### <u>ROV SUBASTIAN</u> SOI's REMOTELY OPERATED VEHICLE (ROV) 2020 UNOLS & DeSSC YEAR END UPDATE





# Introduction

#### Errol Campbell – ROV Manager

#### Schmidt Ocean Institute

- > Not for Profit Organization
- Goal to advance global marine research
- Provide state of the art operational, technological and information support
- Pioneering Ocean science and technology projects
- > Share what we discover
- > Help the world better understand our oceans

#### ROV Subastian

- > 4500m depth rating
- Development started in 2015
- Integrated onto R/V Falkor in summer of 2016
- Successfully completed 402 Dives to date





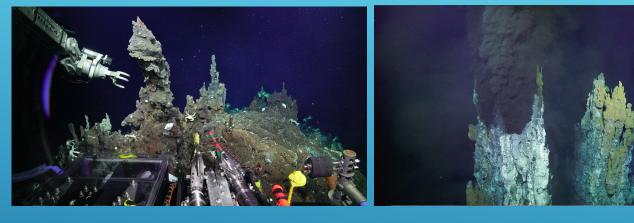
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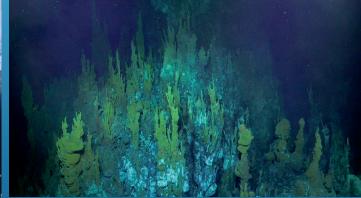
### **ROV SuBastian's Tool Box - 2020**

### Large array of calibrated sensors and tooling:

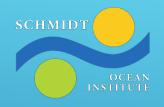
- > Water samplers 2.5 & 5 L
- Suction Sampler
- ➢ Temp-Heat Probe
- ➢ Bio-Boxes
- > Scoops
- Rock Boxes
- Mini-Temp Recorders
- Push cores
- > O2 Sensors
- > CTD
- ≻ PH
- > SV Probe
- > Mini IPS
- > Photomosiacing
- And the ability to integrate a vast array of other science sensors & samplers!







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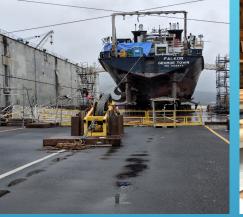
# 2020 R & M rebuild and upgrades

#### Rebuild and Inspections

- Complete strip down, inspection & repair
- Structural inspection of frame & load path, thrusters, manipulators, all major components
- Science, equipment, tooling & sensors

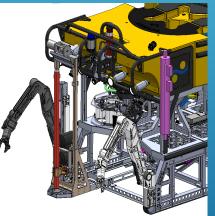
### > <u>Upgrades</u>

- New 6000m Umbilical (Currently Spare)
- Replaced all ROV oil filled trunk cables
- Rewired all ROV junction boxes & installed new PCB's
- > Oil / Water Separator (Feb 2021)
- Science tooling & topside integration upgrades
- Built a Vibracore (1.5m cores)









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#### 2020 ROV Science Missions

- > ROV & Vessel Sea-Trials
- Jullie Trotter Submarine Canyons
   Southwest Australia.
- Nerida Wilson Submarine
  Canyons Western Australia.
- Rob Beaman Opportunistic
  Mapping & ROV Dives –
  Queensland Plateau, Australia.
- Mardi McNeil Mapping the Southern Great Barrier Reef, Australia.
- > Utilized Remote Telepresence.

# **2020 ROV Science Missions**



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### **2020 Cruise Highlights**

- Maintained Offshore Operations as best as possible despite the Global COVID 19 Pandemic
  - Discovered a massive detached coral reef over 500m high.
  - Viewed the deepest regions of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.
  - Discovered five undescribed species consisting of black corals and sponges &150-foot siphonophore-seemingly the longest animal ever recorded.
  - First recorded live observation of Spirula, aka ram's horn squid, alive and in its natural environment.



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