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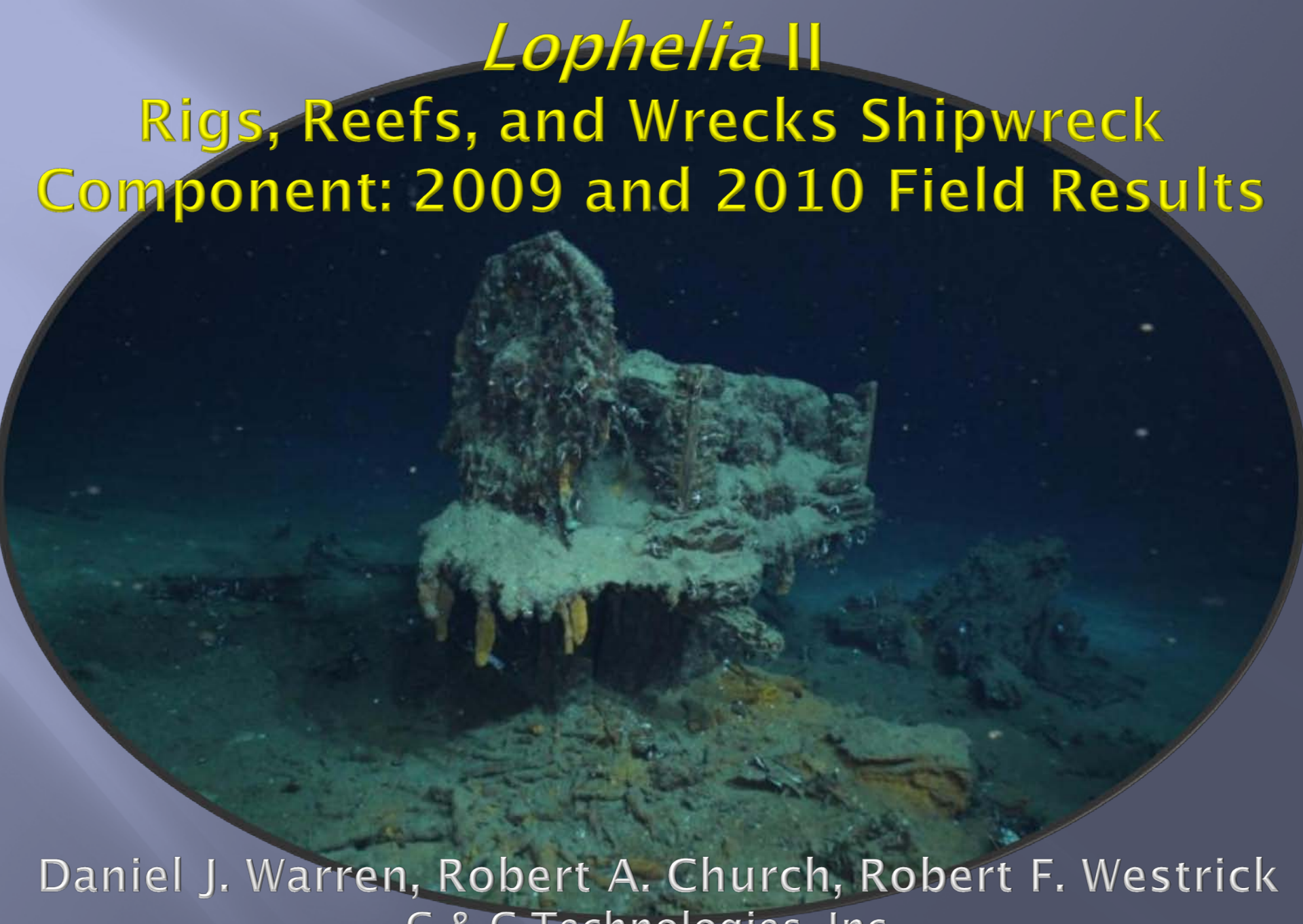

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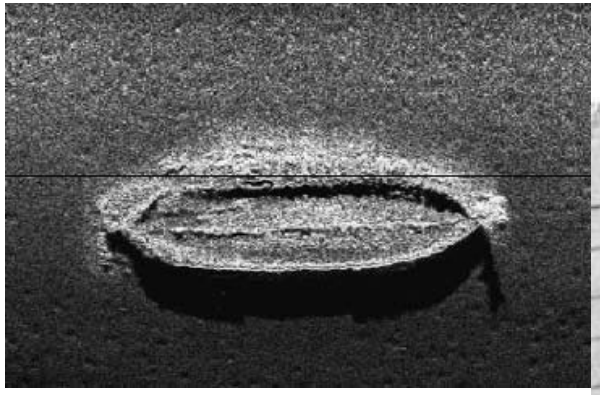
Lophelia II
Shipwreck Component Objectives

