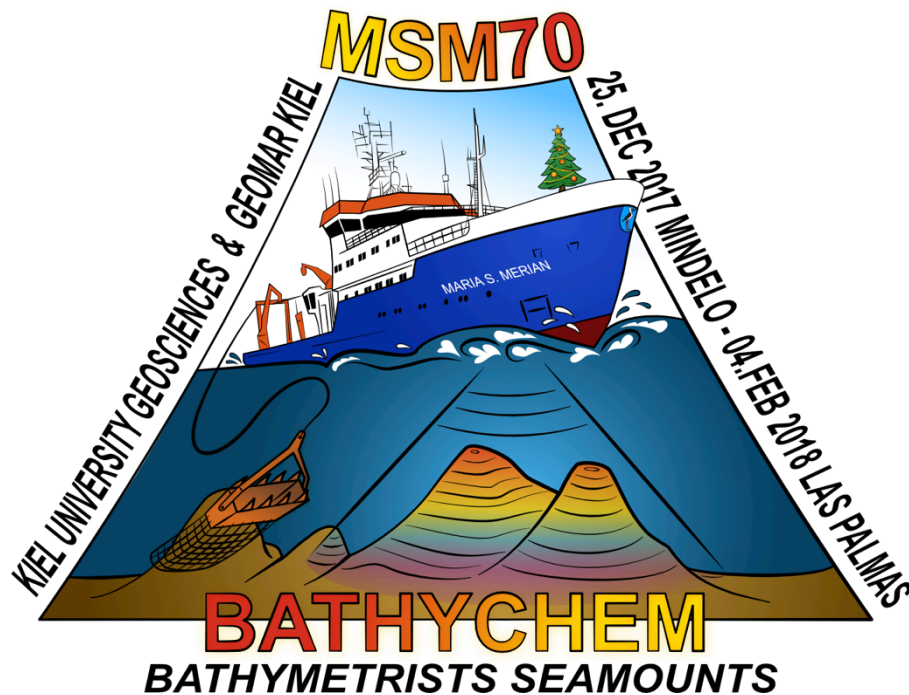


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**The Effect of Intraplate Volcanism on the**  
**Geochemical Evolution of Oceanic Lithosphere:**  
  
**Detailed Mapping and Sampling of the**  
**Bathymetrists Seamounts and Adjacent Fracture Zones**

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## 1 Summary

(F.M. van der Zwan)

Intraplate volcanism, in contrast to mid-ocean-ridge (MOR) oceanic crustal basalts, is formed by low degrees of deep mantle melting and has a unique and distinct major and trace element and isotopic composition. Intraplate magmatism can therefore significantly alter the composition of the lithosphere, but may also trigger local structural changes and fluid flow causing large-scale hydrothermal activity, which would also modify the original composition of the lithosphere. The BATHYCHEM (MSM70, Dec 2017-Febr 2018) cruise aimed to study the effect of the magmatism of the, so far poorly researched, *Bathymetrists and Grimaldi Seamounts* intraplate volcanic province on the Atlantic oceanic plate. The *Bathymetrists Seamounts* were formed on oceanic crust that has a wide range of ages from 30 to >100 Ma and thus has been exposed to variable degrees of seafloor alteration. This project aims at characterizing the structure, age and composition of the *Bathymetrists Seamounts* and adjacent areas to understand their origin and formation mechanism, which will allow a better assessment of how intraplate volcanism modifies the structure and composition of oceanic lithosphere through time. To achieve these aims the MSM70 expedition undertook high-resolution mapping and dense rock sampling of the intraplate *Bathymetrists Seamount Chain* and its corresponding N-bounding fracture zones; *Cape Verde Ridge* and *Kane Gap*. Hydro-acoustic models could be greatly improved to a resolution of 50 m and the position of 40 named and unnamed seamounts could be refined. The bathymetric maps reveal a complicated pattern of emplacement and indicate that most of the seamounts (62%) resemble guyots capped by carbonated platforms. A total of 65 dredge-tows recovered volcanic samples, carbonates, phosphorites, mudstones and manganese crusts and nodules. Volcanic samples from 27 seamounts revealed dense basaltic samples and vesicular volcanoclastic material of mafic origin containing pyroxenes, amphiboles and biotite.

Die Haupt-, Spurenelement und Isotopengeochemie von Intraplattenvulkanismus unterscheidet sich wegen der tiefen und geringeren Aufschmelzgrade stark von Mittelozeanischer Rücken. Dabei beeinflusst Platznahme und Magmatismus von Intraplattenvulkanen die ozeanische Kruste nicht nur lokal sondern führt auch weiträumig zu chemischen und mineralogischen Veränderung der Kruste z.B. durch hydrothermale Zirkulation. Ziel der BATHYCHEM-Expedition (MSM70, Dec 2017-Febr 2018) ist es herauszufinden wie die Entstehung der kaum untersuchten *Bathymetrists* und *Grimaldi Seamounts* die chemische Zusammensetzung der ozeanischen Kruste im Atlantik in unterschiedlichen Stadien der Krustenentwicklung (Krustenalter von 30 bis >100 Ma) beeinflusst hat. In diesem Projekt soll die Struktur, das Alter und die Zusammensetzung der *Bathymetrists Seamount Chain* und angrenzender Gebieten charakterisiert werden um deren Ursprung und Entstehung zu verstehen und die, durch Intraplattenvulkanismus hervorgerufenen, Veränderungen in der Struktur und Zusammensetzung ozeanischer Kruste besser abschätzen zu können. Um diese Ziele zu erreichen wurde während der MSM70 Expedition ein hochauflösendes Kartierprogramm sowie eine detaillierte geologische Beprobung der *Bathymetrists Seamounts* und der nördlich angrenzenden Transformstörungen (*Cape Verde Ridge* und *Kane Gap*) durchgeführt. Die neuen hydroakustischen Modelle verbessern die Auflösung um ein Vielfaches und erreichen eine Pixelgröße von 50 m. Die Position von 40 der *Bathymetrists Seamounts* konnte damit genauer bestimmt werden. Die bathymetrischen Karten zeichnen ein kompliziertes Entstehungsmuster der Vulkane und die meisten der Seamounts (62%) haben eine deutliche Guyot-morphologie, bedeckt mit Karbonatplattformen. Insgesamt 65 Dredgezüge haben vulkanische Gesteine, Karbonate, Phosphorite, Mudstones sowie Mangankrusten und -knollen geborgen. Die Vulkanite von 27 der Seamounts bestehen aus Basalt und vesikulärem, vulkanoklastischen Material mafischer Herkunft, das u.a. Pyroxene, Amphibole und Biotit enthält.

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### 3 Research Programme

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#### 3.1 Scientific Questions and Goals

Main goal of the BATHYCHEM project was to gain more in-depth insights into the origins and ages of the 900 km long, intraplate volcanic province of the Bathymetrists Seamounts Chain, including the Grimaldi Seamounts and their corresponding fault zones to the North, the Cape Verde Ridge and Kane Gap (western Guinea FZ; Fig. 3.1).

Intraplate volcanism, in contrast to mid-ocean-ridge (MOR) oceanic crustal basalts, is formed by low degrees of mantle melting under thick lithosphere and thus has a unique and distinct major element, trace element and isotopic composition. Magmatism associated with the emplacement of this seamount province did not only directly alter the composition of the underlying lithosphere, but the magmatism may have triggered local structural changes and fluid flow causing large-scale hydrothermal activity, which would have modified the original composition of the lithosphere additionally. The formation of the *Bathymetrists Seamounts* may have affected the Atlantic oceanic crust ranging from 30 to >100 Ma in age (Müller et al., 2008), which was thus exposed to variable degrees of seafloor alteration during the evolution of the seafloor. With information on the structure, age and composition of the *Bathymetrists Seamounts* and adjacent areas, we aim to understand their origin and formation mechanism, which will allow a better constrains on how intraplate volcanism modifies the structure, morphology and composition of the oceanic lithosphere through time. Addressing this is important for our understanding of how ocean basins evolve and alter, and for determining the global composition of the oceanic lithosphere (mass budget).

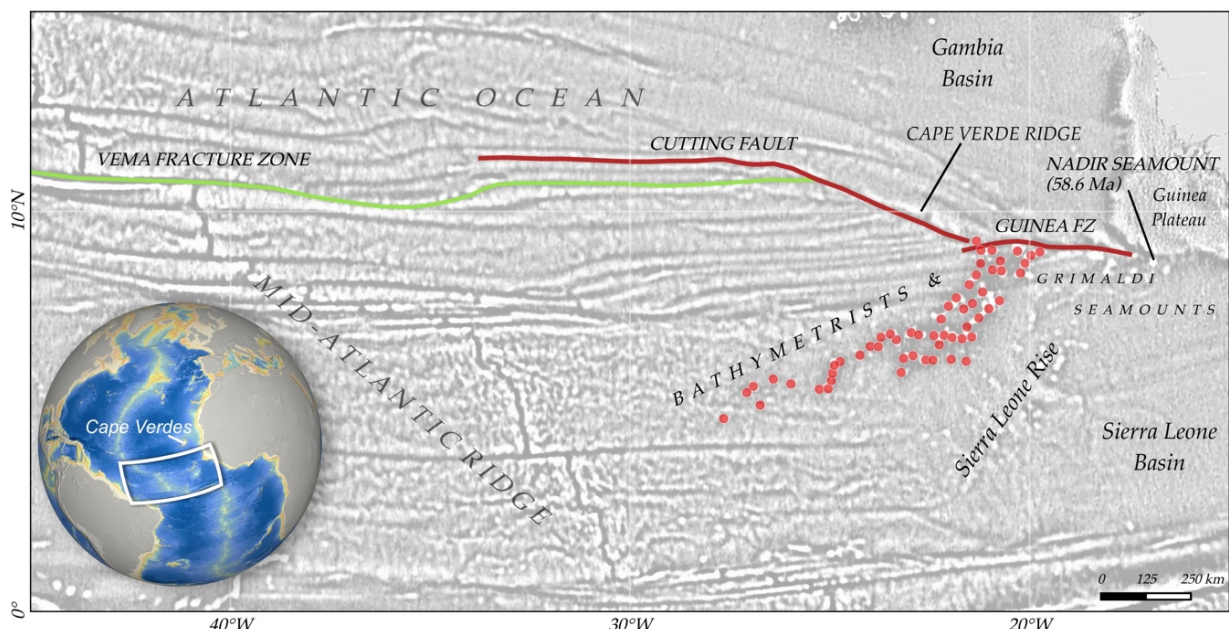


Fig. 3.1 The working area is situated in the eastern central Atlantic, where the Bathymetrists and Grimaldi Seamounts are bordered to the North by the Cape Verde Ridge and Guinea (Kane Gap) Fracture Zones.

The seafloor between the Sierra Leone Basin and the Gambia Basin is dominated by the Sierra Leone Rise and the SW-NE striking Bathymetrists Seamounts (Fig. 3.1). Vertical gravity gradient data (Sandwell et al., 2014) show that the northern parts of the Bathymetrists and Grimaldi Seamounts formed along several E-W striking lineaments, south of the Cape Verde

Ridge and Kane Gap. The junction between Cape Verde Ridge, Bathymetrists Seamounts and Kane Gap has been formed by at least three neotectonic movements between the Oligocene and Holocene together with the formation of the Cape Verde Ridge, second order ridges and some upwelling in the Cape Verde Basin (Skolotnev et al., 2009). Apart from its complicated tectonic setting, little is known about the origin, age and nature of the Bathymetrists Seamounts and their mantle source. Only a few volcanic samples, mostly from the northern seamounts, have been chemically and mineralogically analysed and dated: (a) from Annan and Carter Seamounts, close to the Cape Verde Ridge (Kharin, 1988; Petrova et al., 2010; Skolotnev et al., 2012), and (b) from the Grimaldi Seamounts (Krause Seamount; Peyve and Skolotnev, 2009; Peyve, 2011). Only rare samples from the southern Bathymetrists Seamounts have been analysed (Kharin, 1988; Skolotnev et al., 2017). There are very few geochronological age determinations from this region, ranging from 36-59 Ma, but determined from partially altered rocks and without clear systematics (Kharin, 1988; Jones et al., 1991; Skolotnev et al., 2010). In contrast, transit data from Meteor expedition M116 (Visbeck, 2016) over the Bathymetrists Seamounts revealed indications of potentially younger volcanism (high multibeam backscatter reflectivity and undisturbed volcano morphology) and tectonic influence in the surrounding areas of the seamounts – tectonic influences were also observed in the older parts of the Vema FZ (Sonne SO237; Devey, 2015), indicating that the Bathymetrists Seamounts may potentially still be volcanically and tectonically active.

Two hypotheses have been proposed for the origin and formation of the Bathymetrists and Grimaldi Seamounts: (a) the rising of a deep mantle plume, possibly by bending or a detached offshoot of the Sierra Leone plume (Schilling et al., 1994; Peyve and Skolotnev, 2009), where the spatial positioning of the two seamount chains was determined by local plate tectonics (e.g., Peyve, 2011; Skolotnev et al., 2017), or (b) decompression melting of asthenosphere mafic rocks due to extension along the Cape Verde Ridge and Kane Gap transform faults (Jones et al., 1991; Skolotnev et al., 2012), each having their own effect on the oceanic lithosphere.

To study the Bathymetrists Seamounts we planned an extensive mapping program to generate high-resolution bathymetric maps and a dredge program to sample these seafloor structures. This will be followed by petrological, geochemical and geochronological analyses aiming at deciphering the origin of this sparsely studied volcanic province, and to distinguish between the different formation hypothesis for the Bathymetrists and Grimaldi Seamounts, i.e. if they were formed from a deep plume source or shallower asthenosphere melting. Furthermore, the role of local transform faults intersecting the seamount province will be studied.

Bathymetric maps will help to understand the tectonic interplay at the junction of the Cape Verde Ridge FZ, Kane Gap FZ with the northern part of the Bathymetrists Seamounts and the Grimaldi Seamounts and to answer questions regarding seafloor characteristics and possibly identify areas with younger (Holocene) volcanism. Morphological and tectonic studies on bathymetric data will improve the knowledge of emplacement of intraplate volcanoes and their effects on the surrounding plate, especially in this complicated tectonic environment.

Petrology, mineralogy, major and trace element and isotope (Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf-O) geochemistry together with  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  dating of preserved multi-phase K-rich minerals (to avoid alteration) will be carried out on the recovered rock samples after the expedition. These data will be used to address the following scientific questions and hypotheses:

- 1) The source and origin of the Grimaldi and Bathymetrists Seamount chain
- 2) The age of the Seamounts and their formation mechanism. Is there any young volcanism?
- 3) How is large-scale intraplate volcanism affecting the geochemical budget of oceanic lithosphere of different ages?
- 4) Is there evidence for systematic, long-term (over the life span of the Atlantic Ocean basin) changes in the spreading rate of the plate or temperature and composition of the upper mantle source, e.g., was more continental or plume material present in the MORB source during the early stages of ocean basin formation just after continental?
- 5) How do these parameters relate to crustal thickness and younger volcanism?

### 3.2 Scientific Operations

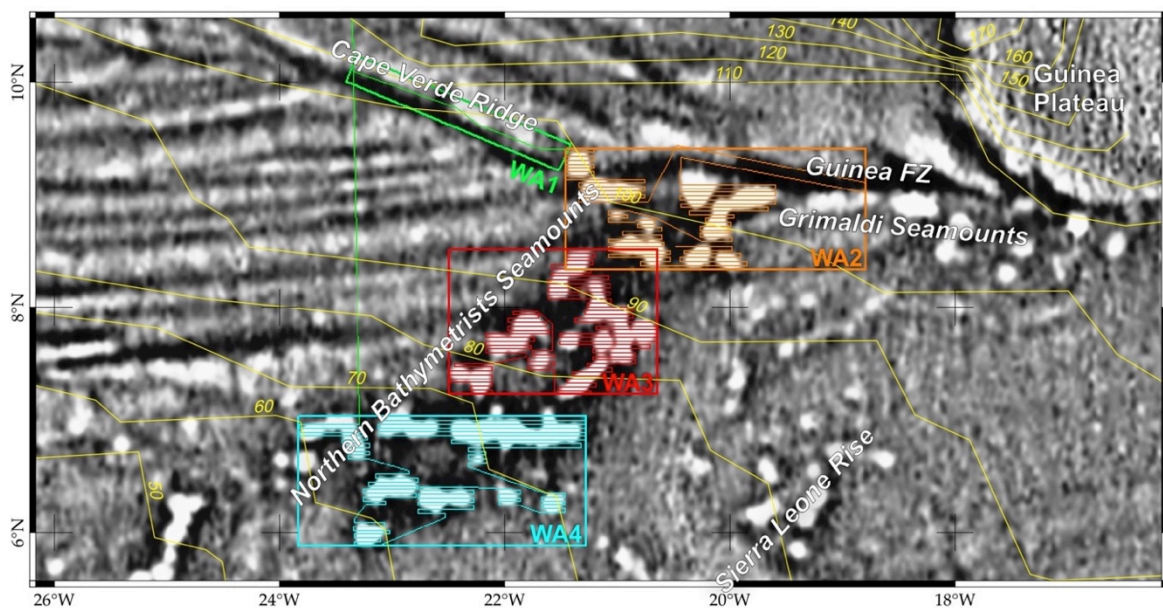


Fig. 3.2 Illustration of the four working areas (WA1-4) on a vertical gravity gradient (VVG) map after Sandwell et al., 2014. Sediment covered fracture zones crossing the northern part of the Bathymetrists Seamounts are well visible in the VVG data.

To achieve the scientific aims described above we planned to combine hydro-acoustic mapping with hard rock sampling by dredges. High-resolution multibeam surveys were used to defining dredge targets and to obtain a bathymetric map for tectonic and structural analysis of the area. The multibeam mapping was carried out with the hull mounted EM122 deep water multibeam echo sounder system provided by Kongsberg Maritime AS and additionally with the shallow-water system EM712 at water depths  $\ll 1000$  m deep. With this system, we could effectively map the working areas and, due to the so-called dual-ping mode and the good weather and sea conditions during expedition MSM70, we could map with relatively high speeds of 10-11 knots with still very good results. Swath mapping of seafloor morphology and seafloor properties was done in real-time enabling a very good identification of dredge targets within shortest time ( $< 15$  min). This enabled us to alternate quickly between mapping and dredging, whenever a good target was indicated and avoided long transit times from and to dredge positions. The hard rock sampling was carried out using heavy chain bag dredges, a highly successful and efficient (low cost and little time-consuming) method for sampling igneous rocks from the seafloor of various depths and age.

Sampling and mapping was planned to be conducted mainly along the Cape Verde Ridge, in the Kane Gap (western Guinea FZ) as well as at the Bathymetrists and Grimaldi Seamounts. We



planned to sample these features with up to 65 dredge stations: 15 dredge stations along the Cape Verde Ridge and the corresponding fault (Working Area 1); 20 dredges in Working Area 2, consisting of Kane Gap, the Grimaldi Seamounts and the northernmost Bathymetrists Seamounts. For Working Areas 3 and 4 (central and southern Bathymetrists seamount chain), we planned 15 dredges each (Fig. 3.2).

Due to less available working days compared to the original proposal, we decided to focus mostly on the Bathymetrists Seamounts, i.e. working areas 2-4. Along the Cape Verde Ridge we reduced mapping to one transect profile. This quickly showed that the transform fault is strongly sedimented and that there were little good dredge targets. Therefore, and due to the time constraints, we reduced the dredges in WA1 to 4 dredges, which returned the necessary samples for comparison to samples of the Bathymetrists Seamounts and gave more time at WA2-4.

Contrary to the original working plan we did not systematically finish the working areas one-by-one. Instead, after completing the most western and eastern targets of WA2, we continued southwards along the eastern side of the central and southern Bathymetrists Seamounts (WA3&4), to return along the western side of these areas before finishing WA2. This saved considerable transit time and ensured a good sampling coverage of all working areas early on in the cruise and the opportunity to focus on more difficult target areas. We completed 4 dredges in WA1, 22 dredges in WA2, also 22 dredges in WA3 and 17 dredges in WA4. Two sound velocity profiles were taken, one with XSV at the beginning of WA1 and a deeper profile with SVP central in the Bathymetrists Seamounts area. As both profiles gave similar results, no more profiles were required. One PARASOUND profile was acquired during the crossing of an east-west striking transform fault, visible in vertical gravity gradient data, to see possible structures in the sediment. The overall rough terrain of the working areas inhibited the acquisition of more or longer PARASOUND profiles.

### 3.3 Measures of Responsible Conduct of Marine Research

The scientific work performed during Expedition MSM70 strictly adhered to the “Maßnahmen im Hinblick auf die Erklärung zu einer verantwortungsvollen Meeresforschung” and the *Code of Conduct for Responsible Marine Research in the Deep Seas and High Seas* of the OSPAR Maritime Area.

Sampling and acoustic measurements were restricted solely to methods and areas being essential to conduct the research outlined above, and the number of sampling stations has been reduced to the necessary minimum. Careful selection of sites for hard rock sampling by dredging allowed us to carry out short dredge tracks (<800 m in length), with resulting high success rates (79%), to minimize the number of dredges and the impact of dredging to the marine habitat.

Acoustic measurements were performed in a way to minimize the impact on marine mammals by activating the mammal protection system of the Kongsberg multibeam echo-sounder. There was no duplication of previous studies, since little samples exist from the vast majority of the proposed study areas thus far and the locations of known samples were verified before dredging.

Our close cooperation with international scientists, organizations, and authorities as well as public domain data bases and web sites will ensure that our activities do not disturb experiments of other scientists. That also ensures the fullest possible use of all samples and data as well as comprehensive data-sharing.

#### 4 Narrative of the Cruise

(F.M. van der Zwan)

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of December three of the thirteen scientific participants boarded MARIA S. MERIAN for the MSM70 cruise in the harbour of Mindelo, Cape Verdes. The other participants were planned to join as well, but were stranded in Lisbon due to cancelled flights due to a sandstorm above the Cape Verdes. An extra flight on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December finally brought the remaining participants, together with a large part of the crew to Sao Vicente and we could leave port with only a small delay compared to the scheduled program at 20:00 the same day, sailing southwards in the direction of the Bathymetrists Seamounts (Fig. 4.1).

The next morning, when we left the EEZ of the Cape Verdes, we started recording hydro-acoustic data during our transit to collect data in the framework of the EU-Project AtlantOS. The petrologists prepared the laboratories and the dredge equipment until we arrived in our first working area in the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup> of December, where we started our scientific work with an XSV profile to obtain the sound velocity of the water column for the bathymetric measurements (Fig. 4.2). This was followed on this and the next day by hydro-acoustic mapping of the Cape Verde Ridge. The mapping was interrupted for four dredge hauls along the Ridge, that we could plan on the almost instantly available bathymetric models of the mapped area and from which one returned ~100 Ma old basalts.

The work on the Bathymetrists Seamounts themselves started midday of the 29<sup>th</sup> with the northwestern-most *Annan Seamount*. This seamount was mapped with the multibeam system together with the first (of many) unnamed seamount in the area. These unnamed seamounts we labelled throughout the expedition with working names BSM (Bathymetrists SeaMount) and succeeding Roman Nr. (e.g. BSM I). After the mapping three dredge positions were selected based on the bathymetric model of the seamount. These dredge hauls were performed the next day and brought back volcanoclastic and phosphorite-crust samples. Sampling of *Annan Seamount* was directly followed on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>th</sup> by the mapping and sampling of the west part of *Carter Seamount*, where manganese crusts were recovered. On the last day of 2017 and the first day of 2018 we had a longer mapping program, finishing the seafloor mapping of



Fig. 4.1 Cruise track of Expedition MSM70, from Mindelo to the working area of the Bathymetrists Seamounts and ending in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

*Carter Seamount* and the first of the Grimaldi Seamounts: *Hirondelle Seamount*, located in the northeastern part of our area. After three dredge hauls the next day at *Hirondelle Seamount*, bringing up volcanoclastic material, we mapped and sampled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January the Kane Gap (including BSM II), which borders the Bathymetrists Seamounts to the North. Here we recovered a full dredge with manganese nodules. The 4<sup>th</sup> till the 6<sup>th</sup> of January we finalized the work at the northeast corner by hydro acoustic mapping and six dredge hauls at the remaining Grimaldi Seamounts: *Prince Albert*, BSM III and *Princesse Alice*, and their neighbour *Whitney Seamount*. We recovered basalts and volcanoclastics, all strongly coated by manganese crusts.

