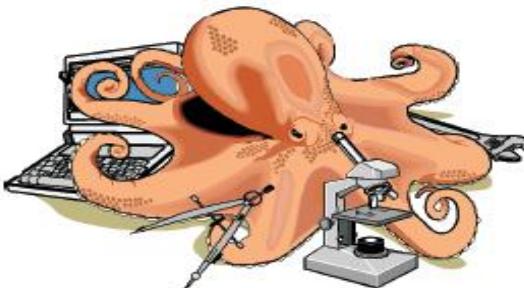
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Thank you very much for your attention.

Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit.

