



## **RV Natsushima Cruise Report**

**NT14-06**

**Bayonnaise Knoll, Myojin Knoll,  
and  
Myojin-sho submarine caldera  
(Izu-Ogasawara Area)**

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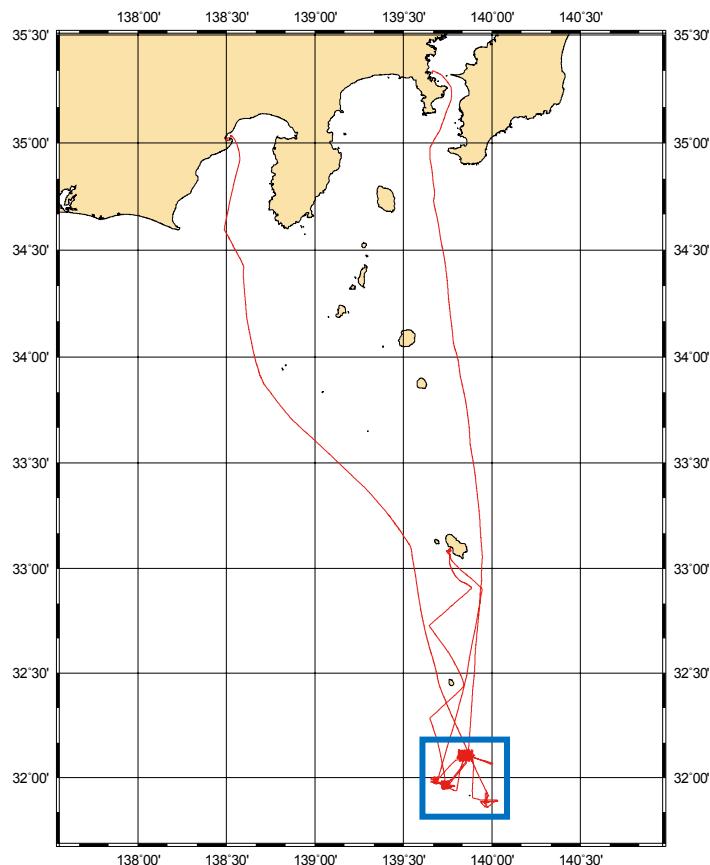
## 1. Cruise Information

- 1) Cruise ID: NT14-06
- 2) Name of vessel: R/V Natsushima
- 3) Title of the cruise: Natsushima/Hyper-Dolphin NT14-06
- 4) Title of proposal

“The final piece for the study on the hypothesis of the passive meiofaunal migration between hydrothermal vents in “neighbor” seamounts: Research on the Bayonnaise Knoll caldera”  
(Motohiro SHIMANAGA)

“Elucidation of the hypotaurine-synthesis pathway of deep-sea mussels” (Koji INOUE)

“Time-resolved in situ colonization experiments of basalt at seafloor to understand a deep biosphere ecosystem” (Satoshi MITSUNOBU)
- 5) Cruise period: 11<sup>th</sup> April - 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2014
- 6) Ports of call: Yokosuka port / Shimizu port.
- 7) Research area: Around Izu-Ogasawara arc



Research Area and Cruise track of NT14-06.

## **2. Researchers**

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### **3. Observation**

#### **1) Overview of the observation**

In this cruise, we visited active hydrothermal venting sites in the Bayonnaise and Myojin Knolls. Eight dives (Dive #1645-1652) were done, during six research days in total. Three research groups participated to this cruise. The purposes of those groups were shown below.

#### **2) Research information**

##### **a) SHIMANAGA group**

Our major purpose is to investigate spatial differences in meiofaunal community structure among hydrothermal vents in seamounts on the Izu-Ogasawara Arc, evaluating similarities in species diversity and community structure between meiofauna assemblages around hydrothermal vents in different calderas belonging to the same arc. During the cruise (ROV/hyper-Dolphin, Dives #1647, #1648, 1649, 1652), we collected meiofauna in the sediment and on bacteria matts on the walls of vents, using different types of corers and suction samplers. We will sort those collected meiofauna based on morphological structures and DNA sequences. We hope that data obtained through our studies will bring us important information on common and specific features of the meiofaunal community around hydrothermal vent ecosystems.