During a short transit on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January to the central Bathymetrists Seamounts, we crossed a deeper transform fault indicated from gravity data. Therefore we recorded here in addition to multibeam data, a PARASOUND profile. In the evening we reached the Central Seamounts, where we started with studying the two middle seamounts *Murchison* and *Cindy Seamounts*. Also here, the seamounts were mapped followed by four dredge tracks. While we could recover some relatively fresh basalts from *Murchison Seamount*, *Cindy Seamount* was more challenging to obtain samples from and only Mn-crusts could be recovered. As *Cindy Seamount* represents also the most central part of our working area, we performed here a sound-velocity profile up to 3,700 m depth, to obtain the sound-velocity over the full water column,

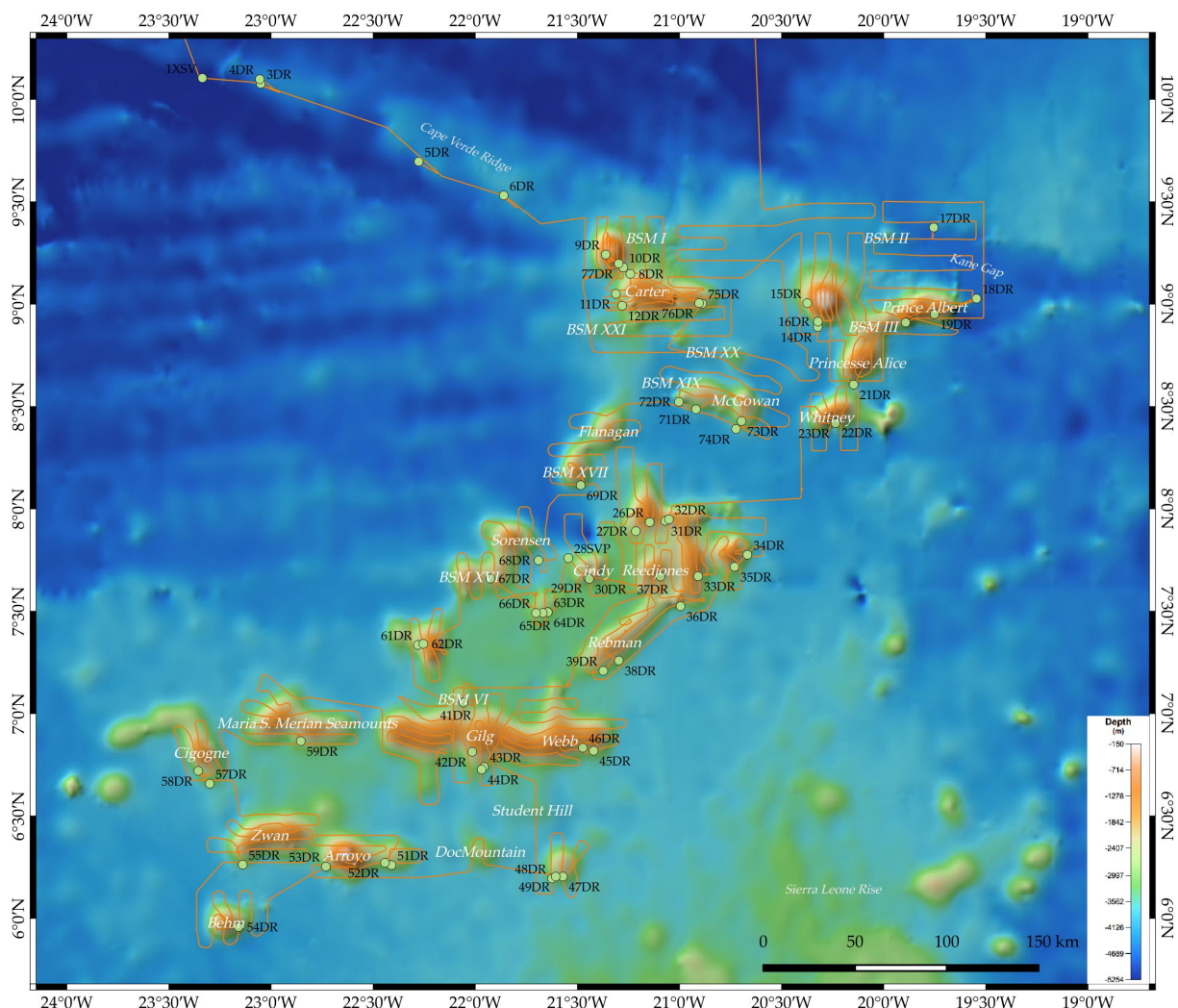


Fig. 4.2 Overview of the working area with the cruise track, seamount names and station locations.

required for accurate multibeam modelling. On the 8<sup>th</sup> in the evening we continued with the eastern group of the central seamounts, consisting of *Reedjones*, BSM IV and V, *Snodgrass* and *Rebmann Seamounts*. In four days we mapped these Seamounts and performed nine dredge-tows, which successfully recovered basalts, volcanoclastics and Mn-crusts.

In the morning of 12<sup>th</sup> of January we began our work in the southern study area of the Bathymetrists seamounts. This area consists of one very large composite-Seamount: *Webb & Gilg Seamount* and multiple smaller solitaire seamounts. Due to the large size of *Webb & Gilg Seamount* ( $\approx 140 \times 50$  km) it took us three days to map and sample the central and eastern part of the seamount. Six dredge hauls recovered volcanoclastic breccias and carbonates. For planning purposes, we afterwards first continued south to the solitaire seamounts BSM VIII, *Arroyo Seamount*, BSM X, BSM XI, BSM XII and BSM XIII-XV. On the 15<sup>th</sup> till the 20<sup>th</sup> of January we mapped and sampled these seamounts, which took a day for each of those. At both BSM VIII and *Arroyo Seamount* we dredged three times; from BSM VIII we collected basalt and volcanoclastics, from *Arroyo Seamount* we recovered in addition also carbonates. One dredge haul at BSM X returned volcanoclastics, while we found basalt at BSM XI. BSM XII was dredged two times returning basalt and volcanoclastic material. At the seamount group BSM XIII-XV we performed one dredged and collected volcanoclastics. The southern group was finished in the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup> of January with the mapping of the western end of *Webb & Gilg Seamount*.

After finishing the southern seamounts, we worked our way back northwards along the western side of the central Bathymetrists Seamounts. *Marchant Seamount* was mapped and basalts and volcanoclastics were sampled by two dredge hauls in the afternoon and night of the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. *Carron Seamount* we mapped on the 22<sup>nd</sup> followed by four dredge hauls. Nevertheless, we could only recover Mn-crusts, similar as at Cindy seamounts, which is just North of it. *Sorensen Seamount* and BSM XVI were mapped on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and *Flanagan Seamount* and BSM XVII the day after. At both Sorensen and BSM XVI seamounts dredging recovered volcanoclastics, while basalts were collected at *Flanagan Seamount*.

The 25<sup>th</sup> of January we worked on the last unmapped Bathymetrists Seamount group – *McGowan Seamount* and BSM XVIII. After mapping we performed three dredge hauls, recovering volcanoclastics, basalts and Mn-crusts. To obtain a good sampling coverage, we finished the dredge program on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January with three more dredges at *Carter* and *Annan Seamounts*, where recovery of volcanic samples in the beginning of the cruise was poor. This time we could recover volcanoclastics, basalts and carbonates with the last successful dredges. We finished our overall working program on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January with mapping of the Kane Gap transform fault north of the Bathymetrists Seamounts. At 16:00 left the working area and started the four days transit towards the port of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

## 5 Preliminary Results

### 5.1 Hydroacoustic Measurements

(N. Augustin, M. Le Saout, A.-C. Wölfl, M. Schade, J.M. Miluch, J.J. Schönberg)

#### 5.1.1 Multibeam Operations

Multibeam bathymetry data were acquired over 40 guyots and seamounts of the Grimaldi and Bathymetrists Seamounts and the transform faults at Cape Verde Ridge and Kane Gap that have been surveyed systematically and in detail during cruise MSM70 for the very first time (Fig. 5.1 and Tables 5.1 and 5.2). The surveyed area of MSM70 covers a total area of 67,580 km<sup>2</sup>, an area comparable to the area of the Benelux countries Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg together.

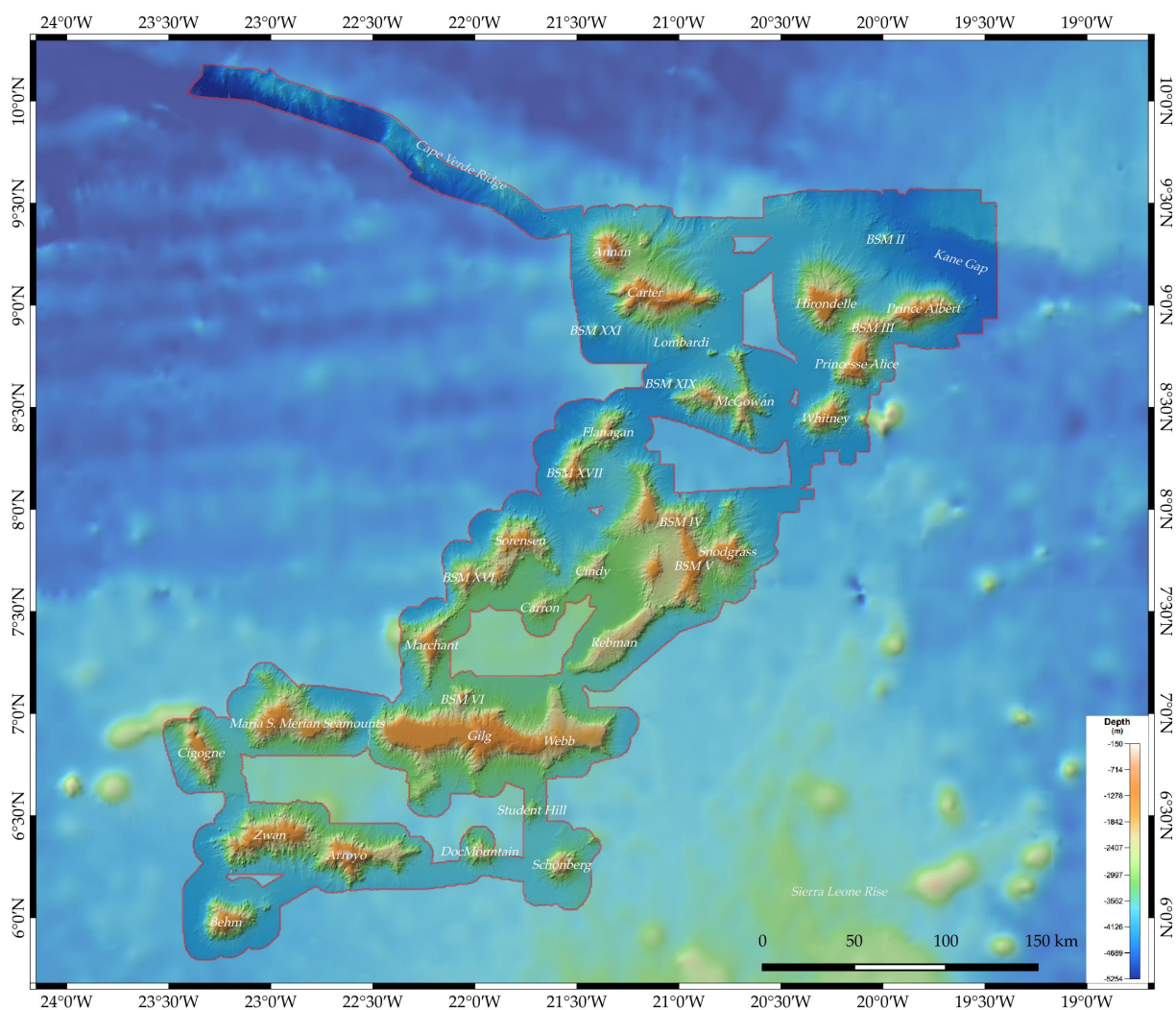


Fig 5.1 Overview of the mapped area during expedition MSM70. Feature names are given after GEBCO/SCUFN, NGA and MSM70 numbering/naming. The significant gain in resolution compared to the low-resolution Sandwell & Smith (2009), version 2014, background data is clearly visible.

Multibeam and backscatter data were acquired using the hull-mounted Kongsberg EM122 12 kHz echo-sounder. Data were collected at variable ping rates depending on water depth with a ship speed of 10-11 kn. The survey speed was relatively high for mapping but required to cover

the large survey area in the available working days. Nevertheless, the good weather conditions and enabled double-swath mode at ping rates never below 0.07-0.08 Hz (4-5 pings per minute) yielded in an along track resolution of 30-40 m. Thus, bathymetric data were gridded at a spatial resolution of 50 m. Backscatter mosaics yielded a resolution of 30 m. Only transit data (along track records) to and from the working area were achieved at a lower resolution. These data were recorded at >12 knots and greater water depths (>4,000 m) and result in grids with a resolution of 100 m per cell (Backscatter 50 m). Beam widths were normally kept between 60° and 65° in typical water depths of 3,500 – 1,000 m, but occasionally increased to 70° in shallower water.

In the shallowest areas of some of the seamounts (<500 m) the Kongsberg EM712 75kHz echo-sounder was additionally used to collect bathymetric data. Although the EM712 can obtain higher resolution for the shallower areas, the quality of the EM122 was very good over the whole range of water depths and this expedition was not focusing on high-resolution bathymetry of the carbonate platforms that cover the tops of many of the seamounts. Therefore, the EM712 data have just been incorporated in the 50 m grids to increase sounding density rather than being processed for higher resolution maps. Only during the survey of the shallowest ( $\approx$ 200 m depth) parts of Annan Seamount (07MB) we discovered graben-like artefacts in the EM122 data that were thus replaced with EM712 data. At Arroyo Seamount, which is comparably shallow as Annan SM, these artefacts did not appear. To reduce the Kongsberg typical near-nadir artefacts known as “Eric’s horn”, that appear on deep pelagic sediments, we consequently set the swath auto tilt on 4° and turned the penetration filter off during the surveys.

Sound velocity profiles (SVP) were taken from with XSV and SVP at the beginning of station work at position 10°12.35’N, 23°22.96’W (Station 01XSV) up to 2,000 m water depth and in the centre of the working area at 7°45.58’N 21° 32.71’W (Station 28SVP) up to 3,750 m water depth, northwest of Cindy Seamount. Station 28SVP shows a few more variations in sound velocity in the upper water column and gives slightly slower sound velocities than the XSV profiles (Fig. 5.2). The differences between the XSV and SVP sound velocity profiles are not significantly and we decided to use the higher resolution and deeper reaching SVP data for the depth correction of soundings in post-processing.

Multibeam data were post-processed, cleaned and gridded using the QPS Qimera and Fledermaus Pro packages. Qimera was used to host the project/survey data and for post-processing, Fledermaus for multibeam data gridding and FMGT for backscatter. GMT was used to close minor gaps in the data by creating interpolated grids with a combination of high- and low-

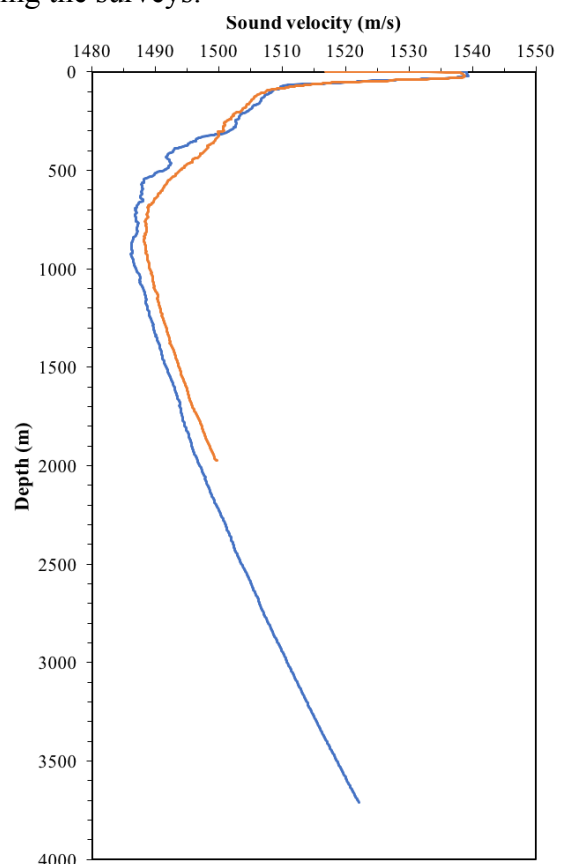


Fig 5.2 Sound velocity profiles obtained during MSM70. XVS profile (MSM70-1XSV, orange) and deeper sound velocity probe (MSM70-28SVP, blue).

resolution grids of the same data. The result was stored at a resolution of 50 m. Also data gaps over the shallowest summit areas of Annan and Arroyo seamounts, that were inaccessible due to fishery activities, have been successfully interpolated with GMT with low-resolution grids.

A  $3\sigma$  filter was applied in FMGT to the backscatter data to emphasize the difference between higher and lower backscattering areas. All the collected data has received a full post-processing and do not require further editing on shore. Thus, the bathymetric data are fully available for research directly after the cruise.

### 5.1.2 Statistics & Preliminary Results

During MSM70 over 67,580 km<sup>2</sup> of the seafloor were surveyed in the working area using the multibeam echo-sounder. The bathymetry and backscatter data were gridded with a resolution of 50 m and 30 m, respectively (Fig. 5.3).

The majority of the data covers the Bathymetrists and Grimaldi Seamounts, more data was collected along the fracture zones (Cape Verde Ridge, Kane Gap) and during transits between the different survey areas (Fig 6.1). A few targets (smaller volcanoes outside the main group) that have been planned earlier were skipped due to the significant reduction of working days (31.5 instead of the 37.5 requested in the original proposal).

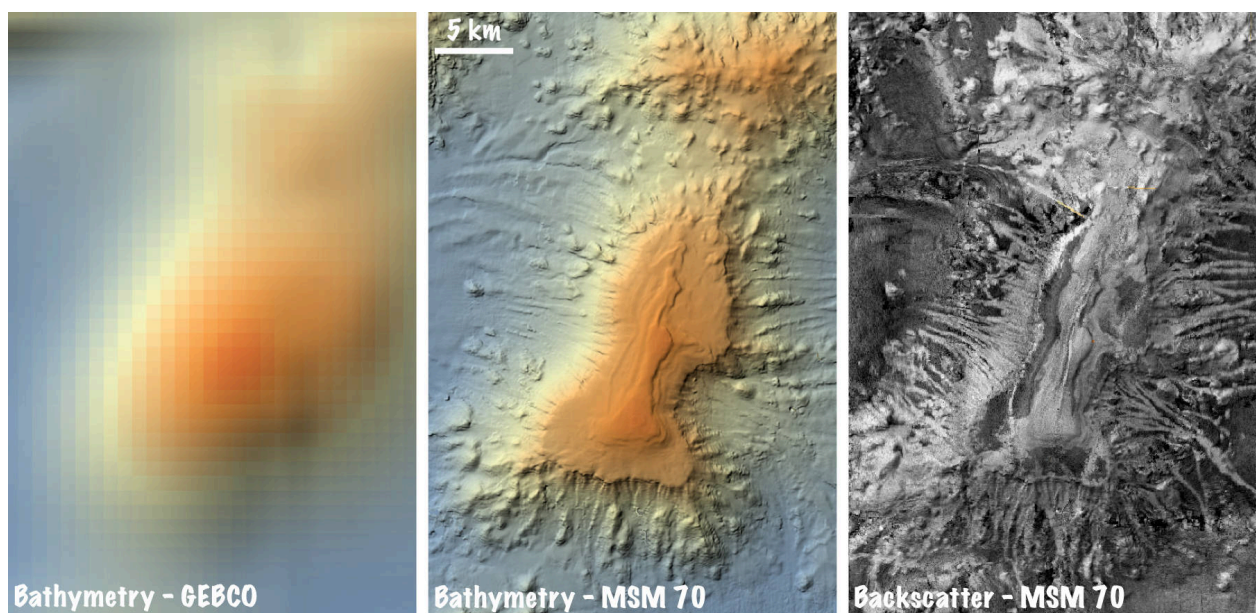


Fig. 5.3 Comparison of the older GEBCO/Sandwell & Smith (2009), version 2014, low-resolution grid to the 50 m bathymetry and 30 m backscatter data of Princesse Alice Seamount (Grimaldi Seamount group, see also Figure 5.1 and Table 5.1.). Where no detail was available in earlier km-scale data, now a huge amount of geomorphological structures, such as the guyot shape, reef/carbonate platforms, steep volcano flanks and land-slides are visible in the bathymetry.

The Cape Verde Ridge was surveyed between 23.3°W and 21.5°W by a single transect along the fracture zone over a distance of 225 km with a width of ~16 km. A second section of the fracture zone (Kane Gap) was surveyed between 19.9°W and 19.5°W (~ 52 km) while imaging a field of manganese nodule evidenced by a high reflectivity in the backscatter data and ground truthed with a dredge (station 17DR). The area of the Bathymetrists and Grimaldi Seamounts

that extend from 23.5° N to 19.4°N and 5.7°W to 10.2°W were mapped for 87 %, with a total of 40 seamounts. The position of named seamounts could be refined (Table 5.1). In addition, many seamounts were unnamed and have been numbered with BSM (Bathymetrists SeaMounts) combined with a roman numbering (BSM I – BSM XXI, see Fig 5.1 and Table 5.2). The bathymetry team aboard MARIA S. MERIAN named some of the larger, newly charted seamounts. They will apply for the official registration of the names *Schönberg Seamount*, *Behm Seamount*, *Zwan Seamount*, *Cigogne Seamount* and *Maria S. Merian Seamounts* (for details see Table 5.2) at the IHO-IOC GEBCO Sub-Committee on Underwater Feature Names (SCUFN)

Table 5.1 List of named undersea features in the Grimaldi and Bathymetrists Seamounts area.

No. <sup>A</sup>	Seamount Name	a.k.a.	GEBCO/SCUFN coordinates <sup>B</sup>		NGA coordinates <sup>C</sup>		MSM70 position		Named after
			Lat	Long	Lat	Long	Lat	Long	
1	Hirondelle Seamount	Krause <sup>1</sup>	9°04'	-20°20'	9°04'	-20°20'	9°00'	-20°17'	research ship belonging to Prince Albert I of Monaco
2	Prince Albert Seamount		8°58'	-19°52'	8°58'	-19°52'	8°58'	-19°50'	Prince Albert I of Monaco
3	Princesse Alice Seamount		8°41'	-20°07'	8°41'	-20°07'	8°42'	-20°08'	research ship belonging to Prince Albert I of Monaco
4	Annan Seamount <sup>2</sup>	-	n.l.	n.l.	n.l.	n.l.	9°16'	-21°20'	Lord Noel Annan, Vice-Chancellor University College, London
5	Arroyo Seamount <sup>3</sup>	Nephrite <sup>3</sup>	n.l.	n.l.	6°15'	-22°40'	6°18'	-22°37'	Rafael Arroyo, Defense Mapping Agency
6	Carron Seamount <sup>4</sup>	-	8°45'	-20°06'	7°32'	-21°41'	7°31'	-21°41'	Dr. Michael Carron, former sci. head USNOO
7	Carter Seamount	Annan <sup>2</sup>	9°03'	-21°14'	8°58'	-21°10'	9°04'	-21°10'	Terence Carter, Defense Mapping Agency
8	Cindy Seamount	-	7°43'	-21°27'	7°40'	-21°25'	7°42'	-21°25'	Cynthia Titus Murchison, Defense Mapping Agency
9	Flanagan Seamount	-	8°22'	-21°18'	8°22'	-21°22'	8°22'	-21°21'	Joseph Flanagan, Defense Mapping Agency
10	Gilg Seamount <sup>5</sup>	-	n.l.	n.l.	6°52'	-21°54'	6°53'	-21°59'	Joseph Gilg, Defense Mapping Agency
11	Lombardi Seamount <sup>4</sup>	-	8°45'	-20°05'	8°50'	-21°00'	8°49'	-21°00'	Leo Lombardi, Defense Mapping Agency
12	Marchant Seamount	-	n.l.	n.l.	7°15'	-22°15'	7°20'	-22°13'	Francis Marchant, Defense Mapping Agency
13	McGowan Seamount	-	8°30'	-20°43'	8°24'	-20°40'	8°32'	-20°41'	Katherine McGowan, Defense Mapping Agency
14	Murchison Seamount	-	7°58'	-21°07'	7°54'	-21°00'	8°00'	-21°09'	Richard Murchison, Defense Mapping Agency
15	Rebman Seamount	-	7°22'	-21°16'	7°17'	-21°24'	7°21'	-21°19'	Jack Rebman, Defense Mapping Agency
16	Reedjones Seamount <sup>6</sup>	-	7°40'	-21°07'	7°34'	-21°05'	7°42'	-21°07'	Charles Reed Jones, Defense Mapping Agency
17	Snodgrass Seamount	-	7°54'	-20°48'	7°50'	-20°44'	7°47'	-20°46'	Laverne Snodgrass, Defense Mapping Agency
18	Sorensen Seamount	-	n.l.	n.l.	7°50'	-21°50'	7°51'	-21°47'	Frederick Sorensen, Defense Mapping Agency
19	Webb Seamount <sup>5</sup>	-	7°00'	-21°39'	7°00'	-21°33'	6°52'	-21°35'	Stephen Webb, Defense Mapping Agency
20	Whitney Seamount <sup>7</sup>	-	9°00'	-21°10'	8°29'	-20°15'	8°27'	-20°17'	Joseph Whitney, Defense Mapping Agency

<sup>A</sup>No. 1-3 belong to the Grimaldi Seamount group. No. 4-20 are the Bathymetrists Seamounts, all (except No 4) were named after a group of US Naval Oceanographic Office (USNOO) employees in the Bathymetry Division who have been working in this area <sup>B</sup>GEBCO (General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans) Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names <sup>C</sup>US BGN Advisory Committee on Undersea Features (ACUF), secondary source for MSM70 feature names <sup>1</sup>Krause Seamount as name for the group in many low resolution maps e.g. Jones et al. (1991), Skolotnev et al. (2012, 2017); Emelyanov et al. (1990) name the group Three Peaked <sup>2</sup>Annan seamount was the former name of Carter and Annan seamounts as they appeared as one structure on older low-resolution maps, a new position of Annan was introduced by Jones et al. (2002) refined after mapping <sup>3</sup>Nephrite seamount is described in Kharin (1988) and Emelyanov et al. (1990) at the position of NGA named Arroyo Seamount; a position given by Skolotnev et al. (2017) is misplaced and collides with the position of NGA named Sorensen Seamount <sup>4</sup>position of Carron as given by GEBCO shows no feature, thus NGA position was used and refined after mapping <sup>5</sup>SCUFN position of Webb seamount points to the eastern part of NGA named Gilg seamount. Since Gilg is a very big structure with two summits we named the eastern summit Webb and the central summit Gilg. The whole structure will be referred as Webb & Gilg Seamount <sup>6</sup>position of NGA is in-between two features and it is not clear which feature is meant, GEBCO position clearly points to a seamount and thus this position was used and refined after mapping <sup>7</sup>position of Whitney seamount given by SCUFN collides with Carter seamount, thus NGA position was used and refined after mapping.

The seamounts mapped are 5 to 139 km in length and 710 to 3930 m in height. The shallowest seamounts (Annan and Arroyo seamounts) reach a minimum depth of about 210 m below sea level and are found on the northern and southern end of the seamount chain. The



seamounts flanks have slopes that vary from  $<10^\circ$  to  $>35^\circ$ . Lower slope angles most likely result from landslides that modified most of the seamount flanks, except for Rebmann Seamount that does not reveal any major landslides and is surrounded by steep flanks.