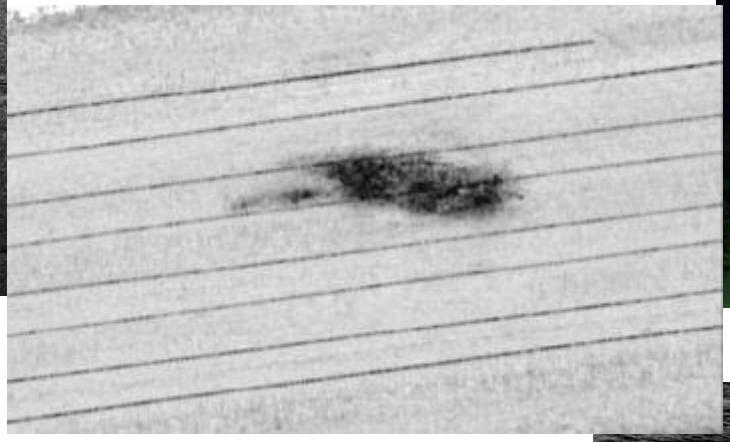
- Investigate and document each site archaeologically & biologically
- Mosaic and map the exposed site
- Assess the condition and state of preservation
- Collect diagnostic artifacts and biological samples

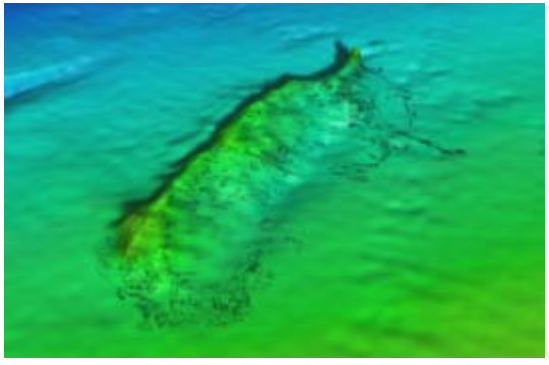