##### **b) INOUE group**

The purpose of the Inoue group is to elucidate the accumulation mechanisms of hypotaurine, an amino acid used to avoid the toxicity of hydrogen sulfide in the hydrothermal-vent water. In this cruise, we collected the deep-sea mussel *Bathymodiolus septemtierum* at Myojin Knoll using the suction sampler (Dives #1645, #1646, #1650, and #1651). A part of the collected mussels are used for physiological and biochemical experiments on board and others are kept in aquaria for the experiments after cruise. In addition, temperature and sulfide level of the sampling points were measured using sensors to understand the influence of environmental conditions on the expression of the hypotaurine accumulation mechanisms.

##### **c) MITSUNOBU group**

Our main objective is to understand a litho-biosphere ecosystem beneath sea-floor supported by oxidation of ferrous iron (Fe(II)) in ocean crust, basalt rock. Accordingly, we would perform “time-resolved in situ colonization experiment with fresh basalt” and investigate biotic alteration process of the basalt rock and microbial community related to the alteration, in the view of Fe(II) oxidation reaction. In this cruise, (i) we have installed three incubation vessels in both hydrothermal and non-hydrothermal areas in Beyonnaise knoll (Dives #1647 and #1648), and (ii) we have collected seawater and rock samples on the setting points (Dives #1647, #1648, #1649, and #1652). As the future works, we will analyze the collected seawater and rock samples, to understand environmental condition and thermodynamically

possible reaction at the installation points. The installed incubation vessels will be recovered first in December 2014, which is the second cruise for our project.

**3) Dive information (Details of dive tracks, sampling locations, etc. are shown in Appendix)**

**a) Dive #1645 (April 12, Myojin Knoll submarine caldera; reporter, K. Inoue)**

**Equipment loaded:** Suction sampler (Slurp gun) with a rotary canister with 7-bottles, and that with a cubic canister, Sulfide sensor, On-line thermometer, Niskin water sampler (x2), Bag-type water sampler, DO meter, Sample Box (x2), H-type corer (x2), RV Homer, Markers (x2)

**Sampling and Operation**

1. Observation of a deep-sea mussel colony (D=1244 m)
2. DO measurement
3. Sulfide and temperature measurement
4. Sampling of water just above the mussel colonies
5. Mussel sampling
6. Sampling of seawater near the mussel colonies
7. Setting a marker and the RV Homer near the colony.



Arrangement of research equipment at Dive #1645

**b) Dive #1646 (April 12, Myojin Knoll submarine caldera; reporter, K. Inoue)**

**Equipment loaded:** Suction sampler (Slurp gun) with a rotary canister with 7-bottles, and that with a cubic canister, Sulfide sensor, On-line thermometer, Niskin water sampler (x2), Bag-type water sampler, DO meter, Sample Box (x2), H-type corer (x2), Markers (x2), Bait trap

**Sampling and Operation**

1. Bait trap setting
2. Sampling of additional water just above the colony (D=1244 m)
3. Sampling of vent-specific organisms using Slurp Gun
4. Recovery of the bait trap and the RV homer.
5. Seek for another mussel colonies
6. Sulfide and temperature measurement
7. Sampling of water just above the mussel colonies
8. Mussel sampling
9. Sampling of seawater near the mussel colonies
10. Seek for another mussel colonies
11. Sulfide and temperature measurement
12. Mussel sampling
13. Sampling of water just above the mussel colonies



Arrangement of research equipment at Dive #1646

**c) Dive #1647 (April 13, Bayonnaise knoll; reporter, M. Shimanaga)**

**Equipment loaded:** Suction sampler (Slurp gun) with a rotary canister with 7-bottles, and that with a cubic canister, Sulfide sensor, On-line thermometer, Niskin water sampler (x2), In situ incubator (x3), DO meter, Sample Box (x1), H-type corer (x4), S-type corer (x4), Vacuum water sampler (x2)