Most of the seamounts (62%) resemble flat-topped seamounts or guyots (Hess, 1946) capped by carbonated platforms, manganese-iron or phosphorite crusts as has been observed in the Pacific (Schlanger et al., 1987; Jenkyns and Wilson, 1999; Flood, 1999; 2001). Their shape and geological composition indicates that some of the seamounts must have been exposed above the water level for some time, being subject to erosion processes, as well as to shallow water processes at some time since their formation. A gradual subsidence linked to sea level variation in combination with thermal subsidence of the oceanic lithosphere with increasing distance to the mid-ocean ridge could have led to the development of reef structures on their top (Jenkyns and Wilson, 1999). Bathymetric evidence for recent tectonic activity (as observed in the western end of the Vema Fracture Zone during expedition SO237, Devey et al. 2015), could not be found in the study area. Also, high backscatter values are not associated with recent volcanic activity, but instead indicate the occurrence of hard, unsedimented ground, such as manganese and (Mn-coated) phosphorite crusts, that extensively cover all of the sampled (and thus ground-truthed) seamounts.

The bathymetric data reveal a complicated pattern of volcano emplacement and erosion and thus, will be subject of post-cruise geomorphological studies in Kiel. Therefore, a detailed discussion is subject of further studies that will be published in appropriate international journals. The geomorphological analyses will, together with petrological and geochemical results, resolve answers regarding questions about the tectonic interplay between the oceanic crust and volcano growth, the timing on volcano emplacement and the relationship of the Bathymetrists Seamounts to the Sierra Leone rise.

Table 5.2 List of numbered/named seafloor features in the Grimaldi and Bathymetrists Seamounts area that were newly mapped during expedition MSM70.

MSM70 number	Seamount Name proposed at SCUFN		Lat	Long	Named after
BSM I		E of Annan	9°19'	-21°10'	
BSM II		NE of Hironnelle at Kane Gap	9°19'	-19°59'	
BSM III		between Pr. Albert and Pr. Alice	8°53'	-20°04'	
BSM IV		E of Murchison	7°57'	-21°00'	
BSM V		between Reedjones and Snodgrass	7°45'	-20°56'	
BSM VI		close N of Webb & Gilg Seamount	7°04'	-22°04'	
BSM VII		S of Webb & Gilg Seamount	6°32'	-21°43'	
BSM VIII	Schönberg Seamount	S of Webb & Gilg Seamount	6°15'	-21°35'	Dr. Dieter Garbe-Schönberg; marine reseacher and principle investigator of expedition MSM70
BSM IX		S of Webb & Gilg Seamount	6°19'	-21°58'	
BSM X	Behm Seamount	SW of Arroyo Seamount	5°59'	-23°14'	Alexander Behm (1880-1952), German inventor that was granted the German patent No. 282009 for the invention of echo sounding in 1913
BSM XI	Zwan Seamount	W of Arroyo Seamount	6°49'	-23°20'	Dr. Froukje M. van der Zwan; marine reseacher, PI and Chief Scientist MSM70
BSM XII	Cigogne Seamount	NW of BSM XI (Zwan Seamount)	6°50'	-23°21'	french Stork, heraldic animal in the coat-of-arms of the German research vessel Maria S. Merian that mapped the Bathymetrists Seamounts during expedition MSM70
BSM XIII	Maria S. Merian Seamounts	one of a group of 3 mounts E of Webb & Gilg seamount	6°58'	-22°58'	German research vessel that firstly charted the majority of the Bathymetrists Seamounts in high resolution
BSM XIV		one of a group of 3 mounts E of Webb & Gilg seamount	6°55'	-22°48'	
BSM XV		one of a group of 3 mounts E of Webb & Gilg seamount	6°56'	-22°40'	
BSM XVI		SW of Sorensen Seamount	7°40'	-22°02'	
BSM XVII		SW of Flanagan Seamount	8°11'	-21°31'	
BSM XVIII		W of McGowan	8°33'	-20°41'	
BSM XVII		W of McGowan	8°37'	-21°02'	
BSM XX		Between Lombardi and McGowan Seamount	8°46'	-20°50'	
BSM XXI		SW of Carter Seamount	8°53'	-21°25'	

### 5.1.3 PARASOUND

PARASOUND data was acquired using an ATLAS PARASOUND P70 Deep-Sea Parametric Sub-Bottom Profiler. This equipment allows to penetrate sediments up to 200 m deep, using 0.5 - 0.6 kHz wave frequency. One survey was performed on a transit between Whitney and Murchison Seamounts (Fig. 5.4). Its target was to collect data on a short transect crossing a Fracture Zone south of Whitney SM that is visible in vertical gravity gradient data (Sandwell et al., 2014) to obtain insights into the sedimentary structures. The PARASOUND profile was 13 nautical miles long, mapped at the speed of 12 knots. The collected data (SEGY, PS3) will be processed and interpreted after the MSM70 cruise and thus no detailed discussion can be given here.

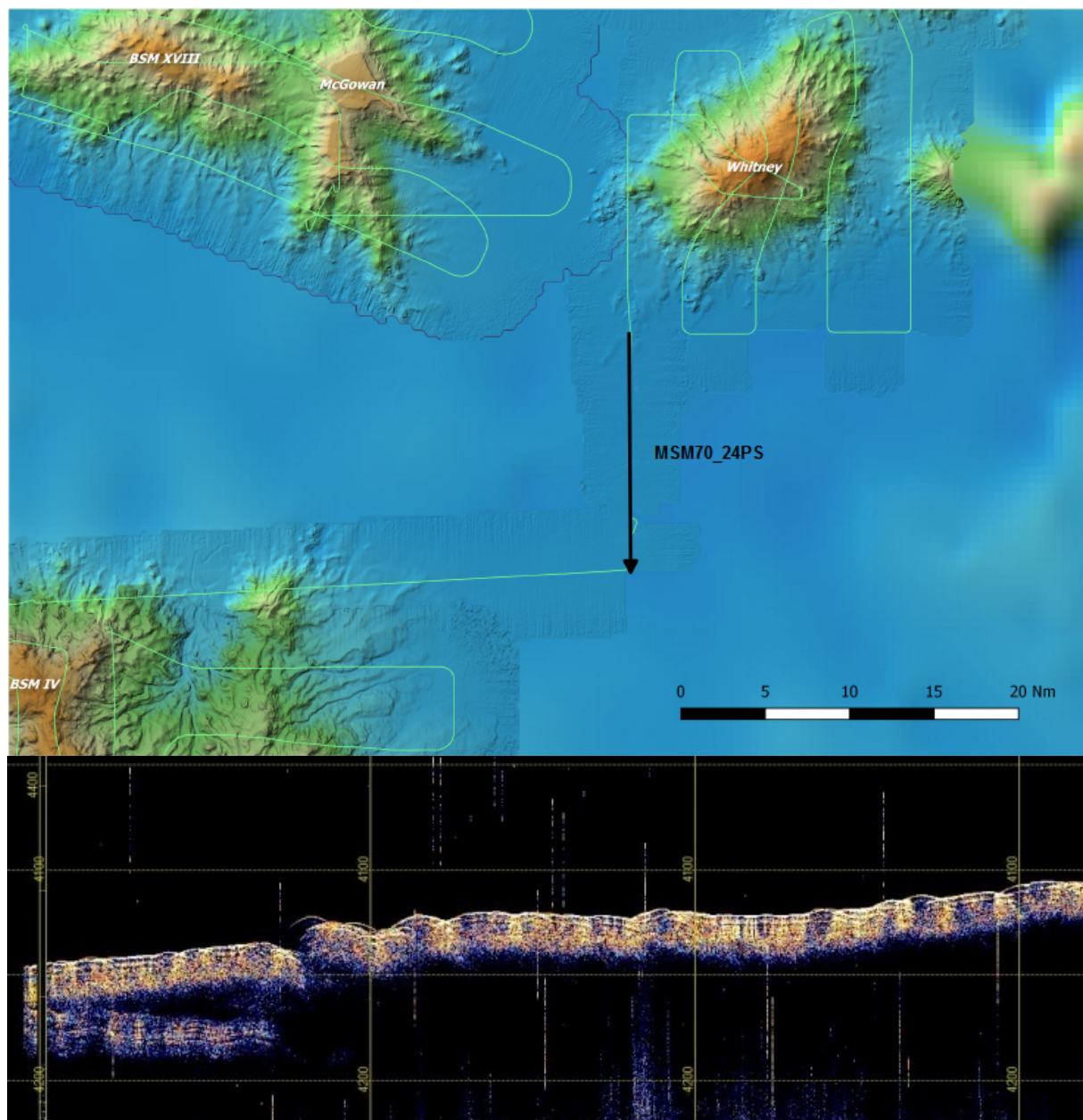


Fig 5.4 Location of MSM70\_24PS profile and unprocessed profile image (for illustration purpose).

## 5.2 Seafloor Sampling

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### 5.2.1 Previous sample situation

The sampling situation of the Bathymetrists Seamounts research area is poor and little extensive data is available. Dredging operations and grabs are limited in quantity and were carried out only in the northern and southern parts of the area (Fig. 5.5) during expeditions by the *R.S.S. Shackleton* and *Darwin* (Jones et al. 1991, Jones et al. 2002), the 7<sup>th</sup> cruise of the *R/V Professor Shtokman* (Emelyanov et al. 1990), the 23<sup>rd</sup> cruise of the *R/V Akademik Nikolaj Strakhov* (Petrova et al. 2010) and the 43<sup>rd</sup> cruise of the *R/V Akademik Ioffe* (Skolotnev et al. 2017).

In the North, Carter Seamount was sampled most thoroughly by four one-tonne clam grabs and by one dredge haul, all located on the central part of the mount. The collected samples consist of phosphorites in varying states of alteration, mostly formed by the modification of reef limestones, and are generally covered in ferromanganese crusts (Jones et al. 2002). Volcanic samples from Carter Seamount give U-Pb zircon ages of 57-58 Ma (Skolotnev et al., 2010). Further dredges were pulled along the south-east flank of the neighbouring Annan Seamount that recovered variously sized samples of volcanites, tuff breccias, tuffs, limestones and breccias, all of which are covered with Fe-Mn crusts of up to 5 cm thick (Petrova et al. 2010). K-Ar rock dating of samples from Annan Seamount gives ages of 36 – 43 Ma old, however, samples are considerably altered (Kharin, 1988).

Further to the east, grabs from the western part of the plateau of Hironnelle Seamount recovered phosphorites similar to the ones from Carter Seamount (Jones et al. 2002). A dredge from the southeastern flank of Prince Albert Seamount, which lies east of Hironnelle, recovered mostly igneous material and pieces of breccia. The igneous rocks contain phenocrysts of Ca-rich pyroxene, Ti-rich amphibole and mica and have a lack of feldspar and olivine (Jones et al. 1991). A representative whole rock analysis (e.g. Sample S-1224-4) give lamprophyric compositions containing 37% SiO<sub>2</sub>, 14% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 14% FeO\*, 6% MgO and 15% CaO (rounded oxide proportions). Whole rock dating (K-Ar) of samples from Prince Albert Seamount give ages between 5.4 ± 0.3 and 14.5 ± 0.5 Ma, but whole rock dating quality is poor due to advanced alteration of the material (Jones et al. 1991). Mineral dating from lamprophyre breccia give Miocene ages (53.3 ± 1.5 Ma for Biotite, 55.4 ± 1.2 Ma for Amphibole and 54.5 ± 1.8 Ma for Pyroxene).

In the southern part of the working area, sample locations are concentrated on the central plateau and the western flank of Webb & Gilg Seamount. Additionally, a single dredge was pulled along the southeastern flank of Cigogne Seamount and two dredges along the Northern and southern flanks of Arroyo Seamount. Grabs from the plateau of Webb & Gilg Seamount hauled phosphorites similar in composition to the samples from the Northern Seamounts (Jones et al. 2002). Carbonates on top of these volcanoes have an age of 40-46 Ma (Skolotnev et al., 2017). From the slopes of Cigogne Seamount, dredges collected material consisting of volcanic breccia, limestone and Fe-Mn crusts (Skolotnev et al. 2017). The whole rock compositions of the igneous samples are comparable to the samples of Jones et al. (1991). The hauls from Arroyo (Nephrite) Seamount recovered phosphorites, crusts, tuffs and basalts (Kharin, 1988; Emelyanov

et al. 1991). Whole rock analyses of the igneous rocks are of trachytic composition containing significant higher SiO<sub>2</sub> contents. K-Ar ages of these samples indicate ages of 36-43 million years old (Kharin, 1988).

### 5.2.2 Dredge Operations

With a total of 65 deployed dredges, all of the bigger volcanoes of the Bathymetrists Seamounts were sampled during the MSM70 expedition as well as some smaller structures (Fig. 5.5). Since some early, shallow (<2000 m depth) dredges retrieved mostly carbonates and phosphorites, the latter dredges were deployed to depths around 3000 m onto slopes of 25 to 35 degrees for an average distance of 750-800 m. A total of 38 dredges collected mainly basalts or volcanoclastics; other recovered lithologies are carbonates, phosphorites, mudstones, as well as manganese crusts and nodules (Table 5.3, Fig. 5.6). Detailed sample descriptions can be found in the Appendix.

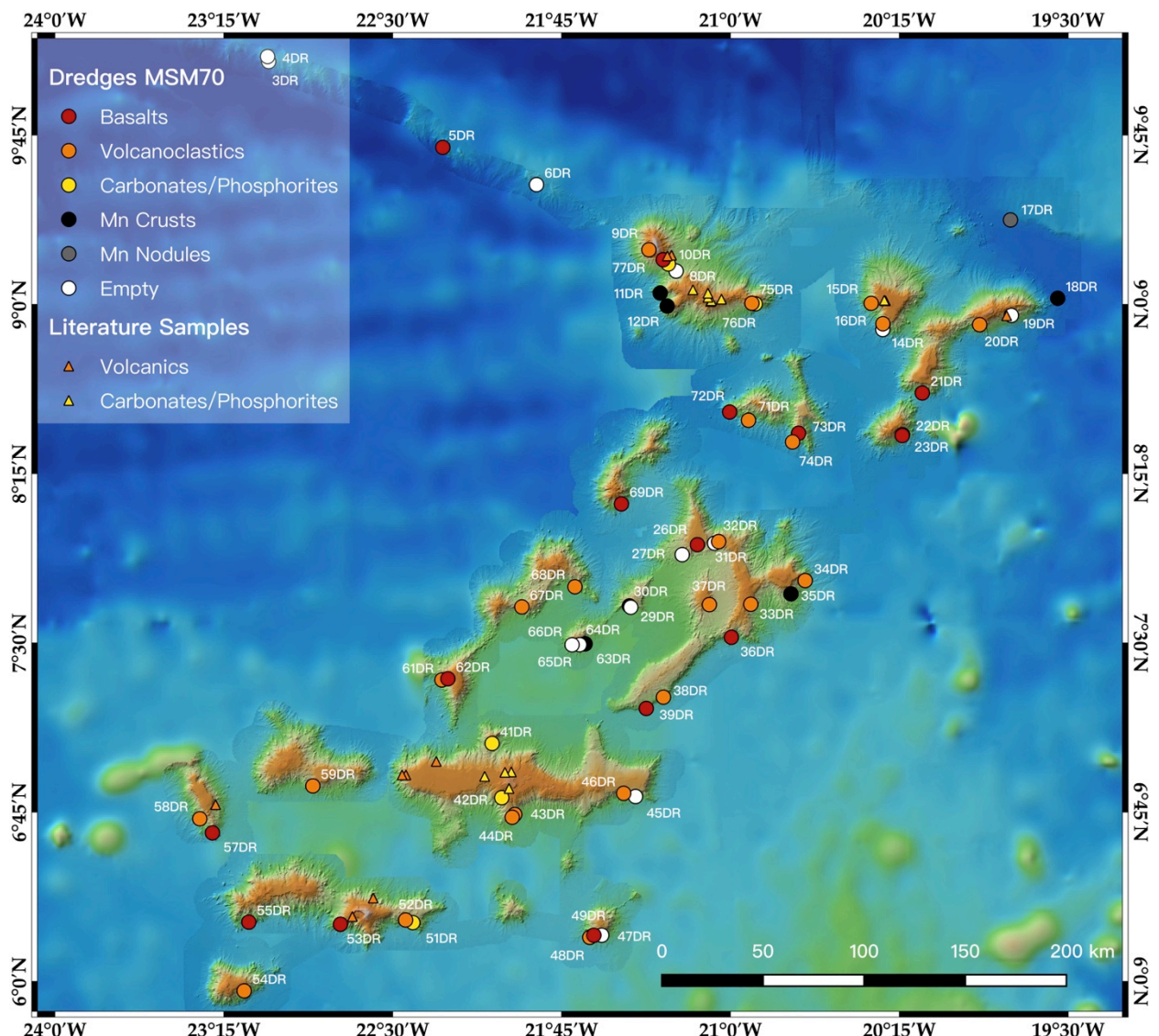


Fig. 5.5 Overview of dredge stations and the main lithology dredged together with the locations of previous samples from the Bathymetrists Seamounts.

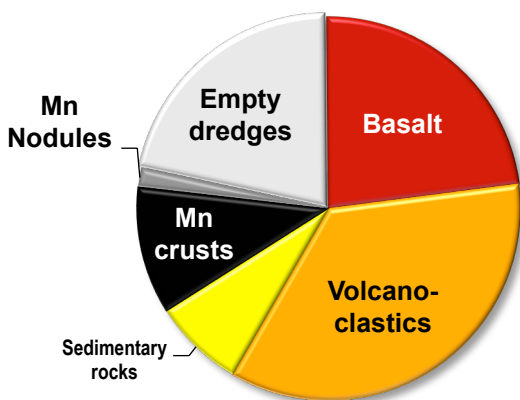
Table 5.3 Dredge statistics.

Total dredge time	181 hours 49 minutes (approx. 7 days 14 hours)		
Average dredge time	2 hours 47 minutes		
Overall success rate dredges (samples recovered)	78,5%		
Dredges which included volcanic samples (volcanoclastics or basalts)	65%		
Average depth dredges	Approximately 2780 m		
Main lithologies dredged		<b>Absolute</b>	<b>%</b>
	Basalt	15	23.1
	Volcanoclastics	23	35.4
	Carbonate-Phosphorite	5	7.7
	Manganese crusts	7	10.8
	Nodules	1	1.5
	Empty (sediments in traps)	14	21.5
Preservation of volcanic samples	Excellent*	9	21.4
	Good	13	31.0
	Moderate	12	28.6
	Poor	8	19.1

\* Excellent preservation means only little alteration (<10%); poor means completely altered.

**Dredge statistics**

main lithologies dredged



**Volcanic rock statistics**

preservation of samples



Fig. 5.6 Dredge statistics showing the amounts of the main lithologies dredged and the preservation of the volcanic samples.

### 5.2.3 *Volcanic Rock Samples*

The volcanic samples recovered during MSM70 have various macroscopic appearances, ranging from dense phyric basalts (e.g. 21DR from Princess Alice; 39DR from Rebmann Fig. 5.7a,b) to vesicular samples (e.g. 69DR from BSM XVII, Fig. 5.7c) or amygdaloidal (e.g. 15DR from Hironnelle seamount; Fig. 5.7d) and aphyric basalt fragments (e.g. 32DR from Murchison seamount) to volcanoclastic breccias (e.g. 9DR from Annan seamount; Fig. 5.7e,f), though mixed appearances occur as well in single dredges (e.g. 62DR from Marchant seamount). Therefore, the types of samples recovered seem not directly related to the location of the samples. Most of the volcanic samples show manganese encrustations varying from 1 mm up to 8 cm in thickness (Fig. 5.7b,e). The overall degree of alteration varies from (almost) fresh basalts (<10 % of alteration) with a grey to dark-grey matrix colour to heavily altered basalts (maximum up to 80 % of alteration) where the matrix colour ranges from beige (light brown) to brown (e.g. 15DR Hironnelle seamount, fig. 5.7d). Volcanic samples from BSM XVII (69DR; Fig. 5.7c) appear different and display a grey matrix colour with elongated vesicles as flow textures, at which some of them are filled with white minerals (zeolite or phosphorite?). A higher silica content is inferred from the lighter grey colour of the groundmass compared to the basalts.

Most basaltic samples show little vesicularity with maxima of 50-60 % (e.g. 77DR from Annan seamount), but mostly less than 5 %. Primary minerals are largely pyroxene, amphibole and plagioclase, olivines are merely observed in basaltic samples from several dredges, including samples from 26DR at Murchison seamount and 62DR at Marchant seamount (Fig. 5.7g,h), and possibly from 5DR at the Cape Verde Ridge. In addition, rusted pseudomorphs are observed in many of the basaltic samples (e.g. 21DR from Princess Alice, see Fig. 5.7a), indicating former ferromagnesian minerals such as olivines and clinopyroxenes. As secondary minerals zeolites, Fe-oxyhydroxides and manganese were observed.

The samples recovered during MSM70 can be subdivided in different categories of volcanic rocks: in the denser basalt blocks/lavas and in the volcanoclastic breccias with pebbles (usually <10 cm and rounded) of mafic composition (Fig. 5.5). Although all samples show some degree of alteration, there are variations in the amounts and the samples can be further subdivided (Fig. 5.8). The freshness of the rocks ranges from relatively fresh basalts (excellent in Fig. 5.8; e.g. 21DR from Princess Alice (Fig. 5.7a), 23DR from Whitney, 26DR from Murchison, 36DR from BSM V, 39DR from Rebmann (Fig. 5.7b), 62DR from Marchant (Fig. 5.7g), 69DR from BSM XVII (Fig. 5.7c), 73DR from McGowan) and fresh volcanoclasts (e.g. 46DR from Webb and Gilg), to basalts (e.g. 5DR from Guinea Fracture Zone, 53DR from Arroyo, 55DR from Zwan, 57DR from Cigogne) and volcanoclasts with moderate to good freshness (good in Fig. 5.8 e.g. 16D from Hironnelle, 32DR from Murchison, 38DR from Rebmann, 48DR from Schoenberg, 54DR from Behm, 61DR from Marchant, 67DR from BSM XVI, 76DR from Carter E branch), to moderately altered basalts (e.g. 49DR from Schoenberg, 77DR from Annan, 72DR from Carter) and moderately altered volcanoclasts (moderate in Fig. 5.8; e.g. 9DR from Annan, 20DR from Prince Albert, 37DR from Reedjones, 43DR from Gilg, 52DR from Arroyo, 59DR from Maria S. Merian, 68DR from Sorensen) to very altered volcanic samples (poor in Fig. 5.8). In conclusion, we could recover volcanic samples of most of Bathymetrists Seamounts, and 19 out of 25 sampled seamounts from the Bathymetrists seamount group resulted in appropriate (good or excellent in Fig. 5.8) volcanic rock samples for post-cruise geochemical analyses. From other

seamounts including Prince Albert, Reedjones, Maria S. Merian, BSM XVIII and Sorensen we could only recover moderately altered volcanic rocks, while from Snodgrass, Cindy and Carron Seamounts very altered or no volcanic samples were collected.



Fig. 5.7 Typical examples of dredged volcanic samples. a) and b) dense plagioclase and/or pyroxene phyric basalt coated by manganese crust. c) trachytic vesicular sample. d) amygdaloidal basalt sample. e) and f) volcanoclastic breccia with mafic rock

fragments and amphibole, pyroxene and biotite, coated by manganese crust. g) and h) olivine phyric basalt samples.

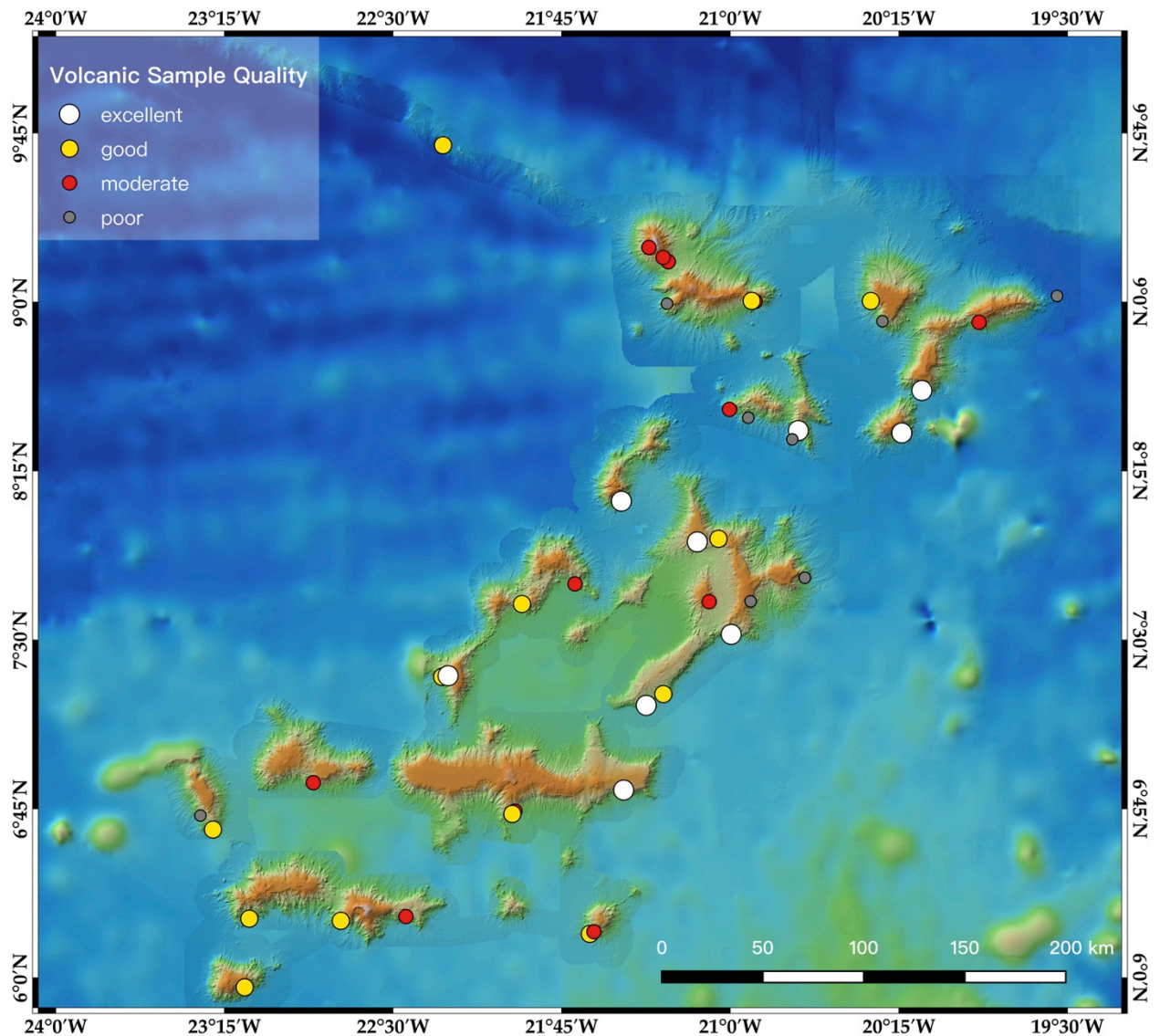


Fig. 5.8 Overview map showing the quality of the dredged volcanic samples. From 19 of the 25 sampled seamounts samples of good to excellent quality were recovered.