2009 Field Season

Investigated 5 shipwreck sites

- 4 previously investigated
- 1 exploration site
- 12 – 20 hour dives







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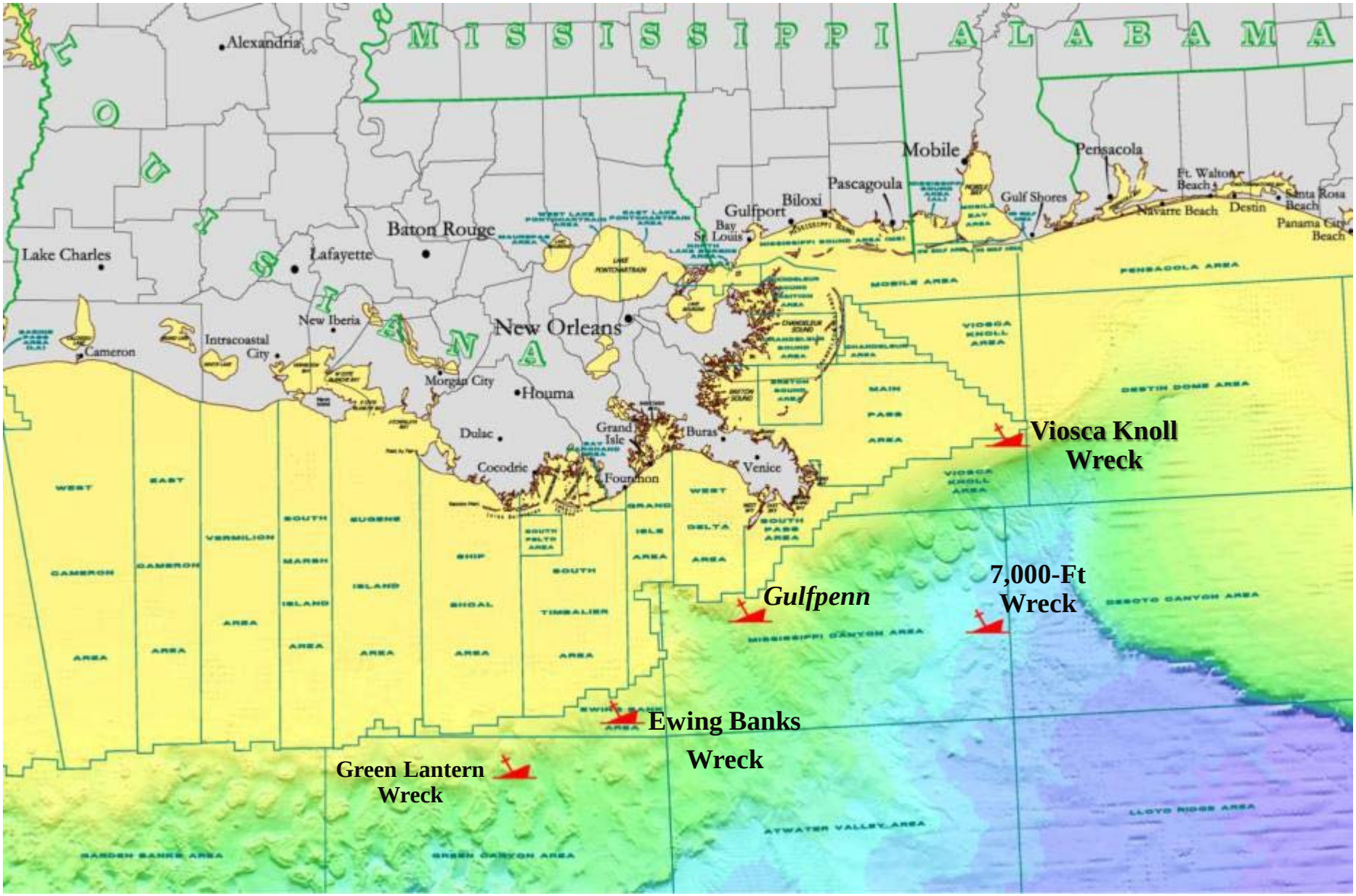
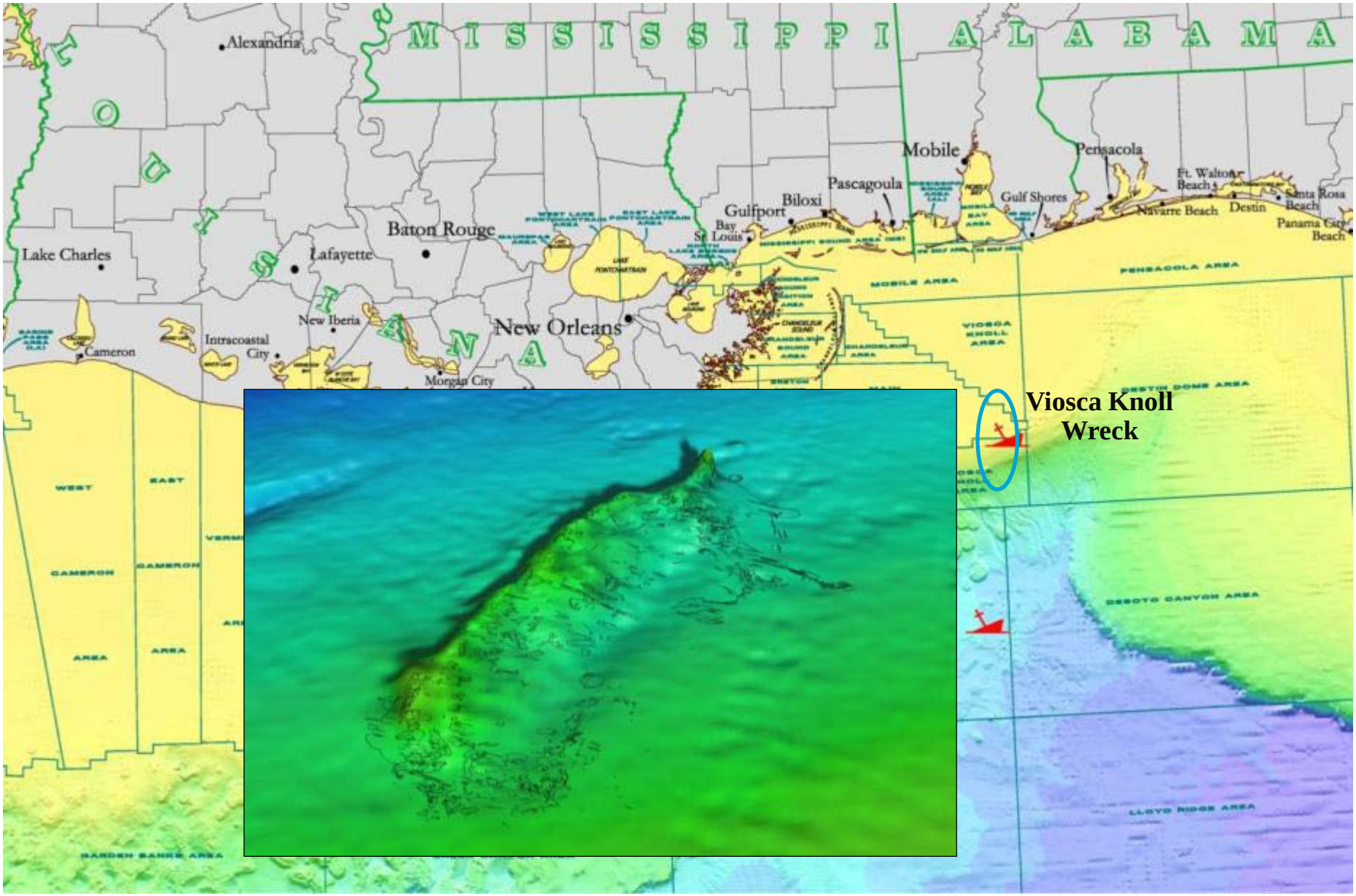