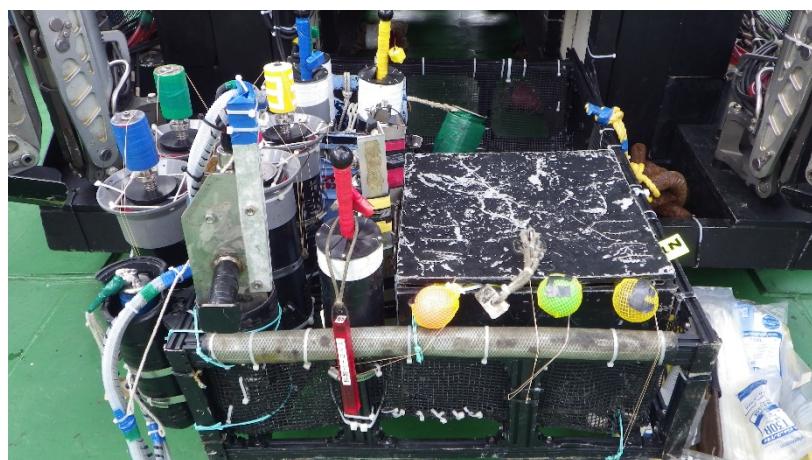
**Sampling and Operation**

(Shimanaga group)

1. Sampling of sediment (D = 831 m, 778 m, 757 m, 742 m)
2. DO measurement
3. Temperature measurement
4. Sulfide measurement
5. Sampling of benthos samples with slurp gun on the chimneys

(Mitsunobu group)

1. Sampling of rock and sediment samples (D = 831 m, 760 m, 762 m, 742 m, 784 m)
2. Setting of in situ incubators in non-hydrothermal area (D = 778 m)
3. DO measurement
4. Temperature measurement
5. Sulfide measurement
6. Seawater sampling by vacuum water sampler (D = 778 m)



Arrangement of research equipments at Dive #1647

**d) Dive #1648 (April 15, Bayonnaise knoll; reporter, S. Mitsunobu)**

**Equipment loaded:** Suction sampler (Slurp gun) with a rotary canister with 7-bottles, and that with a cubic canister, Sulfide sensor, On-line thermometer, Niskin water sampler (x2), In situ incubator (x3), DO meter, Sample Box (x1), H-type corer (x2), M-type sediment sampler (x2), S-type corer (x4) Vacuum water sampler (x2)

**Sampling and Operation**

(Shimanaga group)

1. Sampling of sediment (D=832 m, 781 m, 777 m)
2. DO measurement
3. Temperature measurement
4. Sulfide measurement
5. Sampling of benthos sample with slurp gun on the chimney

(Mitsunobu group)

1. Sampling of rock and sediment samples (D = 829 m, 832 m, 781 m, 777 m)
2. Setting of in situ incubators in non-hydrothermal area (D = 832 m)
3. DO measurement
4. Temperature measurement
5. Sulfide measurement
6. Seawater sampling by vacuum water sampler (D = 781 m, 832 m)



Arrangement of research equipment at Dive #1648

**e) Dive #1649 (April 16, Bayonnaise knoll; reporter, S. Mitsunobu)**

**Equipment loaded:** Suction sampler (Slurp gun) with a rotary canister with 7-bottles, and that with a cubic canister, Sulfide sensor, On-line thermometer, Niskin water sampler (x2), DO meter, Sample Box (x1), H-type corer (x2), M-type sediment sampler (x2), S-type corer (x4), Marker with reflector (x2) Vacuum water sampler (x2)