#### 5.2.4 *Sedimentary Rock Samples*

Sedimentary rocks are ubiquitous in the study area and are typically biogenic, ranging from phosphorites to limestones with varying degrees of alteration with some rare occurrence of clastic rocks such as claystones and mudstones. Large quantities of cobble-sized manganese nodules (Fig. 5.9a) were also recovered along the Kane Gap north of Hirondele and Prince Albert seamounts.

Manganese formation and encrustation is pervasive over all samples. Manganese crusts vary in thickness from partial encrustation with less than 1 mm thickness to 10 cm thickness for older boulders (Fig. 5.9b). Manganese accumulation in the sedimentary matrix is much more pronounced at the rims and pore spaces such as burrows due to the available space and greater exposure to seawater.



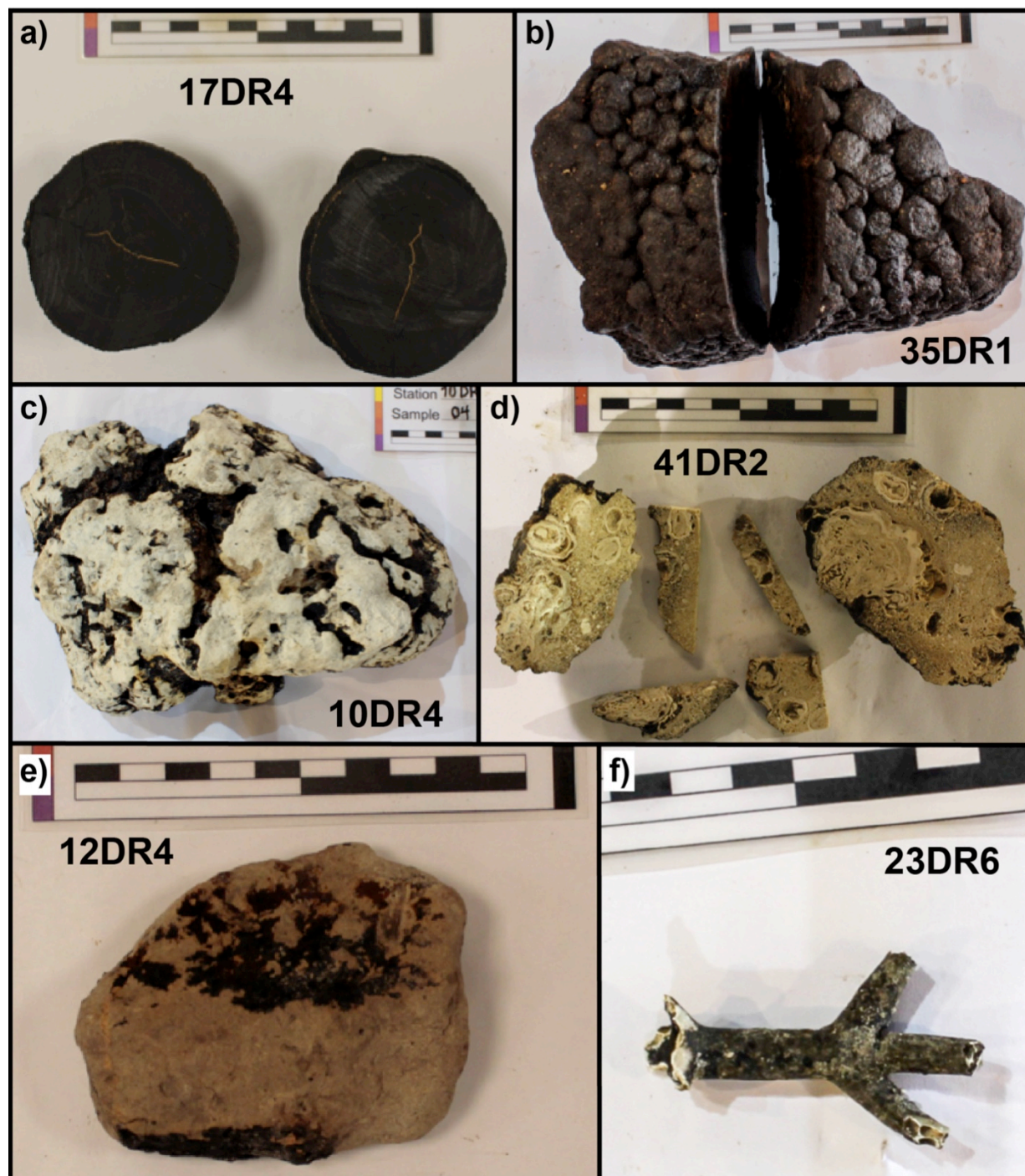


Fig. 5.9 Examples of dredged sedimentary rocks. a) 8 cm manganese nodule split in half to expose the core and growth rings. b) Manganese crust, 8 cm thick with nodular surface and layered interior. c) Coral fully replaced by phosphorites. d) Limestone classified as a grainstone according to the Dunham classification. Coral and shell fragments as well as foraminifera are present. Lime-mud is absent in the pore spaces. e) Brown mudstone with no manganese alteration and limited encrustation. f) younger coral fragment.

Phosphorites are the main matrix and/or cement component for the sedimentary rocks. The colour ranges from white, yellow, yellow-green and brown depending on the degree of alteration. Small black grains of manganese can also occur throughout the entire sample especially near the rim and open pore spaces. The matrix is usually soft but some larger samples

with less-altered inner cores tend to be more indurated. Phosphorites can occur as a secondary mineral replacing carbonates such as coral fragments and lime mud (Fig. 5.9c) as proposed by Jones et al., 2002.

Limestones are mainly limited to the shallower dredges (<2200m depth) and occur as fine-grained mudstones, matrix supported wackestones, and grain supported packstones and grainstones (Fig. 5.9d). They are typically white to beige and are comprised of foraminifera, coral and shell fragments, with lime mud as matrix. Some carbonate-bearing phosphorites and clastic breccias can occur at deeper depths where larger grains of carbonate fragments and foraminifera are present and phosphorite-replacement and/or carbonate dissolution is incomplete.

Clastic sedimentary rocks are represented by light brown to brown soft claystones and mudstones which are recovered along with phosphorites during some dredges (Fig. 5.9e). They behave similarly to the phosphorites in terms of manganese alteration where greater exposure to seawater circulation exacerbates secondary manganese formation. Isolated occurrences of younger coral branch fragments and sponges were sometimes recovered by dredges up to depths of 3000 m (Fig. 5.9f).

## 6 Station List

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Total: 78

Station abbreviations: DR = Chainbag dredge (Kettensack Dredge); MB = Multibeam survey; XSV = Expandable Sound Velocimeter; PS = Parasound; SVP = Sound Velocity Profiler

Station	Station Area	Gear	Latitude (°N)/ Longitude (°W)	Date/ Time (UTC) Start/End	Depth (m)	Comments
MSM70_1	Cape Verde Ridge	XSV	10°12.35'/023°22.96' To 10°11.49'/023°22.96'	28.12.2017 07:25 07:32	4827	Sound velocity profile till 2000 m depth
MSM70_2		MB		28.12.2017 08:05 29.12.2017 14:23		Multibeam survey of a single profile along the Cape Verde Ridge in eastern direction
MSM70_3	Guinea Fracture Zone	DR	10°04.44'/23°03.19' To 10°04.73'/23°02.92'	28.12.2017 11:33 14:45	4442- 4333	Empty (sediments in traps)
MSM70_4	Guinea Fracture Zone	DR	10°05.78'/23°03.51' To 10°06.05'/23°03.18'	28.12.2017 15:11 18:24	4348- 4215	Empty (sediments in traps)
MSM70_5	Guinea Fracture Zone	DR	09°41.60'/022°16.74' To 09°41.94'/022°16.58'	29.12.2017 01:17 04:29	3880- 3546	17 samples taken fine and coarse-grained Basalt; volcanic Breccia and biogenic sedimentary rock
MSM70_6	Guinea Fracture Zone	DR	09°31.68'/021°51.79' To 09°32.03'/021°51.55'	29.12.2017 08:34 11:40	3942- 3653	Empty (sediments in traps)
MSM70_7		MB		29.12.2017 14:37 01.01.2018 04:39		Multibeam survey of Seamounts Annan, Carter, Lombardi
MSM70_8	Annan Seamount; Carter Seamount	DR	09°08.79'/021°14.60' To 09°08.94'/021°14.35'	30.12.2017 13:07 15:28	2745- 2468	Empty (sediments in traps)
MSM70_9	Annan Seamount	DR	09°14.53'/021°21.73' To 09°14.54'/021°21.71'	30.12.2017 16:28 18:31	1221- 1205	6 samples taken Breccia, Mn crust, one piece of aphyric basalt
MSM70_10	Annan Seamount	DR	09°10.61'/021°16.67' To 09°10.90'/021°16.44'	30.12.2017 19:35 22:09	2619- 2297	7 samples taken + reserve Breccia, Mn crust, sedimentary rock, 1 piece of basalt
MSM70_11	Carter Seamount; Western Branch	DR	09°02.84'/021°18.83' To 09°03.22'/021°18.61'	31.12.2017 07:20 10:25	3379- 2963	4 samples taken Breccia, Phosphorites
MSM70_12	Carter Seamount; southwestern Branch	DR	08°59.38'/021°16.93' To 08°59.76'/021°16.80'	31.12.2017 11:16 14:14	2751- 2449	6 samples taken Mn crust with light-coloured soft sediments (mudstones)
MSM70_13		MB		01.01.2018 11:26 06.01.2018 07:51		Multibeam survey of Grimaldi Seamounts (Prince Albert, Hironnelle, Princesse Alice), Whitney Seamounts and east side of Kane Gap
MSM70_14	Hironnelle Seamount	DR	08°53.13'/020°19.45' To 08°53.53'/020°19.38'	02.01.2018 00:38 03:30	3389- 2999	Empty (sediment in traps)
MSM70_15	Hironnelle Seamount	DR	09°00.10'/020°22.54' To 09°00.49'/020°22.45'	02.01.2018 04:15 06:38	2508- 2098	9 samples taken Large manganese crusts, amygdaloidal basalt, breccia, limestone
MSM70_16	Hironnelle Seamount	DR	08°54.68'/020°19.39' To 08°55.07'/020°19.37'	02.01.2018 07:34 10:09	2930- 2592	5 samples taken Breccia
MSM70_17	Guinea Fracture Zone	DR	09°22.16'/019°45.55' To 09°22.77'/019°45.19'	03.01.2018 12:32 16:24	4464- 4329	6 samples taken Mn crust and Manganese nodules
MSM70_18	Single cone east of Prince Albert	DR	09°01.43'/019°32.83' To 09°01.85'/019°32.75'	04.01.2018 11:38 15:11	4432- 4023	5 samples taken + reserve Manganese crust, breccia
MSM70_19	Prince Albert Seamount	DR	08°56.88'/019°45.19' To 08°57.29'/019°45.08'	04.01.2018 16:42 19:21	2560- 2125	Empty (sediment in traps)

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MSM70_20	Prince Albert Seamount	DR	08°54.43'/019°53.65' To 08°54.82'/019°53.55'	04.01.2018 21:57 05.01.2018 00:20	2474- 2078	16 samples taken + reserve Volcanoclastic breccia, encrusted sedimentary rock
MSM70_21	Princess Alice Seamount	DR	08°36.48'/020°08.90' To 08°36.92'/020°08.85'	05.01.2018 19:22 23:23	3401- 3409	6 samples taken Phyric basalt, breccia, Mn crust Dredge stuck at 08°36.91'/020°08.85'; vessel moved backwards; Dredging aborted
MSM70_22	Whitney Seamount	DR	08°25.17'/020°14.21' To 08°25.58'/020°14.13'	06.01.2018 10:18 12:59	2804- 2364	Empty (sediment in traps)
MSM70_23	Whitney Seamount	DR	08°25.17'/020°14.21' To 08°25.58'/020°14.22'	06.01.2018 13:17 16:27	2775- 2844	6 samples taken Phyric basalt, breccia, Mn crust, coral Dredge stuck at 08°25.11'/020°14.22'; vessel moved backwards; Dredging aborted
MSM70_24		PS	08°17.36'/020°24.32' To 08°03.44'/020°24.48'	06.01.2018 19:07 20:55		PARASOUND profile from Whitney Seamount southwards
MSM70_25		MB		07.01.2018 00:11 12.01.2018 06:58		Multibeam survey of the central area of the Bathymetrists Seamounts including Murchison, Snodgrass, Reedjones, Rebmann and Cindy Seamounts
MSM70_26	Murchison Seamount	DR	07°55.91'/021°08.80' To 07°56.33'/021°08.80'	07.01.2018 14:45 17:01	2029- 1688	6 samples taken Phyric basalt, sedimentary rock
MSM70_27	Murchison Seamount	DR	07°53.32'/021°12.86' To 07°53.64'/021°12.86'	07.01.2018 17:48 20:00	2749- 2555	Empty (sediment in traps)
MSM70_28	W of Cindy Seamount	SVP	07°45.58'/021°32.71'	08.01.2018 10:34 12:18	3806	Sound velocity profile till 3750 m depth
MSM70_29	Cindy Seamount	DR	07°39.64'/021°26.96' To 07°40.02'/021°26.88'	08.01.2018 14:15 16:03	3041- 2623	2 samples taken + reserve Mn crust
MSM70_30	Cindy Seamount	DR	07°39.28'/021°26.60' To 07°39.70'/021°26.52'	08.01.2018 16:44 19:31	3095- 2684	Empty (sediment in traps)
MSM70_31	Murchison Seamount	DR	07°56.35'/021°04.25' To 07°56.69'/021°04.19'	09.01.2018 05:31 07:26	1890- 1689	Empty (sediment in traps)
MSM70_32	Murchison Seamount	DR	07°56.74'/021°03.18' To 07°57.15'/021°03.11'	09.01.2018 07:44 09:45	1808- 1577	7 samples taken Aphyric basalt, breccia, Mn crust with breccia
MSM70_33	BSM VI	DR	07°40.14'/020°54.51' To 07°40.44'/020°54.64'	09.01.2018 21:35 10.01.2018 00:02	1997- 1640	9 samples taken Phosphorites, Mn-crust
MSM70_34	Snodgrass Seamount	DR	07°46.36'/020°40.07' To 07°46.80'/020°40.11'	10.01.2018 08:28 11:26	3083- 2630	3 samples taken Mn encrusted breccia, breccia
MSM70_35	Snodgrass Seamount	DR	07°42.83'/020°43.86' To 07°43.27'/020°43.89'	10.01.2018 12:22 15:04	2704- 2317	2 samples taken Mn crust
MSM70_36	BSM VI	DR	07°31.28'/020°59.73' To 07°31.72'/020°59.77'	11.01.2018 02:11 05:14	3211- 2682	5 samples taken + reserve Aphyric basalt, breccia, Mn crust
MSM70_37	Reedjones Seamount	DR	07°40.01'/021°05.60' To 07°40.37'/021°05.63'	11.01.2018 07:01 09:14	2152- 1849	2 samples taken + reserve Basalt, breccia
MSM70_38	Rebmann Seamount	DR	07°15.38'/021°17.84' To 07°15.79'/021°17.88'	11.01.2018 14:37 17:26	3401- 2957	7 samples taken Phyric basalt, breccia
MSM70_39	Rebmann Seamount	DR	07°12.53'/021°22.43' To 07°12.91'/021°22.46'	11.01.2018 18:23 21:37	3556- 3444	1 sample taken Phyric basalt Dredge stuck at 07°12.63'/021°22.43'; vessel moved backwards; Dredging aborted

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MSM70_40		MB		12.01.2018 07:02 14.01.2018 01:01		Multibeam survey of the central and eastern part of the largest volcanic structure: Webb & Gilg Seamount and BSM VII and VIII (Schönberg)
MSM70_41	Northern Part of Gilg Seamount	DR	07°03.09'/022°03.55' To 07°03.44'/022°03.51'	12.01.2018 17:59 20:06	2168- 1762	6 samples taken Sedimentary rock, Mn crust
MSM70_42	Gilg Seamount	DR	06°48.69'/022°01.00' To 06°48.99'/022°00.89'	12.01.2018 22:28 13.01.2018 00:31	2162- 1856	5 samples taken Carbonate rich sedimentary rocks
MSM70_43	Gilg Seamount	DR	06°44.19'/021°57.47' To 06°44.60'/021°57.47'	13.01.2018 09:53 12:34	2986- 2575	2 samples taken Volcanoclastic breccia
MSM70_44	Gilg Seamount	DR	06°43.45'/021°58.15' To 06°43.86'/021°58.16'	13.01.2018 13:02 15:38	3033- 2495	6 samples taken + reserve Aphyric basalt, Volcanoclastic breccia, sedimentary rock, Mn crust
MSM70_45	Webb Seamount	DR	06°49.05'/021°25.27' To 06°49.26'/021°25.31'	14.01.2018 11:51 15:43	3073- 2927	Empty (sediment in traps)
MSM70_46	Between Webb Seamount and Gilg Seamount	DR	06°49.81'/021°28.42' To 06°50.22'/021°28.49'	14.01.2018 16:13 18:56	2969- 2617	13 samples taken Phyric and aphyric basalt, volcanoclastic breccia, sedimentary rock, Mn crust, coral
MSM70_47	BSM VII	DR	06°12.07'/021°34.28' To 06°12.48'/021°34.31'	15.01.2018 15:08 17:47	2928- 2531	Empty (sediment in traps)
MSM70_48	BSM VII	DR	06°11.51'/021°37.49' To 06°11.92'/021°37.49'	15.01.2018 18:17 21:01	3301- 2874	8 samples taken Amygdaloidal basalt, encrusted breccia, sedimentary rock
MSM70_49	BSM VII	DR	06°12.08'/021°36.40' To 06°12.50'/021°36.40'	15.01.2018 21:32 16.01.2018 00:14	2960- 2594	6 samples taken Amygdaloidal basalt, Mn crust
MSM70_50		MB		16.01.2018 00:23 17.01.2018 06:01		Multibeam survey of SW Bathymetrists Seamounts: Arroyo Seamount, BSM IX, BSM X (Behm), BSM XI (Zwan)
MSM70_51	Arroyo Seamount eastern edge	DR	06°15.43'/022°24.64' To 06°15.84'/022°24.65'	16.01.2018 13:56 16:46	3162- 2758	1 sample taken Sedimentary rock; sediment traps also sampled
MSM70_52	Arroyo Seamount eastern edge	DR	06°16.27'/022°26.56' To 06°16.68'/022°26.56'	16.01.2018 17:18 20:21	3087- 2985	2 samples taken Encrusted volcanoclastic breccia, Mn crust Dredge stuck at 06°16.48'/022°26.56', vessel moved backwards; dredging aborted
MSM70_53	Arroyo Seamount	DR	06°15.15'/022°43.93' To 06°15.56'/022°43.93'	17.01.2018 06:23 09:29	2851- 2785	4 samples taken Aphyric basalt, Mn crust Dredge stuck at 06°15.56'/022°43.93', vessel moved backwards; dredging aborted
MSM70_54	BSM X	DR	05°57.29'/023°09.66' To 05°57.68'/023°09.52'	17.01.2018 18:49 21:15	2632- 2204	6 samples taken Aphyric Basalt, Mn crust, volcanoclastic breccia, corals
MSM70_55	BSM XI	DR	06°15.97'/023°08.41' To 06°15.46'/023°08.28'	18.01.2018 08:22 11:15	3248- 2750	8 samples taken + reserve Aphyric Basalts, Mn-crust, altered basalt rims
MSM70_56		MB		19.01.2018 03:00 21.01.2018 08:22		Multibeam survey of SW Bathymetrists Seamounts: BSM XII (Cigogne), BSM XIII-XV (Maria S. Merian) and western Webb & Gilg Seamount
MSM70_57	BSM XII	DR	06°39.29'/023°18.12' To 06°39.71'/023°17.96'	19.01.2018 03:10 06:21	3200- 2717	39 samples taken + reserve Aphyric Basalt, Mn-crust, Manganese boulder
MSM70_58	BSM XII	DR	06°43.03'/023°21.49' To 06°43.46'/023°21.34'	19.01.2018 07:28 10:29	3145- 2742	5 samples taken Mn-crust, volcanoclastic Breccia
MSM70_59	BSM XII	DR	06°51.76'/022°51.32' To 06°52.20'/022°51.25'	19.01.2018 21:17 23:54	2749- 2353	3 samples taken Phyric Basalt, altered Scoria, Mn-crust

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MSM70_60		MB		21.01.2018 08:24 24.01.2018 15:02		Multibeam survey of western central Bathymetrists Seamounts: Marchant, BSM XVI, Carron, Sorensen, BSM XVII and Flanagan Seamount
MSM70_61	Marchant Seamount	DR	07°19.94'/022°16.91' To 07°20.37'/022°16.91'	21.01.2018 16:38 19:24	2974- 2472	5 samples taken Phyric Basalt, encrusted Breccia, volcanoclastic Breccia
MSM70_62	Marchant Seamount	DR	07°20.42'/022°15.31' To 07°20.85'/022°15.26'	21.01.2018 19:58 22:46	2297- 2177	11 samples taken + reserve Phyric Basalt, volcanoclastic Breccia, coral, sedimentary rock Dredge stuck at 2293m, 07°20.52'/022°20.52', vessel backwards
MSM70_63	Carron Seamount	DR	07°29.58'/021°38.77' To 07°30.00'/021°38.67'	22.01.2018 11:23 14:36	2962- 2962	1 sample taken Mn crust Dredge stuck at 3069 m, 07°30.00'/021°38.69', vessel moved backwards to start point
MSM70_64	Carron Seamount	DR	07°29.58'/021°38.77' To 07°30.00'/021°38.69'	22.01.2018 14:54 18:15	2985- 2568	1 sample taken Mn crust Dredge stuck at 2902 m, 07°30.00'/021°38.69', vessel backwards
MSM70_65	Carron Seamount	DR	07°29.65'/021°40.20' To 07°30.08'/021°40.20'	22.01.2018 18:39 21:56	2475- 2688	Empty Dredge stuck at 2641m, 07°29.36'/021°40.20', vessel backwards
MSM70_66	Carron Seamount	DR	07°29.31'/021°42.24' To 07°29.70'/021°42.17'	22.01.2018 22:34 23.01.2018 00:46	2741- 2489	Empty
MSM70_67	BSM XVI	DR	07°39.38'/021°55.61' To 07°39.78'/021°55.58'	23.01.2018 02:21 04:55	2502- 2164	10 samples taken Phyric Basalt, Breccia, Mn crust, Phosphorites
MSM70_68	Sorensen Seamount	DR	07°44.72'/021°41.44' To 07°45.15'/021°41.44'	23.01.2018 15:10 17:51	3144- 2667	10 samples taken + reserve Breccia, Mn crust
MSM70_69	BSM XVII	DR	08°06.91'/021°29.06' To 08°07.01'/021°29.05'	24.01.2018 00:24 03:37	3185- 3105	6 samples taken + reserve Vesicular, aphyric, Basalt, volcanoclastic Breccia
MSM70_70		MB		24.01.2018 15:06 26.01.2018 03:03		Multibeam survey of BSM XVIII, BSM XIX and McGowan Seamount
MSM70_71	BSM XVIII	DR	08°29.03'/020°55.16' To 08°29.39'/020°55.22'	24.01.2018 21:00 25.01.2018 00:00	3583- 3222	3 samples taken Volcanoclastic Breccia, Mn crust
MSM70_72	BSM XVIII	DR	08°31.19'/021°00.25' To 08°31.60'/021°00.20'	25.01.2018 00:48 03:54	3640- 3196	1 sample taken Vesicular volcanic rock
MSM70_73	McGowan Seamount	DR	08°25.55'/020°41.81' To 08°25.96'/020°41.88'	25.01.2018 06:52 09:51	2742- 2504	8 samples taken + reserve Dense Basalt, Phosphorites, Mn crust, biogenic material Dredge stuck at 2396m, 08°25.96'/020°41.88', vessel moved backwards
MSM70_74	McGowan Seamount	DR	08°23.22'/020°43.41' To 08°23.64'/020°43.49'	25.01.2018 10:29 13:17	3372- 2954	1 samples taken Volcanoclastic Breccia
MSM70_75	Carter Seamount	DR	08°59.95'/020°53.36' To 09°00.36'/020°53.40'	26.01.2018 03:08 05:41	2668- 2271	4 samples taken Volcanoclastic Breccia, Phosphorites
MSM70_76	Carter Seamount	DR	09°00.11'/020°54.28' To 09°00.53'/020°54.28'	26.01.2018 06:02 08:32	2307- 2185	20 samples taken Basalt, volcanoclastic Breccia
MSM70_77	Annan Seamount	DR	09°11.69'/021°17.88' To 09°12.10'/021°17.95'	26.01.2018 11:00 13:47	1897- 1468	8 samples taken Dense Basalt, vesicular Basalt, encrusted Breccia, Mn crust
MSM70_78		MB		26.01.2017 14:09 27.01.2018 17:01		Bathymetric survey of BSM XX and XXI, the flanks of Hironnelle, Carter and Annan and Kane Gap

## **7 Data and Sample Storage and Availability**

### **7.1 Geological Samples**

All dredged rock samples will be placed in the sample and core repositories of GEOMAR, Kiel. Access to samples in these repositories is protected initially by a moratorium period until February 2020 for cruise participants and proponents. After post-cruise research and publication, applications for the use of the rock samples, can be made to the University of Kiel and the data management team at Geomar (responsible Dr. van der Zwan). Initial analyses of the volcanic samples (e.g. XRF, XRD, ICP-MS, radiogenic isotopes) will be performed by X. Long under supervision of F.M. van der Zwan, J. Geldmacher, K. Hoernle and C.D. Garbe-Schönberg.