Viosca Knoll Wreck



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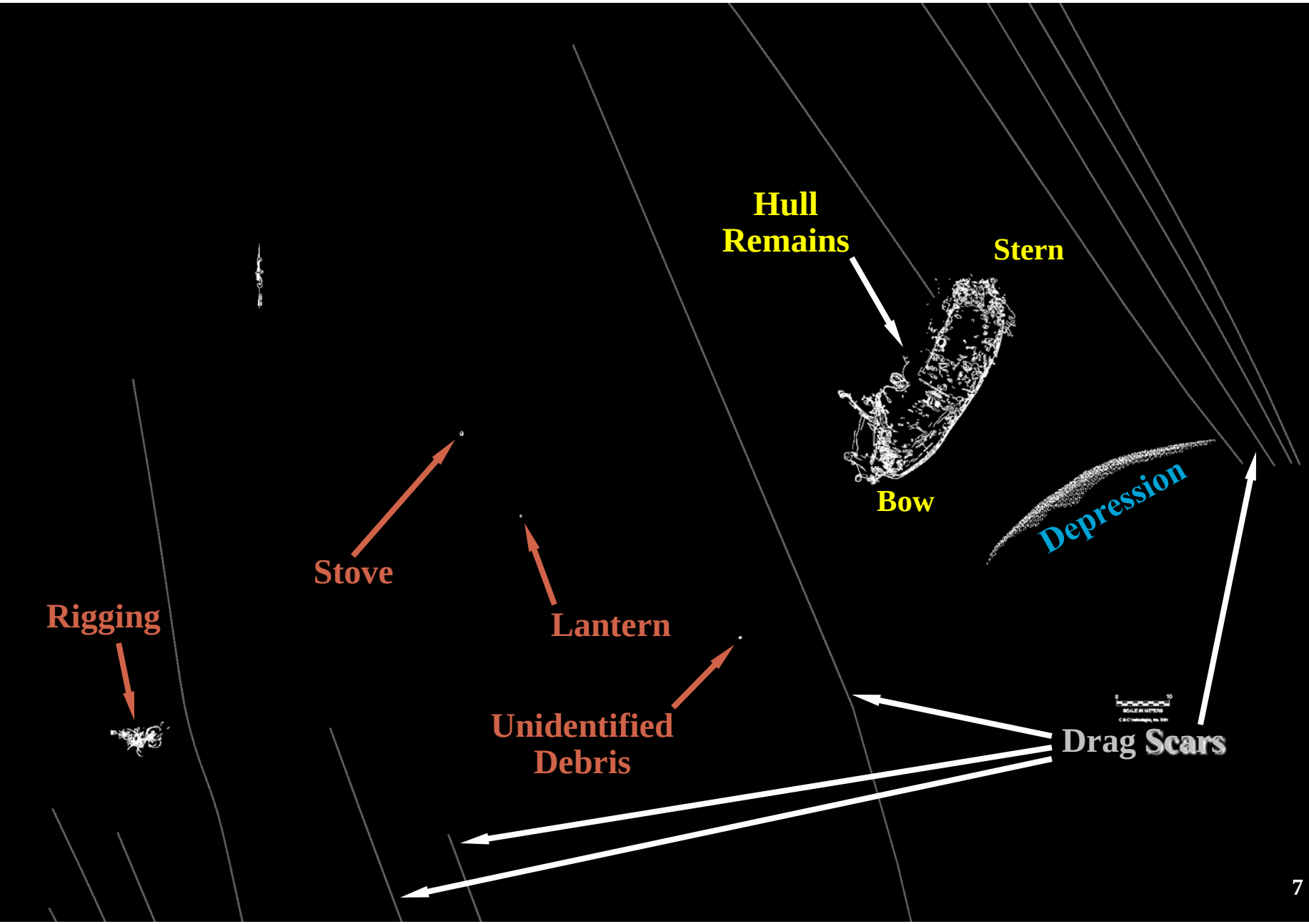