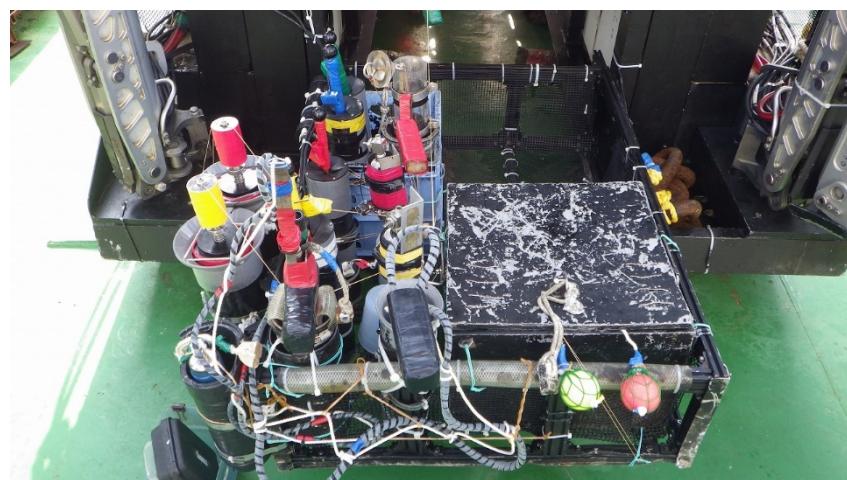
**Sampling and Operation**

(Shimanaga group)

1. Sampling of plankton sample with slurp gun in middle depth (D = 600 m, 700 m)
2. Sampling of sediment (D=831 m, 779 m, 772 m)
3. DO measurement
4. Temperature measurement
5. Sulfide measurement
6. Sampling of benthos with slurp gun on the chimney

(Mitsunobu group)

1. Sampling yellow/red colored sediment (D = 779 m)
2. Sampling rock sample near chimney vent (D = 774 m, 772 m)
3. DO measurement
4. Temperature measurement
5. Seawater sampling by vacuum water sampler (D = 772 m)



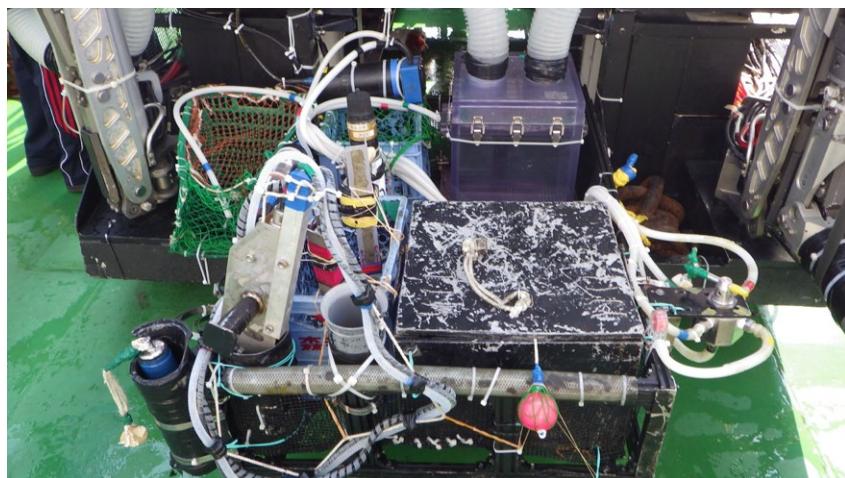
Arrangement of research equipment at Dive #1649

**f) Dive #1650 (April 17, Myojin Knoll submarine caldera; reporter, K. Inoue)**

**Equipment loaded:** Suction sampler (Slurp gun) with a rotary canister with 7-bottles, and that with a cubic canister, Sulfide sensor, On-line thermometer, Niskin water sampler (x2), Vacuum water sampler (x2), Bag-type water sampler, DO meter, Sample Box (x2), H-type corer (x2), Markers (x2), Bait trap, RV-homer