### **7.2 Hydroacoustic Data**

The hydroacoustic (multibeam bathymetry, PARASOUND) data of the working area will be placed in the GEOMAR data management system to ensure safe archiving (responsible Dr. Augustin). Following interpretation and publication of the data, it will be transferred to a World Data Centre archive linked to the GeoMapApp project via EMODNet. After a moratorium period until February 2020, it will be available from the data management team on request. The transit data (multibeam bathymetry) will be provided to the AtlantOS Project and made public available shortly after the cruise.

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## 10 Appendix

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### 10.1 Sample Descriptions

Station	Sample Nr.	Rock Type	Size (cm)	Shape/ angularity	Encrustation (mm)	Degree of Alteration (%)	Vesicularity (%)	Matrix Colour	Primary Minerals	Secondary Minerals	Samples Taken	Remarks
5DR	1	Phyric basalt	28x15x15	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	NA	0	brown	OI (?), px, pl	NA	TS	some green alteration (epidote?), coarse-grained matrix
5DR	2	Phyric basalt	40x20x20	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	NA	0	brown	OI (?), px, pl	NA	-	coarse-grained matrix
5DR	3	Phyric basalt	15x10x10	subangular	Mn	NA	0	bluish white	large px(?)	NA	-	some green/orange alteration, coarse-grained matrix
5DR	4	Serpentinised basalt	10x9x4	subangular	serpentine (?)	50	0	black	NA	NA	TS, 2x XRD	
5DR	5	Phyric basalt	20x14x7	subrounded	Mn	50	0	grey	px, pl	NA	GC, TS	brown alteration
5DR	6	Phyric basalt	20x12x10	subangular	Mn	NA	0	grey	large red minerals, pl, px	black minerals	-	looks like veins -> serpentine (?)
5DR	7	Phyric basalt	10x8x7	subangular	absent	10	0	grey	white minerals: pl(?)	NA	GC, TS	light brown alterations
5DR	8	Phyric basalt	12x9x8	subrounded	Mn	NA	0	dark grey	pl, px, il (?)	NA	GC, TS	brown alteration
5DR	9	Phyric basalt	10x6x3	subrounded	Mn	NA	0	dark grey	pl, px, il (?)	NA	-	green alteration (chloride)
5DR	10	Phyric basalt	14x13x6	subangular	absent	60	0	grey	px (?)	NA	TS, XRD	green/orange alteration
5DR	11	Phyric basalt	14x8x6	subangular	Mn	10	0	dark grey	px (?)	black minerals	TS	light brown alterations, brown veins cut through clasts
5DR	12	Phyric basalt	17x8x7	subrounded	absent	60	0	dark grey	NA	NA	TS	green/ brown alteration, altered greenish minerals
5DR	13	Phyric basalt	9x8x2	subangular	absent	60	0	dark grey	NA	NA	-	green/ brown alteration, altered greenish minerals
5DR	14	Manganese crust	26x14x6	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
5DR	15	Manganese crust	25x20x11	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	XRD	
5DR	16	Biogenic sedimentary rock	19x13x10	subrounded	absent	NA	0	beige	NA	NA	-	burrows inside, light rock (not dense)
5DR	17	Volcanoclastic breccia	14x10x5	subangular	Mn	NA	0	black	red and white minerals	NA	TS, XRD	orange alteration, brown alteration (clasts)

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9DR	1	Volcanoclastic breccia	39x30x11	subrounded	Mn (<2 cm)	20-30	<10	light brown	NA	NA	-	Angular to rounded basalt clasts, the size ranges from 5 cm to <1 mm, vesicularity <2%, colours from green to brown depending on the alteration degree, mostly aphyric except for pyroxenes(1-2mm) in some of the clasts
9DR	2	Dense, phyric basalt	10x7x4.5	angular	nearly absent	<5	0	dark grey	px	NA	TS, GC	fine-grained, almost aphyric except for scattered pyroxene phenocrysts as large as 5 mm. There are reddish brown altered parts surrounding the less altered part
9DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	10x7.5x2.5	subrounded	Mn (<2 cm)	15-20	0	brown	NA	NA	-	fine-grained, with some white veins
9DR	4	Manganese crust	5.5x3.5x2.5	angular	absent	NA	0	black	brownish red minerals	NA	-	
9DR	5	Manganese crust	6x4x2	angular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
9DR	6	Manganese crust	6x4.5x2	angular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
10DR	1	Phyric basalt	18x17x11	subrounded	Mn (1.5 cm)	5-20	<5	grey to brown	px (<1cm), amp, mica (1%)	zeolites	TS, GC	white veins
10DR	2	Volcanoclastic breccia	23x12x9	subrounded	Mn (1.5 cm)	10-20	<5	Yellowish-white	NA	NA	-	Clasts are supported by white/yellowish matrix. Clast description: primary minerals pyroxenes (3%, up to 1cm), amphibole (several), biotite (around 1%). white secondary minerals in well-rounded vesicles.
10DR	3	Manganese crust	9x7x4	subrounded	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	2.5x2.3x0.6 cm pebble. Clast colour: brown-grey; alteration: around 30%; Vesicularity: moderate, some filled with crystal secondary minerals.
10DR	4	White sediments	25x18x10	rounded	Mn (3 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	White main body with lots of channels covered by Manganese crust. Soft and light rock
10DR	5	White sediments	14.5x10x6	rounded	Mn (3 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS	White main body with lots of channels covered by Manganese crust. Soft and light rock
10DR	6	White sediments	16x12x7	rounded	Mn (1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	White main body with lots of channels covered by Manganese crust. Soft and light rock
10DR	7	White sediments	8.5x7x4	rounded	absent	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	White main body with lots of channels covered by Manganese crust. Soft and light rock

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11DR	1	Volcanoclastic breccia	13x11x7	subrounded	Mn	70	0	white	NA	NA	-	Manganese crust with a portion of grain supported subrounded to angular volcanic clasts embedded in brown sedimentary matrix (phosphorite?)
11DR	2	Volcanoclastic breccia	11x7x14	subrounded	Mn	80	0	brown	NA	NA	-	Grain supported subrounded to angular basalt clasts (brown to black) embedded in a brown sedimentary matrix (phosphorite?).
11DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	10x6x5	subrounded	Mn	70	0	white	NA	NA	-	Manganese crust with a portion of grain supported subrounded to angular volcanic clasts (brown) embedded in a brown sedimentary matrix (phosphorite?).
11DR	4	Phosphorite	16x12x4	angular	Mn	NA	0	white	NA	Mn	-	Manganese crust with a portion of white sediment (phosphorite?)
12DR	1	Sedimentary rock	25x19x8	angular	Mn	NA	0	light brown	NA	Mn	-	Manganese crust with light brown soft sediments attached.
12DR	2	Sedimentary rock	7x6x2 (slabs)	angular	Mn	40	0	white	NA	Mn	TS	White mudstone encrusted in manganese. Black dendrites present
12DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	14x8x5	angular	Mn	NA	0	light brown	NA	NA	TS	Manganese crust with light brown sediments and lithic fragments up to 3cm (volcanic?)
12DR	4	Sedimentary rock	9x6x2	rounded	Mn	NA	0	light brown	NA	Mn	-	Light brown mudstone with minor Manganese crust
12DR	5	Sedimentary rock	21x20x7	angular	Mn	NA	0	light brown to orange	NA	Mn	-	Manganese crust with light brown sediments attached.
12DR	6	Sedimentary rock	22x20x11	angular	Mn	NA	0	brown	NA	Mn	-	Manganese crust with light brown sediments attached.
15DR	1	Amygdaloidal basalt	30x20x18	rounded	Mn (<1 mm)	70	30	brown	px?	zeolites	TS,GC	Brown-grey amygdaloidal basalt. Vesicles are filled by white minerals (zeolite?)
15DR	2	Amygdaloidal basalt clast	15x10x8	subrounded	sediment (1 cm)	70	20	brown	NA	zeolites	TS,GC	Brown-grey amygdaloidal basalt clast from a breccia. Vesicles are filled by white minerals (zeolite?)
15DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	11x11x6	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	80	0	light brown	NA	NA	-	Breccia with clasts up to 2 cm in size (brown to grey volcanics). Grain supported.
15DR	4	Volcanoclastic breccia	14x10x7	subrounded	Mn (5 mm)	80	40	beige	NA	NA	TS,GC	Breccia with vesicular basalt clasts up to 5cm (dark brown). Grain supported.
15DR	5	Volcanoclastic breccia	16x13x10	angular	NA	20	0	beige	NA	NA	-	Breccia with clasts up to 5 cm in size of grey amygdaloidal basalt and brown volcanics. Grain supported.
15DR	6	Volcanoclastic breccia	13x8x6	angular	Mn (6 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	Manganese crust with small amounts of breccia and amygdaloidal basalt clasts (8 cm, dark brown).
15DR	7	Manganese crust	18x14x6	angular	Mn (5 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	TS, XRD	

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15DR	8	Amygdaloidal basalt	2x3x5	subrounded	sediment (1 mm)	80	40	brown	NA	zeolites	TS, GC	Brown-grey amygdaloidal basalt. Vesicles are filled by white minerals (zeolite?)
15DR	9	Coral/ limestone	1.5x1.5x14	elongated	NA	NA	0	white	calcite	NA	-	2 Pieces of stick-shaped coral.
16DR	1	Volcanoclastic breccia	10x10x6	subrounded	Mn (1 cm)	30	0	brown	NA	NA	-	Breccia with clasts of light grey rock fragments up to 8 cm in size. Grain supported.
16DR	2	Volcanoclastic breccia	20x13x5	angular	Mn (1 cm)	30	0	brown	NA	NA	TS, XRD	Breccia with clasts of light grey rock fragments up to 3 cm in size. Grain supported.
16DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	27x15x9	subangular	Mn (5 cm)	40	0	brown	NA	NA	-	Breccia layer fully encrusted by manganese.
16DR	4	Volcanoclastic breccia	8x6x2	angular	Mn (1 cm)	50	0	redbrown	NA	NA	TS	Manganese crust with fragment of breccia attached
16DR	5	Volcanoclastic breccia	16x8x4	angular	Mn (1.5 cm)	30	0	brown	NA	NA	-	Breccia with clasts of brown rock fragments up to 5 mm in size. Matrix supported.
17DR	1	Fe-Mn-nodule	10x9.5x9.5	rounded	Mn (<5 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
17DR	2	Fe-Mn-nodule	12x9x8.5	subrounded	Mn	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
17DR	3	Fe-Mn-nodule	10x8x8	rounded	Mn	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
17DR	4	Fe-Mn-nodule	7x6.5x6	rounded	Mn	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
17DR	5	Fe-Mn-nodule	7.5x5.5x5	rounded	Mn	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
17DR	6	Manganese crust	8.5x6x1.5	subrounded	Mn	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	Sediment (yellowish, about 0.5cm thick) encrusted with Mn
18DR	1	Encrusted manganese nodules	30x21x18	subrounded	Mn (7 mm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	TS, XRD	Aggregate of manganese nodules
18DR	2	Manganese nodule	14x14x13	rounded	Mn (7 mm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
18DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	20x14x14	angular	Mn (5 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS	Manganese crust with attached breccia with brown rock fragments up to 1-5 cm in size suspended in a white matrix. Matrix supported.
18DR	4	Manganese crust	25x17x6	angular	Mn (6 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
18DR	5	Manganese crust	13x11x6	angular	Mn (6 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
20DR	1	Volcanoclastic breccia	10.5x8x4	subrounded	Mn (1 mm)	30-40	<20	white to grey	px, amp, ol (?)	NA	-	Breccia with brown to grey volcanic clasts up to 2 cm in size. Matrix supported.

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20DR	2	Volcanoclastic breccia	9x7x5	very angular	nearly absent	30-40	5	white to grey	px, mica, amp, altered pl(?)	NA	-	Breccia with brown volcanic clasts up to 5 cm. Grain supported.
20DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	18x14x9	subangular	Mn (<3 cm)	30-40	<60	white	px, amp, pl(?)	NA	TS, GC	Breccia with brown to grey volcanic clasts up to 2.5 mm in size. Grain supported but a layer of white fine-grained material is present in between 2 possibly different breccia layers.
20DR	4	Volcanoclastic breccia	22x20x14	angular	Mn (1 mm)	35-45	<30	yellowish-white	px, amp	NA	2xTS, 3xGC, 2xXR D (TS1= GC1, TS2= GC3)	Breccia with brown to grey volcanic clasts up to 5 cm in size. Grain supported. 1 cm size minerals present. (TS1 extracted from same clast as GC1, TS2 from same clast as GC3).
20DR	5	Volcanoclastic breccia	24x21x15	subrounded	Mn (1 mm)	35-45	<15	white	amp	NA	2xTS, GC, XRD	Breccia with brown to grey volcanic clasts up to 7 cm. Grain supported. 0.7 cm minerals present. (TS2=GC1)
20DR	6	Volcanic lithic fragment	8x6x4	angular	Fe-Mn (1 mm)	25	<40	white to grey	px, amp	NA	-	Breccia with grey volcanic clast (5 cm, possibly vesicular basalt).
20DR	7	Volcanoclastic breccia	14x13x9	subangular	Fe-Mn (1 mm)	40	<40	white to grey	amp	zeolites (?)	-	Breccia with brown volcanic clasts (vesicular basalt?) up to 3 cm. Grain supported.
20DR	8	Encrusted breccia	8x7x6	subrounded	Mn (2.5 cm)	30	<5	white to grey	NA	NA	-	Manganese crust with a breccia core.
20DR	9	Volcanoclastic breccia	8x7x5	angular	nearly absent	40	<25	white to grey	amp	zeolites (?)	-	Breccia with brown to grey volcanic clasts up to 3 cm. Grain supported. 1 cm minerals present.
20DR	10	Volcanoclastic breccia	8.5x5.5x5	angular	absent	30	<15	white to grey	amp	zeolites (?)	-	Vesicular basalt clast
20DR	11	Volcanoclastic breccia	28x20x16	angular	Fe-Mn (5 cm)	45	<30	brownish-white	amp	NA	-	Breccia with brown to grey volcanic clasts up to 3 cm in size. Grain supported.
20DR	12	Volcanoclastic breccia	28x20x14	subrounded	Fe-Mn (4 cm)	<20	<50	beige to grey	amp	NA	GC	Breccia with brown to grey volcanic clasts up to 5 cm in size. Grain supported.
20DR	13	Encrusted breccia	28x15x7	rounded	Mn (2.5 cm)	30	<15	brownish-white	amp	NA	-	Manganese crust with a breccia core.
20DR	14	Encrusted sedimentary rock	11x6x6	angular	Mn (3 cm)	<40	<5	yellowish-white	amp	NA	-	Breccia with brown clasts up to 3 cm in size. Grain supported
20DR	15	Volcanoclastic breccia	5.5x4x3.5	subangular	Mn (1 cm)	>40	<50	yellowish-white	NA	zeolites	-	Breccia with black volcanic clast (2 cm, possibly vesicular basalt).
20DR	16	Volcanoclastic breccia	14x11x9	angular	Mn (1 mm)	30-40	0	grey	NA	NA	TS, XRD	Breccia with brown volcanic clasts up to 2 cm in size. Grain supported.

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21DR	1	Phyric, amygdaloidal basalt	42x34x15	subrounded	Mn (5 mm)	<10	<15	dark grey	px	zeolites	TS (2x), GC (4x), XRD	reddish-brown altered/weathered minerals in vesicular volcanic rock throughout all the rock, in the outer parts vesiculars filled with zeolites, also glasslike shining colourless minerals. Half of rock packed separately.
21DR	2	Phyric, amygdaloidal basalt	54x22x16	angular	Mn (4 cm)	25-30	<30	dark grey	amp, px (?)	zeolites	TS, GC (4x), XRD	fine matrix, secondary filled vesicular parts up to 3 mm, some not filled at all. Some vesicular fillings are greenish, glasslike minerals, also reddish-brown weathered/altered minerals.
21DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	15x12x9	subrounded	Fe-Mn (3 cm)	<40	<15	Yellow to white	px	zeolites	-	very weathered, grain supported (?), clasts size 1.5-3 cm
21DR	4	Volcanoclastic breccia	11x8x7	angular	Mn (4 cm)	15-40	15-20	yellow to orange	NA	zeolites	TS	grain supported, clasts have dark grey matrix, in there reddish-brown altered/weathered mineral remnants, no other minerals visible -> fine matrix, clasts size hardly distinguishable because of weathering
21DR	5	Manganese Crust	25x14x8	rounded	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
21DR	6	Phyric, amygdaloidal basalt	53x42x16	angular	Mn (1 cm)	10	15	dark grey	px	zeolites	TS, GC (2x), XRD	some vesicular parts partly filled with glasslike, shiny, elongated, colourless minerals, reddish-brown altered/weathered mineral remnants HALF OF ROCK NOT PROCESSED but packed separately
23DR	1	Dense, phyric basalt	11x7x2.5	subangular	Fe-Mn (< 1 mm)	<5	0	greenish grey	px, pl	NA	TS, GC	extraordinary fresh, fine matrix, very dense, few minerals reddish weathered
23DR	2	Manganese crust	14x9x2	angular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
23DR	3	Sedimentary rock	11x6x6	angular	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	5	white	NA	NA	-	harder than recent sedimentary rocks
23DR	4	Sedimentary rock	13x11x9	angular	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	5	white	NA	NA	TS, XRD	harder than recent sedimentary rocks
23DR	5	Manganese crust	13x11x4.5	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
23DR	6	Coral	5x3x1	elongated	-	NA	0	-	-	-	-	
26DR	1	Dense, phyric basalt	16x11x6	subangular	Fe-Mn (< 1 mm)	around 5%	0	Intermediate grey; particularly dark grey in the center	ol, px	NA	TS, GC	relatively fresh, fine matrix, very dense, minerals at the center are mostly reddish weathered (rusted), some black minerals (most of them are pyroxenes) are observed at rims

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26DR	2	Dense, phyrlic basalt	10x10x6.5	subrounded	nearly absent	less than 5%	0	Intermediate grey	ol, px	NA	3TS, GC	Fresher than 26DR-1, around half minerals are reddish weathered and rusted, but some fresh olivines are observed at the center, and some unaltered pyroxenes exist at rims
26DR	3	Sedimentary rock	12.5x9x5	subrounded	Mn (1 cm)	NA	5	white	NA	NA	-	a small cobble of volcanic rock attached
26DR	4	Sedimentary rock	16x7.5x5	angular	Mn (5 mm)	NA	5	white	NA	NA	TS	more altered than 26DR-3 and also different from 26DR-3
26DR	5	Sedimentary rock	7.5x6x4	angular	Mn (1 cm)	NA	0	greenish white	NA	NA	-	
26DR	6	Sedimentary rock	8x6x5	subrounded	Fe-Mn (< 1 mm)	NA	5	yellow	NA	NA	-	
29DR	1	Manganese crust	16x15x6	angular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
29DR	2	Manganese crust	14x12x8	angular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
32DR	1	Volcanoclastic breccia	12x11x8	subangular	Mn (1 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS, GC	Breccia with a large brown basalt clast (8 cm, altered) and carbonates(?). Grain supported and poorly sorted. Manganese crust removed.
32DR	2	Aphyric basalt	8x6x5	subangular	Mn (5 mm)	40	15	grey to brown	px? <1mm	zeolites?	TS, GC	6cm basalt rock fragment encrusted in manganese. Manganese crust removed and separated.
32DR	3	Aphyric basalt	8x7x7	rounded	Mn (1 cm)	30	15	brown to grey	pl 1mm, px 1mm	zeolites?	TS, GC	Mn nodule with 6cm basalt core. Vesicles are elongated. Manganese crust removed and separated
32DR	4	Aphyric basalt	6x5x3	subrounded	Mn (1.5 cm)	50	15	grey to brown	px? <1mm	zeolites?	TS, GC	4 cm basalt rock fragment encrusted in Mn. Some vesicles exhibit deformation/ elongation. Manganese crust removed and separated
32DR	5	Volcanoclastic breccia	11x10x8	angular	Mn (2 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS, XRD	Breccia with up to 3 cm clasts of volcanics (basalt?) and carbonate grains. Grain supported and poorly sorted.
32DR	6	Manganese crust with breccia	14x13x7	subangular	Mn (4 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	Manganese crust with breccia attached. Breccia has up to 2 cm clasts of brown and greenish white rock fragments. Grain supported and poorly sorted.
32DR	7	Manganese crust with breccia	21x18x13	subrounded	Mn (2 cm)	NA	0	white to yellow green	NA	NA	-	Manganese crust with breccia attached. Breccia has up to 3 cm clasts of brown to grey and greenish white rock fragments. Grain supported and poorly sorted.

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33DR	1	Breccia	7x6x3	subrounded	Fe-Mn (1 mm)	40	0	dark grey	px	NA	TS	Various clasts in fine grey matrix, grain supported, clasts include sedimentary rocks, basalts of different colours and alteration degrees. Clast sizes from <1 mm up to 3 cm
33DR	2	Breccia	7x5x2	subangular	Fe-Mn (1 mm)	40	0	brownish	amp	NA	TS	Grain supported, clasts vary, some single weathered minerals up to 1 cm, some clasts are completely altered, some partially. Clast size varies from <1 mm up to 1.3 cm. Clast colours: dark grey, brownish red, light brown, black
33DR	3	Breccia	16x13x3	subrounded	Fe-Mn (1 mm)	<15	0	greenish white	px, amp	NA	TS	Grain supported, Fe-Mg oxides, clasts vary, some fresh looking, dense basalts, some clasts include non-altered minerals up to 4 mm in size
33DR	4	Manganese crust with breccia	15x6x5	angular	Mn (2 cm)	60-70	0	beige	NA	NA	-	Very altered, reddish colour, no hard parts left, everything is scratchable with fingernails (except for manganese crust)
33DR	5	Sedimentary rock	29x26x10	rounded	Mn (1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS	Soft, scratchable with fingernail. Black spots, holes in rock, on the insides encrusted with Mn
33DR	6	Sedimentary rock	22x21x8	rounded	Mn (1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	Soft, scratchable with fingernail. Black spots, holes in rock, on the insides encrusted with Mn, marks in one direction on rock surface next to holes
33DR	7	Sedimentary rock	14x12x8	rounded	absent	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	Soft, scratchable with fingernail. Black spots, holes in rock, on the insides encrusted with Mn
33DR	8	Sedimentary rock	15x10x3	rounded	absent	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	Soft, scratchable with fingernail. Black spots, holes in rock, on the insides encrusted with Mn
33DR	9	Sedimentary rock	5x4x3	rounded	absent	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	Soft, scratchable with fingernail. Black spots, some minerals <2 mm included (e.g. amphibole)
34DR	1	Mn encrusted breccia	24x22x4	subangular	Mn (3.5 cm)	40	<5	white	amp (?)	zeolites	TS, GC	Fe oxide as alteration product, clasts altered scoria, sizes range from <1mm to 2.5cm, grain supported; Rock fragments picked out and packed
34DR	2	Volcanoclastic breccia	7x7x3	subangular	Mn (3 mm)	50-60	5	white	NA	NA	TS	Lots of rusted parts as DR34-1, altered scoriae, grain supported
34DR	3	Encrusted breccia	4x3x2	subangular	Mn (1.5 cm)	50-60	5	white	NA	NA	-	Lots of rusted parts, altered scoriae, grain supported
35DR	1	Manganese crust	17x12x8	rounded	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	few small grey/yellow fragments included
35DR	2	Manganese crust	29x15x7	rounded	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	



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36DR	1	Aphyric basalt	15x7x5 (slabs)	subrounded	Mn (1 cm)	25	0	grey	px <1mm, pl <1mm	NA	TS, GC	Basalt with Mn encrustation. Small crystals exhibit parallel orientation suggesting a trachytic or flow texture. Sample was cut into slabs with Manganese crust removed.
36DR	2	Aphyric basalt	16x11x6	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	15	0	dark grey	px 1mm, pl 1mm	zeolites	TS, GC	Basalt with Mn encrustation.
36DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	13x9x5	subangular	Mn (1 cm)	NA	0	white	px 1mm, pl 1mm	zeolites	TS	7 cm brown basalt clast in a breccia encrusted in Mn. Clasts are matrix supported (white) and poorly sorted.
36DR	4	Aphyric basalt	16x14x11	subrounded	Mn (1 cm)	35	15	grey	px 1mm, pl 1mm	zeolites	TS, GC	Basalt with Mn encrustation.
36DR	5	Manganese crust	7x7x5	subrounded	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
37DR	1	Encrusted Volcanoclastic breccia	41x24x10	angular	Mn (5 cm)	NA	0	yellowish white	NA	NA	TS	Manganese crust with a layer of breccia as nucleus with brown basalt clasts up to 2 cm. Grain supported and poorly sorted.
37DR	2	Dense, phyrlic basalt	8x5x4	rounded	Mn (1 mm)	30	5	dark grey	px 1mm, pl 1mm	zeolites, epidote?	TS, GC	Basalt fragment with some white inclusions. Reddish outer appearance.
38DR	1	Dense, phyrlic basalt clast	22x14x11	subrounded	absent	15	<5	dark grey	pl, px, yellow minerals	zeolites (?)	TS, GC	Basalts are part of Breccia, basalts extracted. Breccia is grain supported, white matrix, poorly sorted. Two different Basalts in breccia included, one further weathered than the other. Described is the less altered one.
38DR	2	Dense, phyrlic basalt clast	12x11x8	angular	absent	25-30	<5	brown	pl, px	NA	TS, GC	Basalt clast taken from a breccia. Breccia is grain supported, white matrix, poorly sorted. Basalt makes up most of the rocks mass, which is why description belongs to basalt.
38DR	3	Dense, phyrlic basalt clast	10x8x7	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	25-30	0	brown	pl, px	NA	-	Basalt clast taken from a breccia. Breccia is grain supported, white matrix, poorly sorted. Basalt makes up most of the rocks mass.
38DR	4	Dense, phyrlic basalt clast	9x7x5	rounded	absent	25	0	brown to grey	pl, px	NA	-	Basalt clast taken from a breccia. Breccia is grain supported, white matrix, poorly sorted. Basalt makes up most of the rocks mass.
38DR	5	Dense, phyrlic basalt clast	8x6x5.5	rounded	Mn (1 mm)	15	0	grey	pl, px	zeolites (?)	TS, GC	Basalt clast taken from a breccia. Breccia is grain supported, white matrix, poorly sorted. Basalt makes up most of the rocks mass.
38DR	6	Volcanoclastic breccia	7x6x5	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	<50	5	reddish brown	NA	NA	GC	GC probe is a piece of basalt (as clast in rock) broken out. Breccia includes clasts of different weathering states, is poorly sorted, grain supported, white to brown matrix.