**Sampling and Operation**

1. Observation of a deep-sea mussel colony (D=1278 m)
2. Sulfide and temperature measurement
3. DO measurement
4. Sampling of water just above the mussel colonies (Vacuum sampler)
5. Mussel sampling
6. Sulfide and temperature measurement at a different position
7. DO measurement
8. Sampling of water just above the mussel colonies (Vacuum sampler)
9. Mussel sampling
10. Mover to a neighboring mussel colony
11. Sulfide and temperature measurement
12. DO measurement
13. Mussel sampling
14. Sampling of a piece of chimney



Arrangement of research equipment at Dive #1650

**g) Dive #1651 (April 17, Myojin Knoll submarine caldera; reporter, K. Inoue)**

**Equipment loaded:** Suction sampler (Slurp gun) with a rotary canister with 7-bottles, and that with a cubic canister, Sulfide sensor, On-line thermometer, Niskin water sampler (x2), Vacuum water sampler (x2), Bag-type water sampler, DO meter, Sample Box (x2), H-type corer (x2), Markers (x2), Bait trap, RV-homer

**Sampling and Operation**

1. At the last colony of the dive 1650, water sampling (Vacuum sampler)
2. Bait trap setting
3. Seek for another mussel colonies
4. Sulfide and temperature measurement (D=1278 m)
5. Sampling of water just above the mussel colonies (Vacuum sampler)
6. Mussel sampling
7. Sampling of a piece of chimney
8. Sampling of additional mussels at the last colony of the dive 1650
9. Recovery of the bait trap



Arrangement of research equipment at Dive #1651

**h) Dive #1652 (April 18, Myojin-sho caldera; reporter, M. Shimanaga)**

**Equipment loaded:** Suction sampler (Slurp gun) with a rotary canister with 7-bottles, and that with a cubic canister, Sulfide sensor, On-line thermometer, Niskin water sampler (x2), DO meter, Sample Box (x1), H-type corer (x2), M-type sediment sampler (x2), S-type corer (x4) Vacuum water sampler (x2)

**Sampling and Operation**

(Shimanaga group)

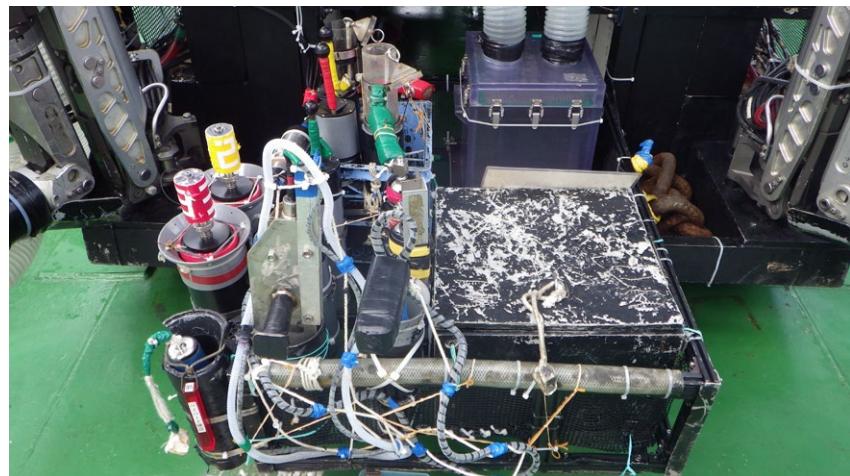
1. Sampling of sediment (D = 853 m, 803 m)
2. DO measurement
3. Temperature measurement
4. Sulfide measurement
5. Sampling of benthos samples with slurp gun on the chimneys

(Inoue group)

1. Sampling of benthos samples with slurp gun on the chimneys

(Mitsunobu group)

1. Seawater sampling by vacuum water sampler (D = 791 m, 809 m)



Arrangement of research equipments at Dive #1652

#### **4. Acknowledgement**

The science party expresses thanks to the crew of RV Natsushima and the operation team of ROV Hyper-Dolphin.

#### **5. Notice on Using**

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# **Appendix**

(Point maps and track charts)