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38DR	7	Dense, phyrlic basalt clast	7x6x5.5	angular	Mn (1 mm)	<30	0	green to reddish brown	pl, px	NA	TS	Basalt alteration in colourful rings, very strong differences in colour throughout the rock
39DR	1	Dense, phyrlic basalt clast	18x15.5x8	subrounded	Mn (3 mm)	15 (?)	0	grey	px	NA	TS, GC	Basalt includes lots of small (around 1mm) whitish parts, looks like mineral accumulations. Some oxidised iron
41DR	1	Carbonated sedimentary rock	29x28x16	subrounded	Mn (1 mm)	NA	<15	brownish grey	NA	NA	-	Carbonate fragments (e.g. of shells) in different sizes accumulated in muddy environment
41DR	2	Carbonate rock	8.5x7x6	angular	Mn (1 mm)	NA	<20	beige-white	NA	NA	TS	Shell and coral fragments, sizes up to 7cm, almost no matrix, grainstone (DUNHAM)
41DR	3	Sedimentary rock	9x5x4.5	subangular	Mn (1 cm)	NA	5	brown to orange	NA	NA	-	carbonate bearing, brittle sedimentary rock, fine, muddy matrix, origin can not be further defined.
41DR	4	Carbonate rock	17x11x8	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	NA	<5	beige-white	NA	NA	-	accumulated coral and shell fragments, poorly cemented, grain supported (nearly no matrix), grainstone (DUNHAM), fragments up to 3cm
41DR	5	Sedimentary rock	13x11x7	subrounded	Mn (1 mm)	NA	<5	beige-white	NA	NA	-	accumulated coral and shell fragments, grain supported, packstone (DUNHAM), fragments up to 1cm
41DR	6	Manganese crust	19x16x4	rounded	absent	NA	<15	black	NA	NA	TS	very dense on one side, reddish-brown weathered layer on the other side, less dense
42DR	1	Sedimentary rock	19x14x9.5	wellrounded	absent	NA	0	light brown	NA	NA	-	small carbonate and rock fragments (<1 mm) included in clay matrix, mudstone (DUNHAM)
42DR	2	Sedimentary rock	15x11x7	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	NA	20	beige to orange	NA	NA	-	similar overall structure as phosphorites (holes in rock covered with Mn), clay matrix, shell (<5 mm) and rock (<1 mm) fragments, wackestone (DUNHAM)
42DR	3	Sedimentary rock	21x12x10	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	NA	40	beige	NA	NA	-	clay matrix, few shell fragments (<5 mm), overall structure as phosphorites (holes in rock covered in Mn), mudstone (DUNHAM)
42DR	4	Sedimentary rock	13x11x6.5	subrounded	Mn (1 mm)	NA	40	beige	NA	NA	-	clay matrix, few shell fragments (<5 mm), overall structure as phosphorites (holes in rock covered in Mn), mudstone (DUNHAM)
42DR	5	Sedimentary rock	10x7x5.5	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	NA	<5	yellow to brown	NA	NA	-	densely packed, grain supported, shell and coral fragments (<1.5 cm), rock fragments (<2 mm), packstone (DUNHAM)

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43DR	1	Volcanoclastic breccia	16x11x9	angular	Mn (1 mm)	NA	0	brownto white	NA	NA	TS, 2x GC	Breccia which basalt clasts, grain supported, poorly sorted, clast size up to 4 cm. Two types of basalt clasts (2x GC), one brown, phyrlic (pl), the other dark grey and vesicular
43DR	2	Manganese crust	-	subrounded	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	found in sediment traps
44DR	1	Sediment	22x13x4	well rounded	absent	NA	0	light brown	NA	NA	-	only slightly consolidated mud, organic dark parts included, clay matrix
44DR	2	Volcanoclastic breccia	23x10x9	subangular	Mn (2 cm)	30	0	reddish brown	NA	NA	TS, GC	Breccia with brown aphyric basalt clasts, grain supported, poorly sorted, clasts up to 6 cm
44DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	9x6x5	angular	Mn (2 cm)	40	0	brown to white	NA	NA	-	clasts <1.5 cm, dense basalts?
44DR	4	Dense, aphyric basalt	11x7x5	subangular	Fe-Mn (<1 cm)	15	0	dark grey	NA	NA	TS, GC	
44DR	5	Manganese crust	9x7x3	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
44DR	6	Sedimentary rock	6x6x3	subangular	Mn (1mm)	NA	5	yellow	NA	NA	-	probably carbonate rock, <5 mm shell fragments and dark grains in matrix included
46DR	1	Dense, phyrlic basalt	28x25x21	angular	Sediment (<1 mm)	20	0	dark grey	pl (10%),px (<5%)	NA	TS, GC	fresh looking, only few Fe-oxidised parts. Minerals up to 1 cm long, mica-like shine
46DR	2	Dense, aphyric basalt	30x18x12.5	angular	Sediment (<1 mm)	15	0	grey to brown	NA	NA	TS, GC	mica-like shine in one direction (two sides of cut cube), some cracks with brownish weathering marks around, very homogeneous except shine
46DR	3	Dense, phyrlic basalt	17.5x16x9	subangular	absent	20	<5	dark grey	pl (10%),px (<3%)	NA	TS, GC	fresh looking, only few Fe-oxidised parts. Minerals up to 1 cm long
46DR	4	Dense, phyrlic basalt	14x11.5x10	subangular	Sediment (<1 mm)	25	0	dark grey	pl (10%),px (<5%)	NA	-	fresh looking, only few Fe-oxidised parts.
46DR	5	Dense, aphyric basalt	15x11x9.5	angular	Sediment (<1 mm)	30	0	grey	NA	NA	-	Some cracks in rock, brownish weathering marks around cracks, mica-like shine
46DR	6	Dense, phyrlic basalt	14x10x8	rounded	Sediment (<1 mm)	25	<5	dark grey	pl (10%),px	NA	TS, GC	fresh looking, only few Fe-oxidised parts, mica-like shine
46DR	7	Phyrlic basalt	10x6x4	subangular	absent	25	15-20	brown-grey	px	NA	TS, GC	bright spots in less weathered parts
46DR	8	Volcanoclastic breccia	37x26x25	subangular	absent	NA	0	yellow to white	NA	NA	-	poorly sorted, grains up to 8 cm, grain supported breccia. Clasts: phyrlic, dense basalts, mica-like shine. Similar to 46DR1
46DR	9	Volcanoclastic breccia	24x17x12	subangular	absent	NA	0	yellowto white	NA	NA	-	Basalt clasts phyrlic, dense, up to 6cm wide. Breccia poorly sorted, grain supported

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46DR	10	Volcanoclastic breccia	19x17x13	subangular	absent	NA	0	yellow to white	NA	NA	-	Basalt clasts phyrlic, dense, up to 7 cm wide. Breccia poorly sorted, grain supported
46DR	11	Sedimentary rock	9x8x5	subangular	absent	NA	15	beige	NA	NA	-	clay matrix, soft, small holes and channels throughout the rock
46DR	12	Manganese crust	8x5.5x2	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	some reddish weathered parts
46DR	13	Coral	8x5x1.5	rounded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
48DR	1	Amygdaloidal basalt	31x34x20	subrounded	Mn (2 cm)	25	<15	dark grey	px	zeolites	GC (3x), TS (3x)	Breccia is of poorly sorted clasts; Clast size up to 10 cm; grain supported breccia; brittle; Clasts were very different, three samples (GC and TS) taken
48DR	2	Encrusted breccia	40x30x10	subangular	Mn (3 cm)	70	<5	greenish yellow	NA	NA	-	Breccia is of poorly sorted, red clasts; bright veins going through matrix and clasts; matrix supported rock; close to the Mn rim white clasts accumulate
48DR	3	Encrusted breccia	27x25x12	subrounded	Mn (4.5 cm)	70	<5	bright yellow	NA	NA	-	Breccia is of poorly sorted clasts, partly basaltic others red or pale green. Matrix is soft and dense. Red clasts are fully altered.
48DR	4	Encrusted basalt	5.5x5x5	well rounded	Mn (1.5 cm)	30	<15	dark grey	NA	NA	GC, TS	spherical basalt; increase of vesicularity to the core; vesicles are very spherical too; some of the big ones are filled with red-brown alteration products (Fe-hydroxides)
48DR	5	Amygdaloidal basalt	6x5x4.5	well rounded	absent	40	25	dark grey	NA	zeolites	GC, TS	spherical basalt; vesicles are very spherical too; some of the big ones are filled with red-brown alteration products (Fe-hydroxides); no pattern in the zeolite distribution
48DR	6	Amygdaloidal basalt	5x5x4	well rounded	Mn (1 mm)	40	25	brownish grey	NA	zeolites	TS	weathered minerals (Fe-red) cannot be named due to alteration but phyrlic structure is clearly visible
48DR	7	Sedimentary rock	7.5x6x4	subrounded	Mn (1 cm)	NA	<5	white	NA	NA	-	dark spots in fine matrix
48DR	8	Amygdaloidal basalt	22x16x12	subrounded	Mn (3 cm)	40	<30	brownish grey	amp	zeolites	TS, GC	basalt as clast in breccia, breccia poorly sorted, grain supported, greenish matrix. Clasts up to 10 cm. Basalt varies in vesicularity and alteration rate, some Fe-weathered minerals
49DR	1	Amygdaloidal basalt	40x39x22	angular	Mn (8 cm)	45	30	brownish grey	NA	zeolites, green fillings	TS, GC	vesicles (<4 mm) evenly spread throughout rock, not oriented, round, some filled with zeolites or green alteration products.

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49DR	2	Amygdaloidal basalt	21x14x7	subrounded	Mn (2.5 cm)	45	25	grey	amp	zeolites	TS, GC	different fillings of vesicles, some greenish, some white, some whites include black parts which seem to come from also black cracks. Fillings not evenly distributed, vesicles evenly distributed. Vesicle size <3 mm
49DR	3	Amygdaloidal basalt	12x9x8	subrounded	Mn (2 cm)	45	30	grey	px(?)	zeolites, green fillings	TS, GC	matrix coarser (in comparison to other basalts from 49DR), vesicles evenly spread, no direction visible
49DR	4	Amygdaloidal basalt	9x6x2	angular	absent	45	25	brownish grey	mafic minerals	zeolites	-	small minerals (<0.5 mm), vesicles <1 mm, round and evenly distributed
49DR	5	Manganese crust	13x10x8	angular	Mn (5 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	crust makes up ca. 65% of rock, sedimentary rock attached, vesicles 40%, matrix colour white
49DR	6	Manganese crust	13x13x6	angular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	some reddish weathered parts, sedimentary rock parts attached
51DR	1	Sedimentary rock	12x7x6	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	holes in rock (burrows?), encrusted with manganese
52DR	1	Volcanoclastic breccia	10x7.5x4	angular	Mn (1 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS, GC	Manganese crust with breccia attached, including a small cobble of basalt, taken for TS and GC.
52DR	2	Manganese crust	11.5x5x3.5	angular	Mn (3.5 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	some reddish weathered parts
53DR	1	Aphyric basalt	7x3x3	angular	absent	60	<5	brown	NA	zeolites	TS, GC	brown altered basalt
53DR	2	Aphyric basalt	8x7x6	angular	Mn (<1 mm)	40	0	grey	NA	NA	TS, GC	brown altered basalt
53DR	3	Manganese crust	8x8x4	subangular	Mn (4 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
53DR	4	Manganese crust	12x10x3	subangular	Mn (3 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
54DR	1	Volcanoclastic breccia	36x20x13	subangular	Mn (3 cm)	NA	0	yellow to white	NA	NA	5x TS, 6x GC	Breccia poorly sorted; grain supported; clasts reddish brown to grey; clast size up to 6cm. Six clasts hammered out and sampled separately as GC and TS, clasts show varying vesicularity, alteration and secondary fillings.
54DR	2	Dense, aphyric basalt	10x7x2	angular	absent	25	<5	grey	px (5%, <3mm), pl (<0.5mm)	NA	TS, GC	Fe-weathered minerals, greenish alteration products in some vesicles
54DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	9x6.5x5	subangular	Mn (1 cm)	NA	<5	greenish white	NA	NA	-	breccia poorly sorted; grain supported; clasts up to 3 cm
54DR	4	Volcanoclastic breccia	8.5x8x3.5	angular	Mn (5 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	breccia poorly sorted; grain supported; clasts up to 2 cm. Clasts partly aphyric and vesicular

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54DR	5	Manganese crust	17x11x6	angular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
54DR	6	Coral	-		-	NA	0	-	-	-	-	
55DR	1	Dense, phyric basalt	38x21x14	rounded	Mn (3 mm)	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	XRD	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive.
55DR	2	Dense, phyric basalt	30x20x18	rounded	Mn (<1 mm)	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	TS, GC, XRD	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive.
55DR	3-1	Dense, phyric basalt	30x22x18	subrounded	Mn (<1 mm)	55	0	grey	NA	clay?	TS, 2xGC, XRD	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive.
55DR	3-2	Aphyric basalt	30x22x18	subrounded	Mn (<1 mm)	15	15	grey	NA	clay?	TS, GC, XRD	basalt pebble attached to 3-1
55DR	4	Aphyric basalt	30x10x8	subangular	absent	50	0	brown-grey	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive.
55DR	5	Aphyric basalt	18x13x14	rounded	Mn (2 mm)	65	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive.
55DR	6	Aphyric basalt	13x13x9	rounded	Mn (<1 mm)	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive.
55DR	7	Manganese crust	28x20x6	subrounded	Mn (6 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	TS, XRD	
55DR	8	altered basalt rim	4.5x3x2	angular	Mn (<1 mm)	80	0	white	NA	clay?	-	Outer rim of a highly altered basalt with pervasive secondary black minerals (Mn?) present.
57DR	1	Manganese boulder	55x48x20	subrounded	Mn (9 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	pebble to cobble sized rock fragments cemented by Mn. Subsamples 1-9 are brown altered basalts. Subsample 10 is a limestone fragments with lots of round foraminifera
57DR	1-1	Aphyric basalt fragment	13x9x5	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	TS, GC	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 1.
57DR	1-2	Aphyric basalt fragment	13x6x5	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	TS, GC	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 1.
57DR	1-3	Aphyric basalt fragment	7x6x5	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	TS, GC, XRD	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 1.
57DR	1-4	Aphyric basalt fragment	26x17x6	subrounded	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	TS, GC	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 1.
57DR	1-5	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subrounded	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 1.
57DR	1-6	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subrounded	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 1.
57DR	1-7	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subrounded	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 1.

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57DR	1-8	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subrounded	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 1.
57DR	1-9	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subrounded	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 1.
57DR	1-10	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subrounded	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 1.
57DR	2	Manganese boulder	36x26x20	subrounded	Mn (10 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	pebble to cobble sized rock fragments cemented by Mn.
57DR	2-1	Aphyric basalt fragment	9x8x7	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	TS, GC, XRD	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	2-2	Aphyric basalt fragment	13x10x5	subrounded	absent	55	0	brown to grey	NA	clay?	TS, GC, XRD	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	2-3	Aphyric basalt fragment	6x5x5	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	TS, GC	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	2-4	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	2-5	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	2-6	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	2-7	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	2-8	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	2-9	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	2-10	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	2-11	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	2-12	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	2-13	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	2-14	Aphyric basalt fragment	-	subangular	absent	60	0	brown	NA	clay?	-	altered basalt. Secondary black minerals (Mn?) pervasive. Subsample of 2
57DR	3	Manganese crust	22x16x9	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
57DR	4	Manganese crust	10x8x4	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
57DR	5	Manganese crust	8x5x4	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	

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58DR	1	Manganese crust	30x22x10	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	GC	Manganese crust with small pebble of brown amygdaloidal basalt
58DR	2	Volcanoclastic Breccia	26x18x9	subangular	Mn (1 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS, XRD	Breccia with dark brown volcanic lithic fragments. Grain supported and poorly sorted.
58DR	3	Volcanoclastic Breccia	25x16x6	subangular	Mn (5 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS, XRD	Breccia with grey to brown vesicular basalt fragments. Grain supported and poorly sorted.
58DR	4	Volcanoclastic Breccia	11x10x4	subrounded	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	Breccia with brown vesicular basalt fragments. Matrix supported and poorly sorted.
58DR	5	Manganese crust	12x8x6	subangular	Mn (6 cm)	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
59DR	1	Manganese boulder	60x42x22	subrounded	Mn (<6 cm)	NA	<5	beige-white	NA		XRD, TS	Grain supported, poorly sorted; Clast size up to 13 cm; clasts vesicular, Phyric basalt: some party include reddish clay or mud lenses. 8 clasts sampled separately.
59DR	1-1	Phyric basalt fragment	13.5x8x4	subangular	absent	<50	<15	brown	amph, px	zeolites	TS, GC	Moderately altered basalts, shiny tiny spots are observed on the vesicles, most likely owing to zeolites, pervasive, subsample of 1
59DR	1-2	Aphyric basalt fragment	3.5x3.5x2	angular	absent	30	<15	grey to brown	NA	zeolites	TS, GC	on one side red weathering mark, vesicles show inhomogeneous sizes, up to 2 mm; possibly primary direction of the vesicles
59DR	1-3	Phyric basalt fragment	5x3x3	subangular	absent	<60	10	reddish brown	amph(?)	zeolites	-	Pervasive altered basalt. Subsample of 1
59DR	1-4	Phyric basalt fragment	8.5x6x5	subrounded	absent	<30	5-15	grey to brown	px	zeolites	GC	on one side red weathering marks; inhomogeneous distribution and sizes (up to 4 mm)
59DR	1-5	Phyric basalt fragment	6x4x3	subangular	absent	<50	5-10	brown	amph	zeolites	GC	Pervasive altered basalt. Subsample of 1
59DR	1-6	altered scoria	6x3.5x3	subrounded	absent	<80	40-50	brown	NA	NA	-	Pervasive altered basalt. Subsample of 1
59DR	1-7	Phyric basalt fragment	10x7x5	subangular	absent	<50	5	brownish grey	amph	zeolites	TS, GC, XRD	Pervasive altered basalt. Subsample of 1
59DR	1-8	Phyric basalt fragment	7x5.5x5	angular	absent	<30	5-20	grey to brown	amph	zeolites	-	Inhomogeneous distribution of vesicle sizes (up to 4 mm); some vesicles have white, glasslike minerals growing at the rims
59DR	2	Manganese crust	20x17x10	rounded	absent	NA	0	greyish white	NA	NA	-	Grain supported, poorly sorted, clasts phyric, vesicles in volcanic rocks; clast sizes up to 7 cm
59DR	3	Manganese crust	10x8x6	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	



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59DR	4	Manganese crust	11x7x5	subrounded	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	some Fe-weathering at one side; some white sedimentary Matrix included as well as red clay
59DR	5	Manganese crust	9x8x3.5	subrounded	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	some Fe-weathering
61DR	1	Phyric vesicular basalt	9x6.5x6	rounded	Mn (1 mm)	<50	10	brownish grey	amph, px(?)	NA	TS, GC	The alteration changes from rims to the center, the dark minerals do not show high degree of alteration.
61DR	2	Encrusted breccia	29x15x10	subrounded	Mn (1 mm)	<40	10	brownish grey	amph, px	zeolites (?)	TS, GC	Similar to 61DR1, but its center shows lower degree of alteration than that of 61DR1, white secondary minerals with black spots exist in some vesicles.
61DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	16x8.5x5	angular	Mn (1 mm)	NA	0	yellow-white	NA	NA	TS, XRD	Breccia with dark brown volcanic lithic fragments. Grain supported and poorly sorted.
61DR	4	Volcanoclastic breccia	14x7x4	angular	Mn (1 mm)	NA	0	yellow-white	NA	NA	-	similar to 61DR3, but the breccia is more altered.
61DR	5	Volcanoclastic breccia	11.5x6.5x6	angular	Mn (5 mm)	NA	0	yellow-white	NA	NA	-	similar to 61DR3
62DR	1	Dense, phyric basalt	37x30x18	angular	absent	15	<5	dark grey	ol, pl, px?	NA	TS, GC	some intact olivine phenocrysts, greenish weathering spreading from cracks into intact rock, Fe-weathering in some minerals
62DR	2	Dense, phyric basalt	30x17x16	angular	Mn (<5 mm)	15	<5	grey	ol, pl, px?	NA	TS, GC, XRD	Olivines partly intact, partly weathered, cracks filled with white substance, some "nests" of mineral assemblages
62DR	3	Dense, phyric basalt	16x13x10	angular	Mn (1-5 mm)	20	<5	grey	ol, px	zeolites	-	alteration varying throughout rock, some parts olivines are nearly completely altered/weathered, in other parts intact
62DR	4	Dense, phyric basalt	23x17x13	angular	Mn (<1 mm)	20	<5	grey	px (<1 mm)	zeolites	-	possibly remainings of olivine, Fe-weathering
62DR	5	Dense, phyric basalt	17x12x9	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	15	0	grey	px (<1 mm), ol, pl (?)	NA	TS, GC	Fe-weathering, varying alteration throughout the rock
62DR	6	Dense, phyric basalt	16x11x8.5	subangular	Mn (<1 cm)	20	0	grey	px (<3 mm), ol, pl	NA	-	Fe-weathering, varying alteration throughout the rock
62DR	7	Volcanoclastic breccia	27x21x12	subangular	Mn (<4.5 cm)	NA	0	yellow, white, brown	NA	NA	-	poorly sorted, grain supported; clasts angular to well rounded, some show white veins
62DR	8	Volcanoclastic breccia	18x11x11	angular	Mn (<5 cm)	NA	0	yellow to brown	NA	NA	-	very angular, very altered looking clasts; breccia poorly sorted, grain supported
62DR	9	Encrusted aphyric basalt	9.5x8x5.5	subangular	Mn (1.5 cm)	NA	<5	yellow to grey	NA	NA	-	Crust almost completely surrounding basalt, no intern mineral assemblage visible

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62DR	10	Sedimentary rock	1x7.5x5.5	subrounded	Mn (1 mm)	NA	30-40	reddish beige	NA	NA	-	
62DR	11	Coral	19.5x0.7x0.7	well rounded	absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	
63DR	1	Manganese crust	6x5x2	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	some red weathered parts, some white sediment at bottom of sample
64DR	1	Manganese crust	14x12x4.5	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
67DR	1	Phyric basalt	32x20x14	rounded	Mn (2 cm)	10	0	dark grey	px or amph <2 mm	Fe oxide?	TS, GC, XRD	grey basalt with brown alteration (Fe oxide?). Alteration is common in the groundmass and along larger black crystal grains (cpx?). Full or complete alteration is common but partial alteration of crystal sections or rims is also present.
67DR	2	Volcanoclastic breccia	55x38x11	subangular	Mn (4 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	Breccia with up to 2.5 cm clasts of brown to grey basalt.
67DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	24x14x6	subrounded	Mn (1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS, GC	Breccia with up to 4 cm clasts of brown to grey basalt.
67DR	4	Volcanoclastic breccia	28x13x12	subrounded	Mn (1.5 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	Breccia with up to 2 cm clasts of brown to grey basalt.
67DR	5	Volcanoclastic breccia	12x8x4	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	Breccia with up to 2 cm clasts of brown to grey basalt.
67DR	6	Volcanoclastic breccia	15x14x6	angular	Mn (4 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	Breccia with up to 1 cm clasts of brown to grey basalt.
67DR	7	Volcanoclastic breccia	22x18x6	subangular	Mn (5 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	Breccia with up to 2.5 cm clasts of brown to grey basalt.
67DR	8	Phosphorite	18x16x13	angular	Mn (3 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	Mn	-	Phosphorite with attached Manganese crust
67DR	9	Phosphorite	21x14x5	subangular	Mn (3 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	Mn	-	Phosphorite with attached Manganese crust
67DR	10	Manganese crust	15x10x7	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
68DR	1	Volcanoclastic breccia	20x19x12	subangular	Mn (3 cm)	NA	<5	beige	NA	NA	-	Breccia poorly sorted, grain supported; clasts <3 cm; few clasts show grey matrix, most are red and altered
68DR	2	Volcanoclastic breccia	16x9x6	subangular	Mn (<3 mm)	NA	<5	beige	NA	NA	-	Breccia poorly sorted, grain supported; clasts <2.5 cm; some clasts show grey matrix and zeolites, most are red and altered
68DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	19x14x10	subrounded	Mn (<2 cm)	NA	0	beige to salmon	NA	NA	-	Breccia poorly sorted, grain supported; clasts <2 cm; clasts are red and altered; matrix partly red clay
68DR	4	Volcanoclastic breccia	14x10x8	angular	Mn (5 mm)	NA	0	white to beige	NA	NA	TS	Breccia poorly sorted, grain supported; clasts <2 cm; clasts are red and altered; some clasts include zeolites

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68DR	5	Encrusted volcanoclastic breccia	21x18x7	subrounded	Mn (3 cm)	NA	10	beige	NA	NA	-	Breccia poorly sorted, grain supported; clasts <3 cm; clasts are red and altered except for one completely surrounded by crust, that one is grey and vesicular (>20%)
68DR	6	Volcanoclastic breccia	14x9x7	rounded	Mn (2 cm)	NA	<5	beige	NA	NA	-	Breccia poorly sorted, grain supported; clasts <4 cm; clasts are red and altered
68DR	7	Volcanoclastic breccia	12x9x3	subangular	absent	NA	<5	red to white, black	NA	NA	-	Breccia poorly sorted, grain supported; clasts <3 cm; clasts are red and altered vesicular basalts; matrix partly red clay, partly manganese(?)
68DR	8	Encrusted volcanoclastic breccia	35x26x12	subrounded	Mn (3.5 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	Breccia poorly sorted, grain supported; clasts <3.5 cm; clasts are red and altered; matrix partly red clay
68DR	9	Encrusted volcanoclastic breccia	32x21x11	subangular	Mn (5.5 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	Breccia poorly sorted, grain supported; clasts <2 cm; some clasts show grey matrix and zeolites, most are red and altered; matrix partly red clay
68DR	10	Volcanoclastic breccia	10x8x5	subangular	Mn (5 mm)	NA	<5	white	NA	NA	-	Breccia poorly sorted, grain supported; clasts <3 cm; some clasts show grey matrix and zeolites, most are red and altered
69DR	1	Vesicular basalt	34x24x12.5	angular	Mn (5 mm)	10	25	grey	NA	zeolites (?), phl(?)	TS, GC, XRD	Vesicular andesite with elongated vesicles as flow textures. Few vesicles are filled with white (phosphorite?) minerals. Higher silica content inferred from grey colour of the groundmass.
69DR	2	Vesicular basalt	20x16x15.5	angular	Mn (5 mm)	10	25	grey	NA	zeolites (?), phl(?)	TS, GC	Vesicular andesite with elongated vesicles as flow textures. Few vesicles are filled with white (phosphorite?) minerals. Higher silica content inferred from grey colour of the groundmass.
69DR	3	Vesicular basalt	13x11x8	angular	Mn (<1 mm)	10	25	grey	NA	zeolites (?), phl(?)	TS	Vesicular andesite with elongated vesicles as flow textures. Few vesicles are filled with white (phosphorite?) minerals. Higher silica content inferred from grey colour of the groundmass.
69DR	4	Vesicular basalt	9x6x6	subangular	Mn (<1 mm)	10	25	grey	NA	zeolites (?), phl(?)	-	Vesicular andesite with elongated vesicles as flow textures. Few vesicles are filled with white (phosphorite?) minerals. Higher silica content inferred from grey colour of the groundmass.

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69DR	5	Vesicular basalt	11x9x4.5	angular	Mn (1 cm)	10	25	grey	NA	zeolites (?) phl(?)	-	Vesicular andesite with elongated vesicles as flow textures. Few vesicles are filled with white (phosphorite?) minerals. Higher silica content inferred from grey colour of the groundmass.
69DR	6	Volcanoclastic breccia	7x7x5	subangular	Mn (1 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	Mn	TS	Breccia with up to 2 cm grey vesicular andesite clasts. Grain supported and poorly sorted.
71DR	1	Manganese crust	13.5x10x4.5	angular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	possibly some small basalt clasts included?
71DR	2	Volcanoclastic breccia	16x10x5	subangular	Mn (1 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS	breccia with up to 2 cm brown to grey vesicular basalt clasts. Grain supported and poorly sorted.
71DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	20x11x9	subrounded	Mn (<5 cm)	NA	0	NA	Bottle-green minerals <2 cm	NA	GC	one green mineral included in Mn, others in basalts and more altered (red). Slightly elongated form. The freshest was broken off the rock and sampled in a separate bag, than included in "=03 rest" bag.
72DR	1	Vesicular basalt clast	8.5x7x4	subrounded	Mn (2 cm)	40	10	brown	amph? (<5mm)	NA	TS, GC	TS sample is taken from the phosphorite and Manganese crust. altered brown volcanic rock with plenty of euhedral black grains (amphibole) taken from a breccia with white matrix (phosphorite?)
73DR	1	Dense, phyrlic basalt	12x11x6	angular	Mn (<1 mm)	25	0	grey	black minerals <1mm	clays	TS, GC, XRD	Fine-grained grey basalt with brown alteration with very few visible phenocrysts
73DR	2	Phosphorite	12x6x5	subangular	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	Mn	TS	phosphorite with Manganese crust attached
73DR	3	Dense, phyrlic basalt	39x15x11	subrounded	Mn (3 cm)	30	0	grey	px <1cm, amph <1mm	clays	TS, GC	Fine-grained grey basalt with brown alteration. Alteration halos are visible in the sample. Basalt cobble with few phenocrysts taken from a phosphorite
73DR	4	Phosphorite	13x6x6	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	Mn	TS, GC	TS and GC samples are taken from a 4cm angular basalt pebble found in the phosphorite
73DR	5	Phosphorite	9x5x5	subrounded	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	Mn	-	phosphorite with Manganese crust attached
73DR	6	Phosphorite	11x10x9	subrounded	Mn (3 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	Mn	-	phosphorite with Manganese crust attached
73DR	7	Manganese crust	15x7x5	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
73DR	8	sponge/coral	-	elongated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
74DR	1	Volcanoclastic breccia	18x10x7	subrounded	Mn (5 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS	breccia with up to 3 cm brown basalt. Grain supported and poorly sorted.

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75DR	1	Volcanoclastic breccia	7x7x5	subangular	absent	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS, GC	breccia with up 5cm grey basalt clast. Matrix supported and poorly sorted.
75DR	2	Phosphorite	20x16x7	angular	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	0	beige	NA	Mn	-	encrusted phosphorite
75DR	3	Phosphorite	10x6x4	angular	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	0	beige	NA	Mn	TS	encrusted phosphorite
75DR	4	Phosphorite	9x6x3	angular	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	0	beige	NA	Mn	-	encrusted phosphorite
76DR	1	Manganese crust	11x10x4	subangular	absent	NA	0	black	NA	NA	-	
76DR	2	Volcanoclastic breccia	7x7x5	subangular	absent	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS,GC	breccia with up to 7 cm grey vesicular basalt. Grain supported and poorly sorted. Phosphorite matrix.
76DR	3	Volcanoclastic breccia	16x16x10	subrounded	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	zeolites?	TS, GC, XRD	breccia with up to 13 cm grey amygdaloidal basalt. Grain supported and poorly sorted. Phosphorite matrix.
76DR	4	Vesicular basalt clast	7x7x5	subrounded	absent	30	30	grey	NA	NA	TS,GC	grey vesicular basalt clast
76DR	5	Volcanoclastic breccia	12x8x8	subrounded	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	0	grey	NA	zeolites?	-	grey amygdaloidal basalt clast
76DR	6	Volcanoclastic breccia	6x5x3	subrounded	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	breccia with up to 6 cm grey vesicular basalt clast. Grain supported and poorly sorted. Phosphorite matrix.
76DR	7	Vesicular Basalt clast	8x6x5	subrounded	Mn (<1 mm)	35	35	grey	NA	NA	-	grey vesicular basalt clast. Alteration halos are visible
76DR	8	Vesicular Basalt clast	7x5x3.5	subangular	Mn (<1 mm)	30	40	grey	NA	NA	-	grey vesicular basalt clast.
76DR	9	Volcanoclastic breccia	18x13x12	subrounded	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	breccia with grey amygdaloidal basalt. Grain supported and poorly sorted. Phosphorite matrix.
76DR	10	Volcanoclastic breccia	16x14x10	subangular	Mn (2 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS, GC, XRD	breccia with up to 10 cm grey basalt. Grain supported and poorly sorted. Phosphorite matrix.
76DR	11	Volcanoclastic breccia	28x18x11	subangular	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	breccia with up to 10 cm grey vesicular basalt. Grain supported and poorly sorted. Phosphorite matrix.
76DR	12	Volcanoclastic breccia	16x9x4	subangular	absent	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	breccia with up to 5 cm grey vesicular basalt. Grain supported and moderately well-sorted. Phosphorite matrix.
76DR	13	Vesicular basalt clast	9x6x6	subangular	Mn (<1 mm)	30	30	grey	NA	NA	-	grey vesicular basalt clast.
76DR	14	Volcanoclastic breccia	16x15x10	subrounded	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS,GC	breccia with up to 10 cm grey vesicular basalt. Grain supported and poorly sorted. Phosphorite matrix.
76DR	15	Vesicular basalt clast	8x6x6	rounded	Mn (<1 mm)	30	45	grey	NA	zeolites?	TS,GC	grey amygdaloidal basalt clast

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76DR	16	Volcanoclastic breccia	9x6x6	subrounded	absent	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	breccia with up to 10 cm grey vesicular basalt. Grain supported and poorly sorted. Phosphorite matrix.
76DR	17	Vesicular basalt clast	8x5x4	subangular	Mn (<1 mm)	30	15	grey	NA	zeolites?	-	grey amygdaloidal basalt clast
76DR	18	Volcanoclastic breccia	16x11x11	subrounded	Mn (<1 mm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	TS	breccia with up to 8 cm grey vesicular basalt. Grain supported and poorly sorted. Some portion of the phosphorite matrix (pinkish) is still soft.
76DR	19	Vesicular basalt clast	8x6x5	subrounded	Mn (<1 mm)	35	40	grey	NA	NA	-	breccia with up to 8 cm grey vesicular basalt. Grain supported and poorly sorted. Some portion of the phosphorite matrix (pinkish) is still soft.
76DR	20	Volcanoclastic breccia	30x20x20	subangular	Mn (1 cm)	NA	0	white	NA	NA	-	
77DR	1	Dense, phyric basalt	42x33x30	subrounded	Mn (1 cm)	25	5	brown	NA	NA	TS, GC, XRD	big block packed as rest, could not be opened with saw. Probably better GC samples possible with this part
77DR	2	Vesicular basalt	22x14x13	subrounded	Mn (3 cm)	23-30	40	brown grey	NA	zeolites	TS, GC, XRD	minerals were up to 2mm in size, strong alteration makes defining them by eye difficult
77DR	3	Vesicular basalt	17x13x10	subangular	Mn (3 cm)	<50	50-60	red/brown/ grey	mafic minerals (1%)	zeolites	-	Fe-hydroxides as alteration product; greenish weathering
77DR	4	Vesicular basalt	8x8x7	subangular	Mn (<5 mm)	40	50-60	red/brown/ grey	NA	zeolites	-	Less Zeolite than 3
77DR	5	Vesicular basalt	8x6x5	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	40	50-60	red/brown/ grey	NA	zeolites	-	
77DR	6	Vesicular basalt	6x4x2.5	subangular	Mn (1 mm)	30	50-60	red/brown/ grey	NA	zeolites	-	
77DR	7	Manganese crust	15x13x4	subangular	absent	0	0	black	NA	NA	-	
77DR	8	Encrusted breccia	16x12.5x11	subangular	Mn (4 cm)	<5	0	greenish to beige	NA	NA	-	intermediate sorted; grain supported; basalt clasts (up to 4 cm). Clasts similar to 77DR6

## Abbreviation list:

amph = amphibole; il = ilmenite; Mn = manganese; ol = olivine; phl = phosphorite; pl = plagioclase; px = pyroxene; sed = sedimentar

## 10.2 Rock sample photographs



5DR-1



5DR-2



5DR-3



5DR-4



5DR-5



5DR-6



5DR-7



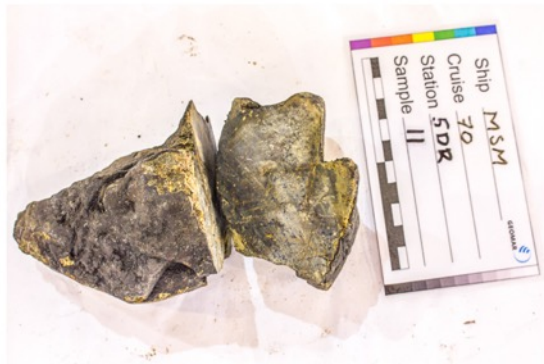
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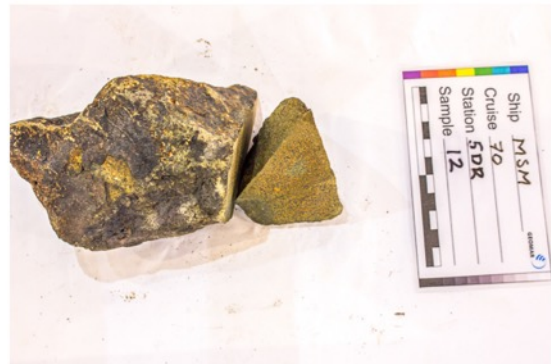
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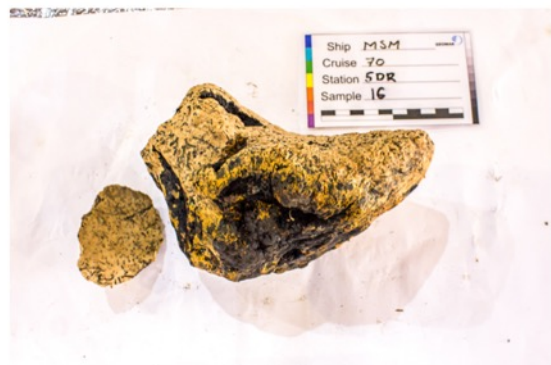
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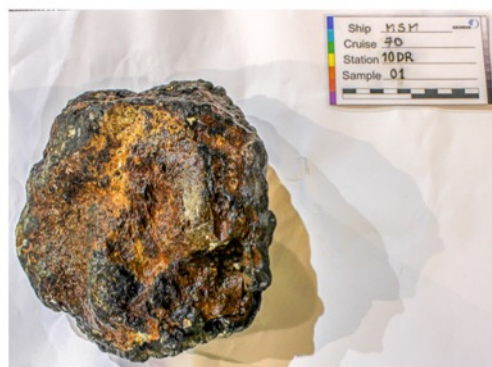
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9DR-1b



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10DR-4b



10DR-5a



10DR-5b



10DR-6



9DR-2



9DR-3



9DR-4



9DR-5



9DR-6



10DR-7



9DR-1c



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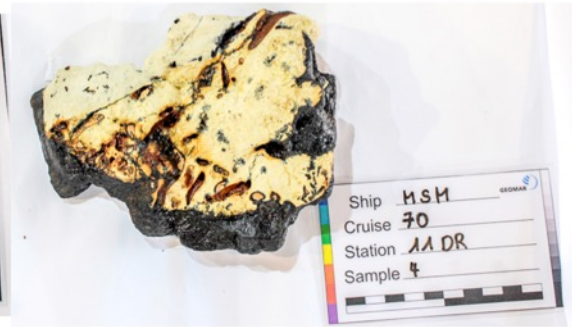
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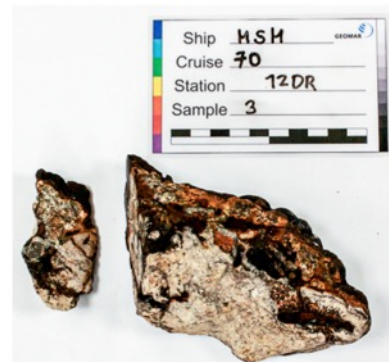
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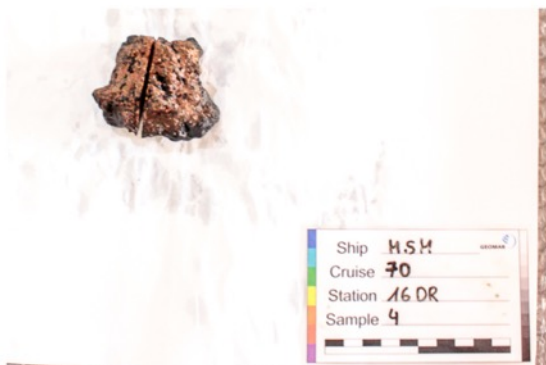
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17DR-4



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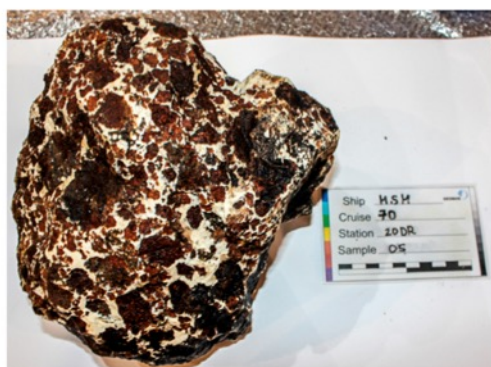
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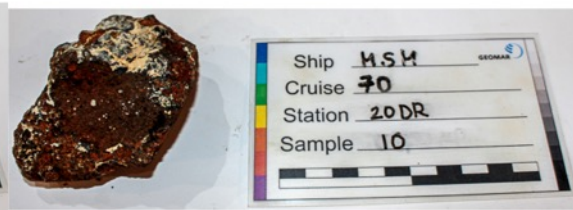
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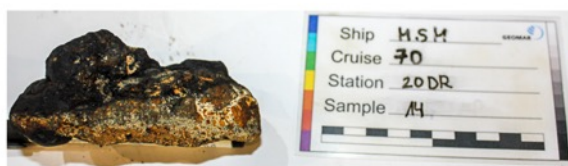
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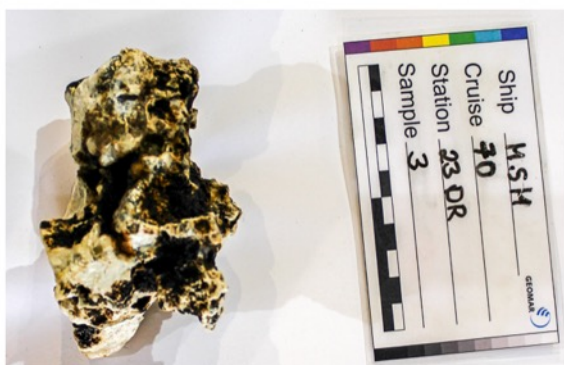
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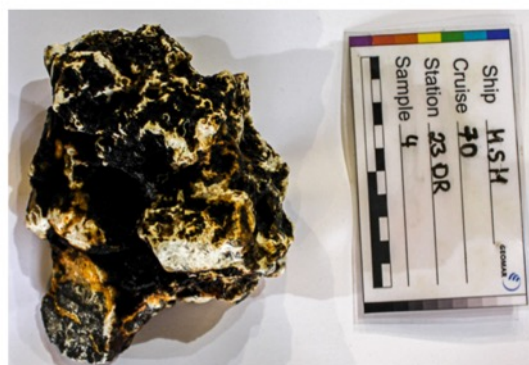
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26DR-6



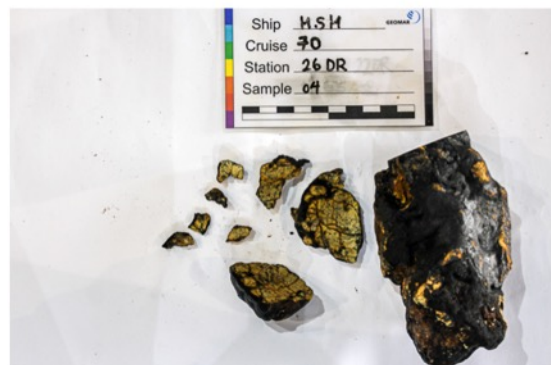
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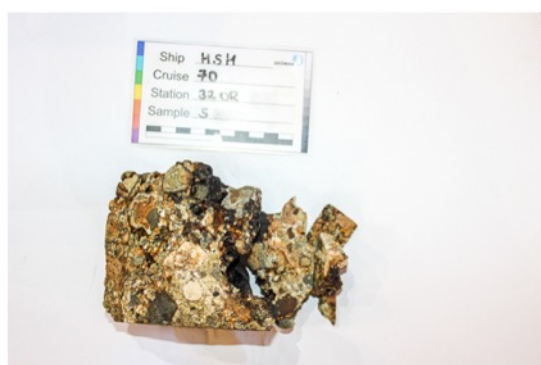
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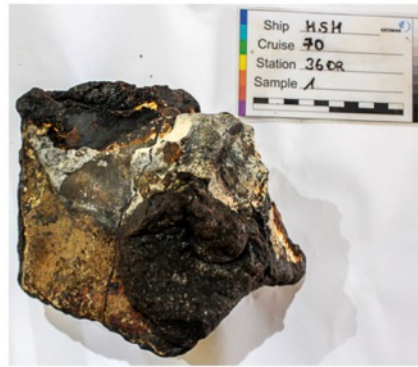
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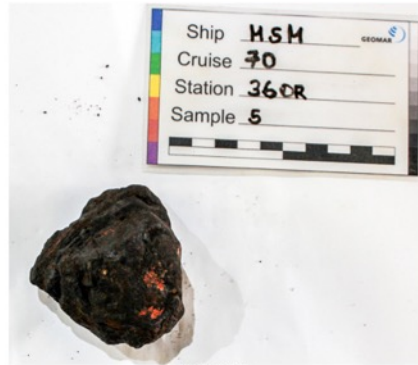
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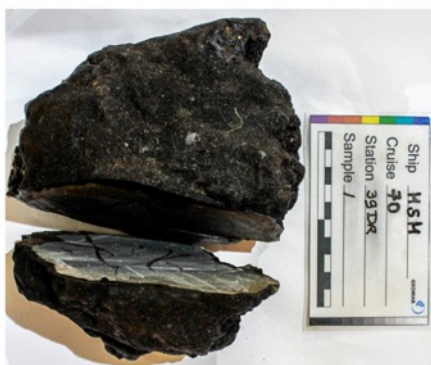
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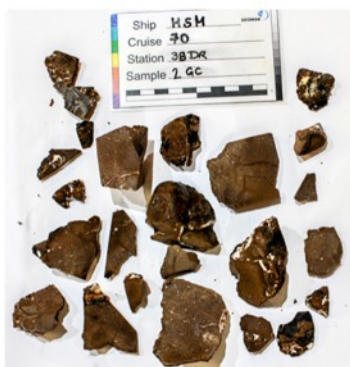
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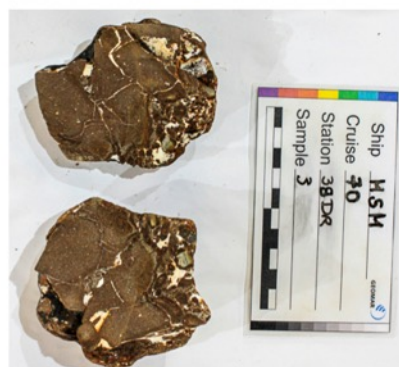
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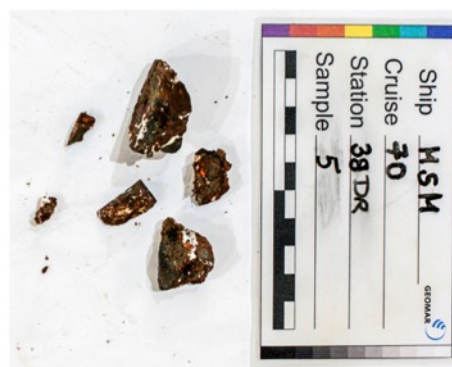
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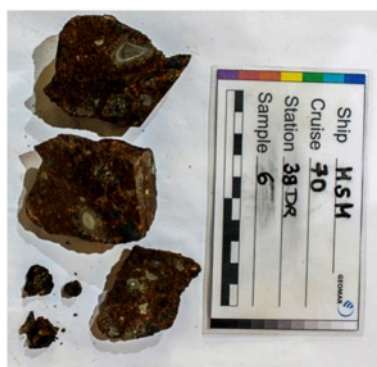
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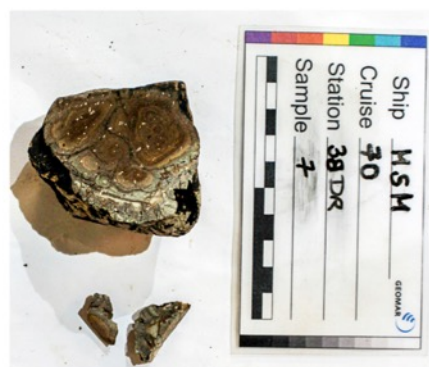
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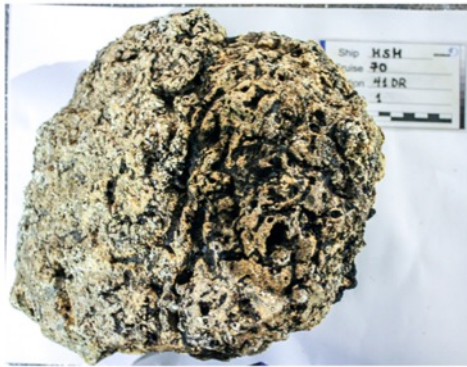
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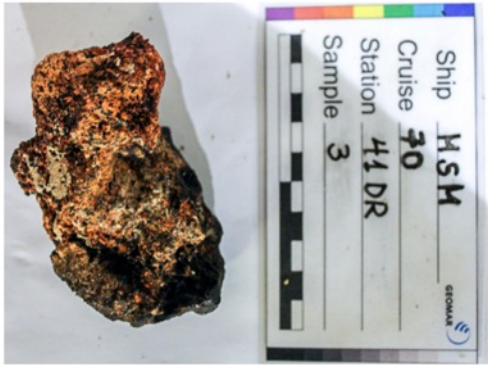
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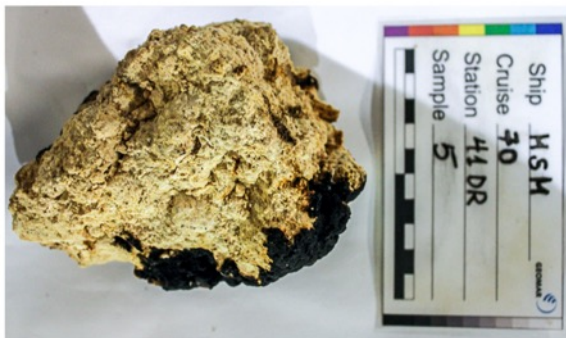
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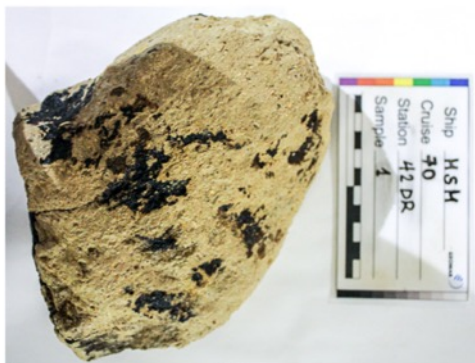
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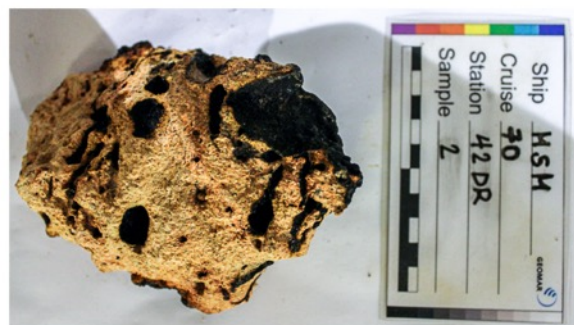
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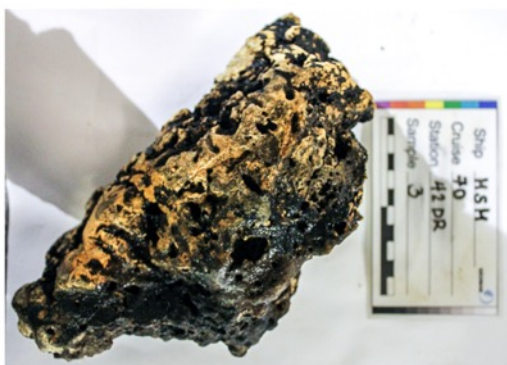
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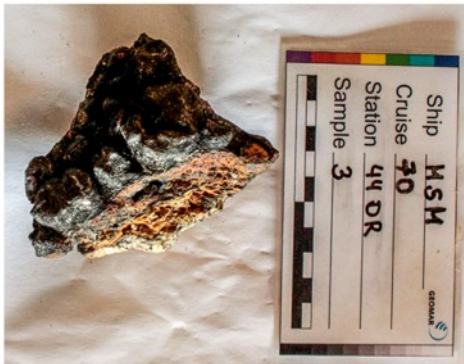
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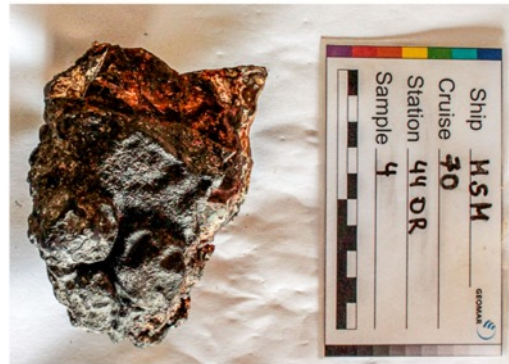
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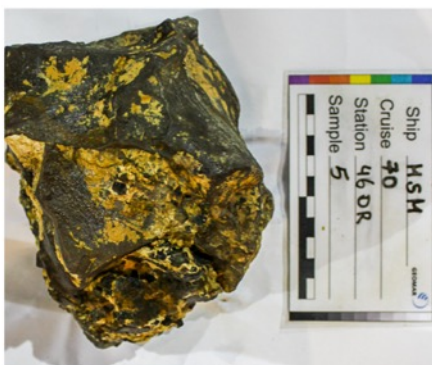
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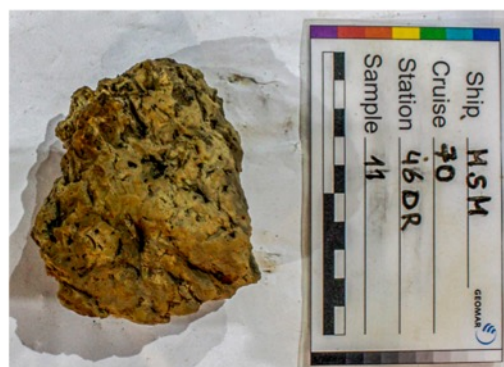
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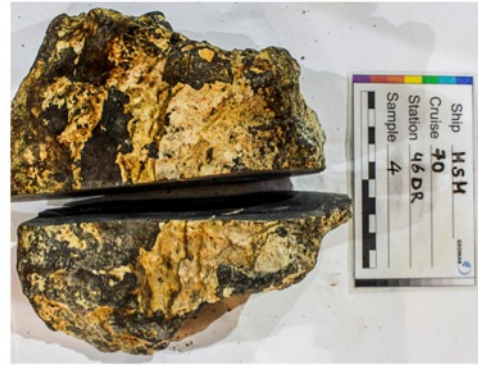
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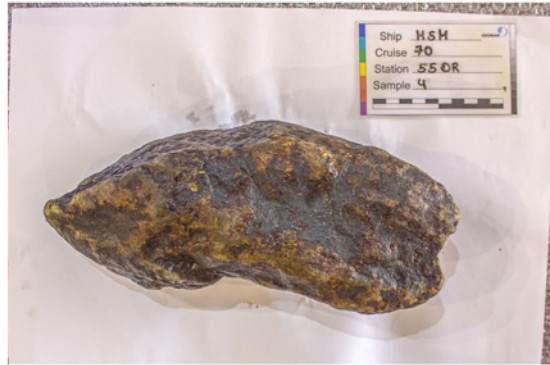
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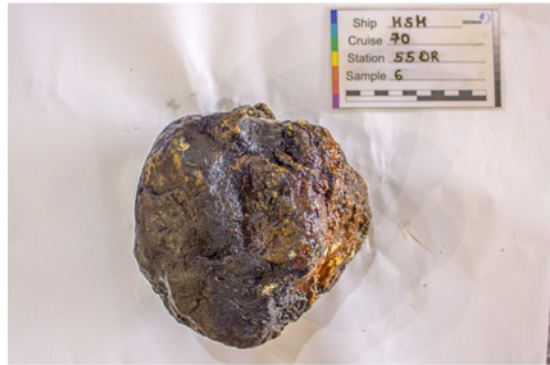
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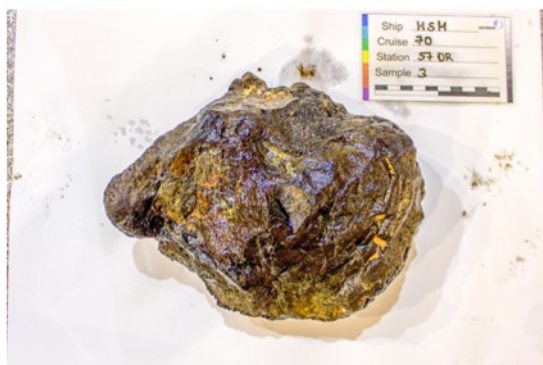
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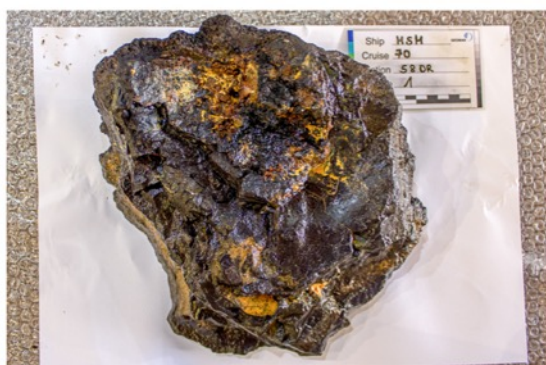
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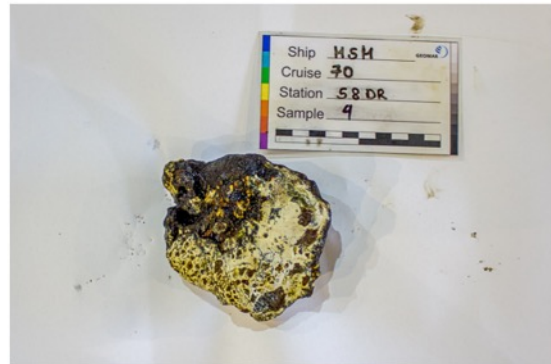
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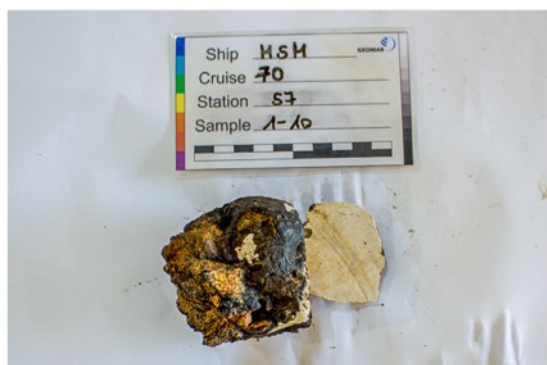
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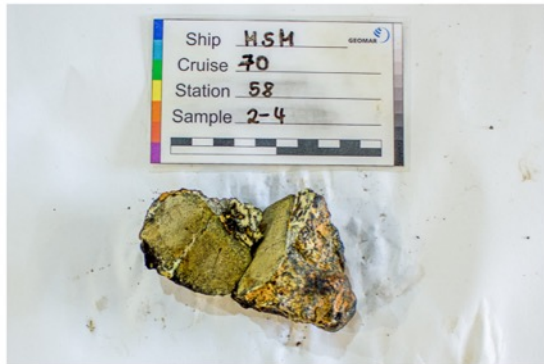
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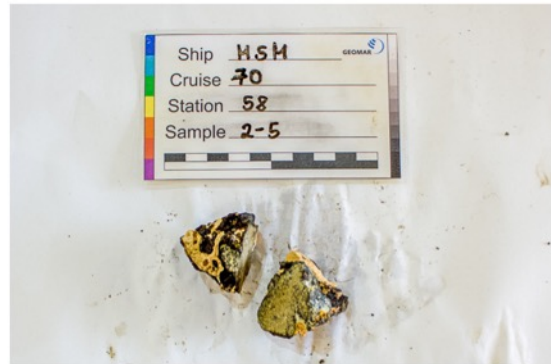
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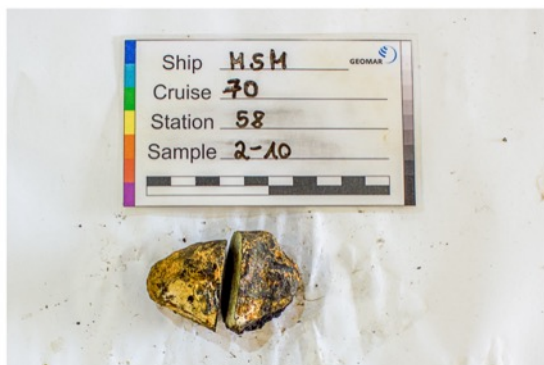
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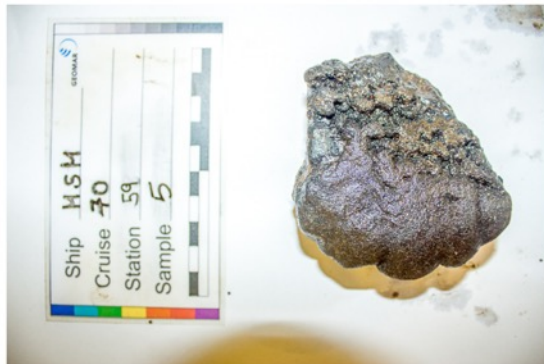
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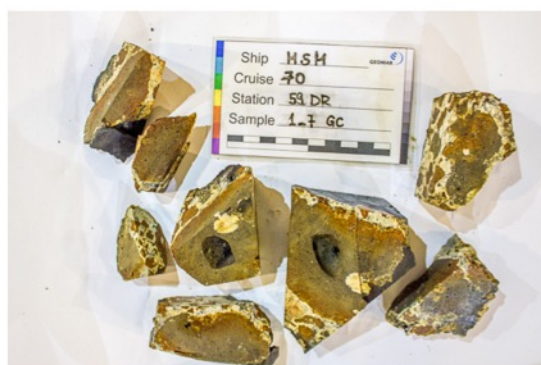
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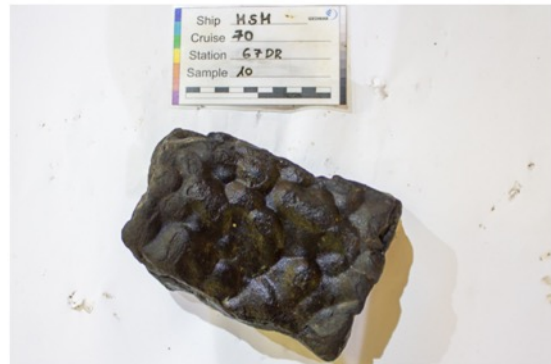
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71DR-3b





71DR-3a



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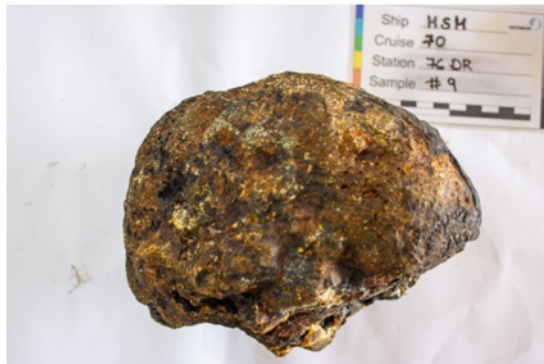
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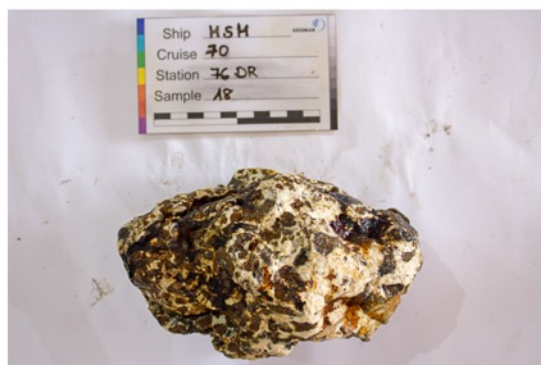
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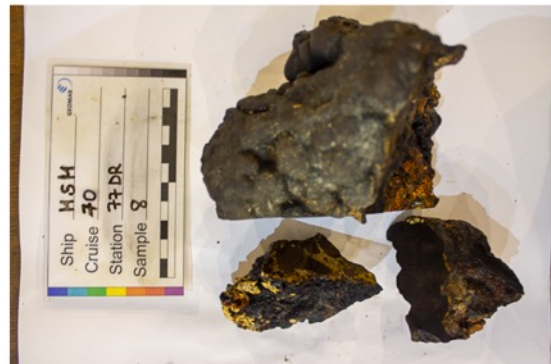
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### 10.3 Subsample photographs

GC = block prepared for geochemistry, TS = block prepared for thin sections, XRD = sample for XRD analyses.



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15DR-1\_TS



15DR-2\_GC



15DR-2\_TS



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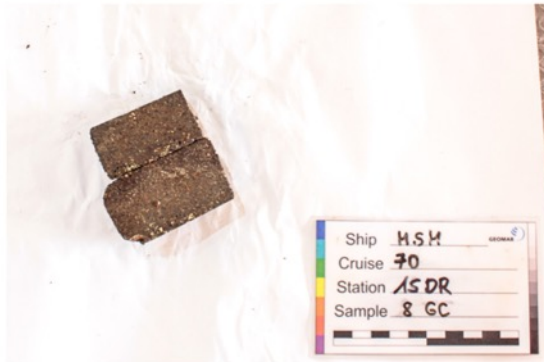
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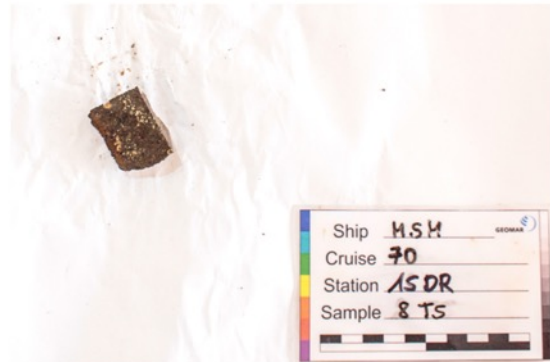
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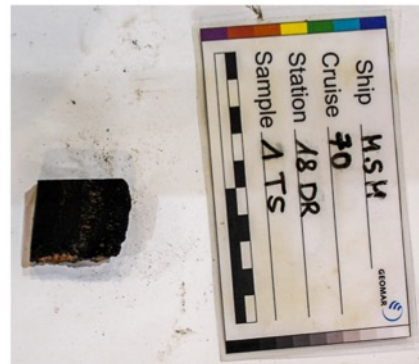
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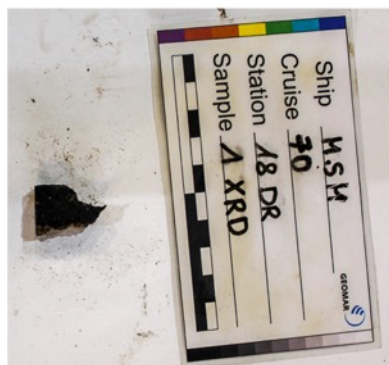
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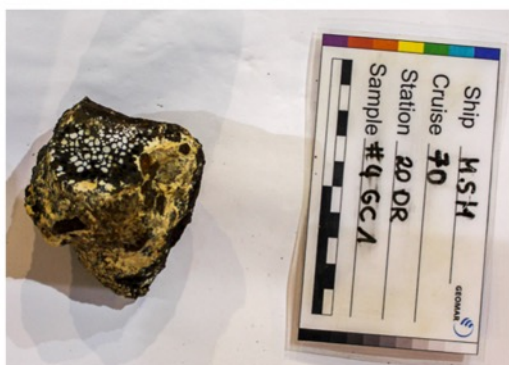




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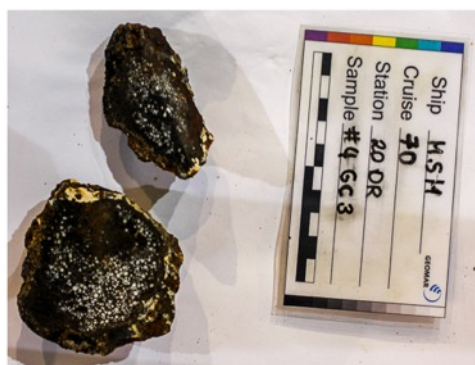
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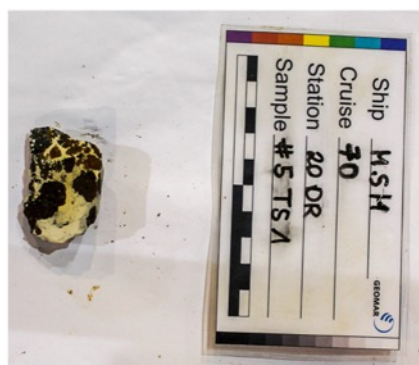
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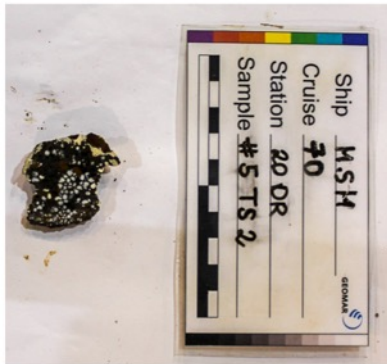
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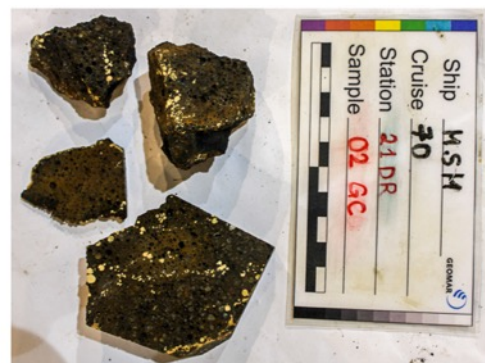
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21DR-6\_TS



21DR-6\_XRD



23DR-1\_GC



23DR-4\_XRD



26DR-1\_GC



26DR-1\_TS



26DR-2\_GC



26DR-2\_TS



26DR-4\_TS



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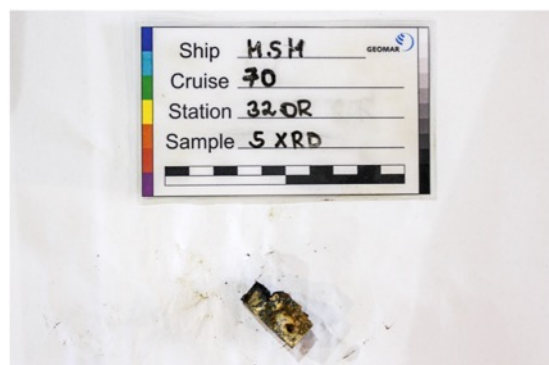
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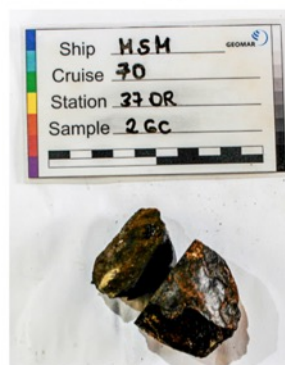
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39DR-1\_GC



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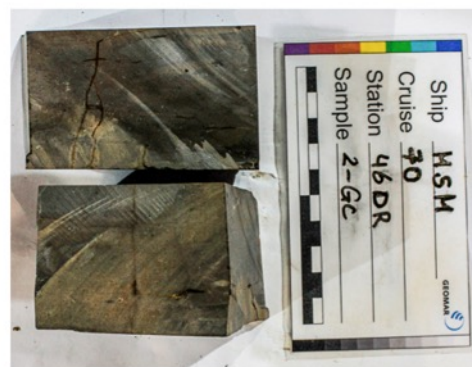
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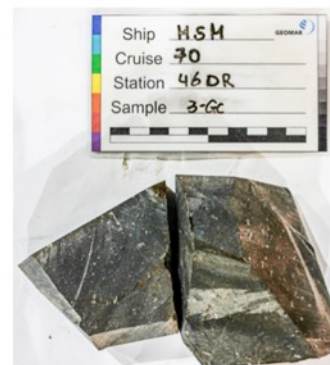
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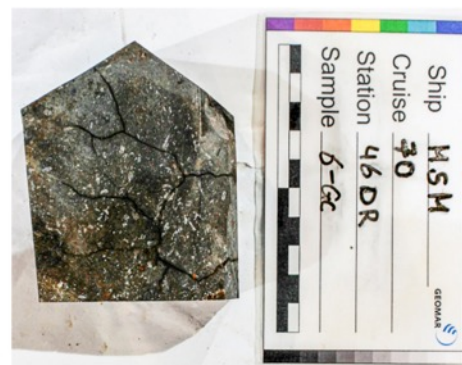
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46DR-7\_GC



46DR-7\_TS



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48DR-1\_1\_TS



48DR-1\_2\_TS



48DR-1\_3\_GC



48DR-1\_3\_TS



48DR-4\_GC



48DR-4\_TS



48DR-6\_GC



48DR-6\_TS



49DR-3\_TS



49DR-4\_GC



49DR-5\_GC



49DR-5\_TS



52DR-1\_GC



52DR-1\_TS



53DR-1\_GC



53DR-1\_TS



53DR-2\_GC



53DR-2\_TS



54DR-1\_1\_GC



54DR-1\_1\_TSa



54DR-1\_1\_TSb



54DR-1\_2\_GC



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54DR-1\_6\_GC



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54DR-2\_GC



54DR-2\_TS



55DR-1\_XRD



55DR-2\_GC



55DR-2\_TS



55DR-2\_XRD



55DR-3\_GC1



55DR-3\_GC2



55DR-3\_TSA



55DR-3\_TS2



55DR-3\_XRD



55DR-4\_GC



55DR-4\_TS





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55DR-7\_TS



55DR-7\_XRD



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57DR-1\_1\_TS



57DR-1\_2\_GC



57DR-1\_2\_TS



57DR-1\_3\_GC



57DR-1\_3\_TS



57DR-1\_4\_GC



57DR-1\_4\_TS



57DR-1\_4\_XRD



58DR-1\_GC



58DR-2\_1\_GC



58DR-2\_1\_TS



58DR-2\_1\_XRD



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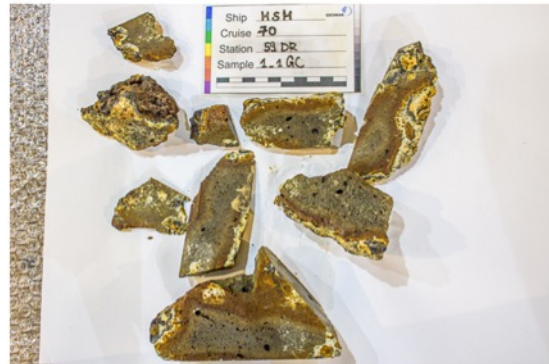
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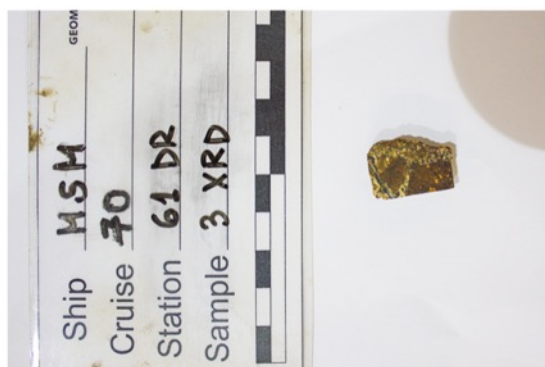
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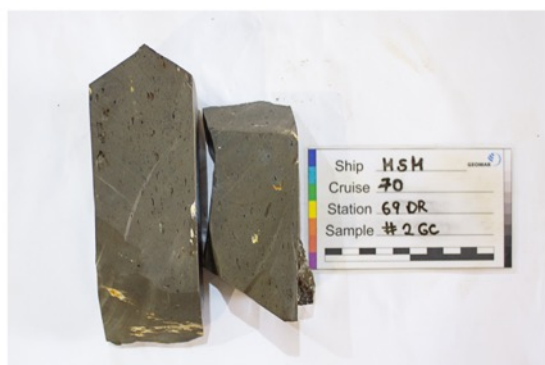
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71DR-2\_TS



72DR-1\_GC



72DR-1\_TS



73DR-1\_GC



73DR-1\_TS





73DR-1\_XRD



73DR-2\_TS



73DR-3\_GC



73DR-3\_TS



73DR-4\_GC



73DR-4\_TS



75DR-1\_GC



75DR-1\_TS



75DR-3\_TS



76DR-2\_GC



76DR-2\_TS



76DR-3\_GC



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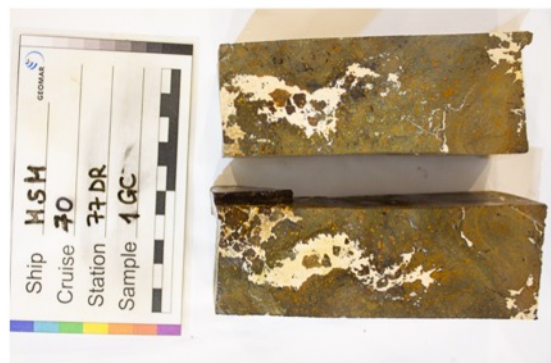
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