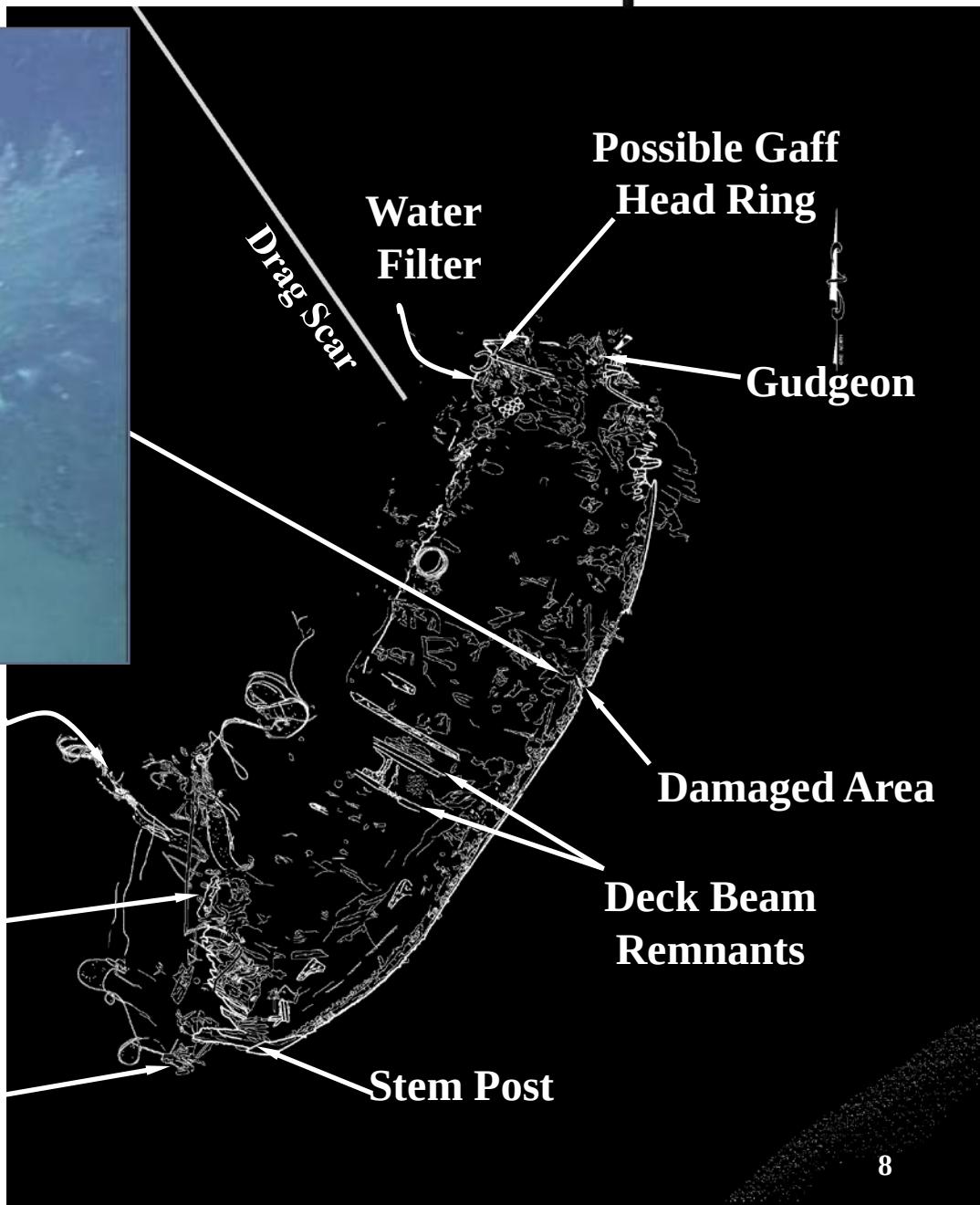


Viosca Knoll Wreck Site Map



Viosca Knoll Wreck

Water Filter

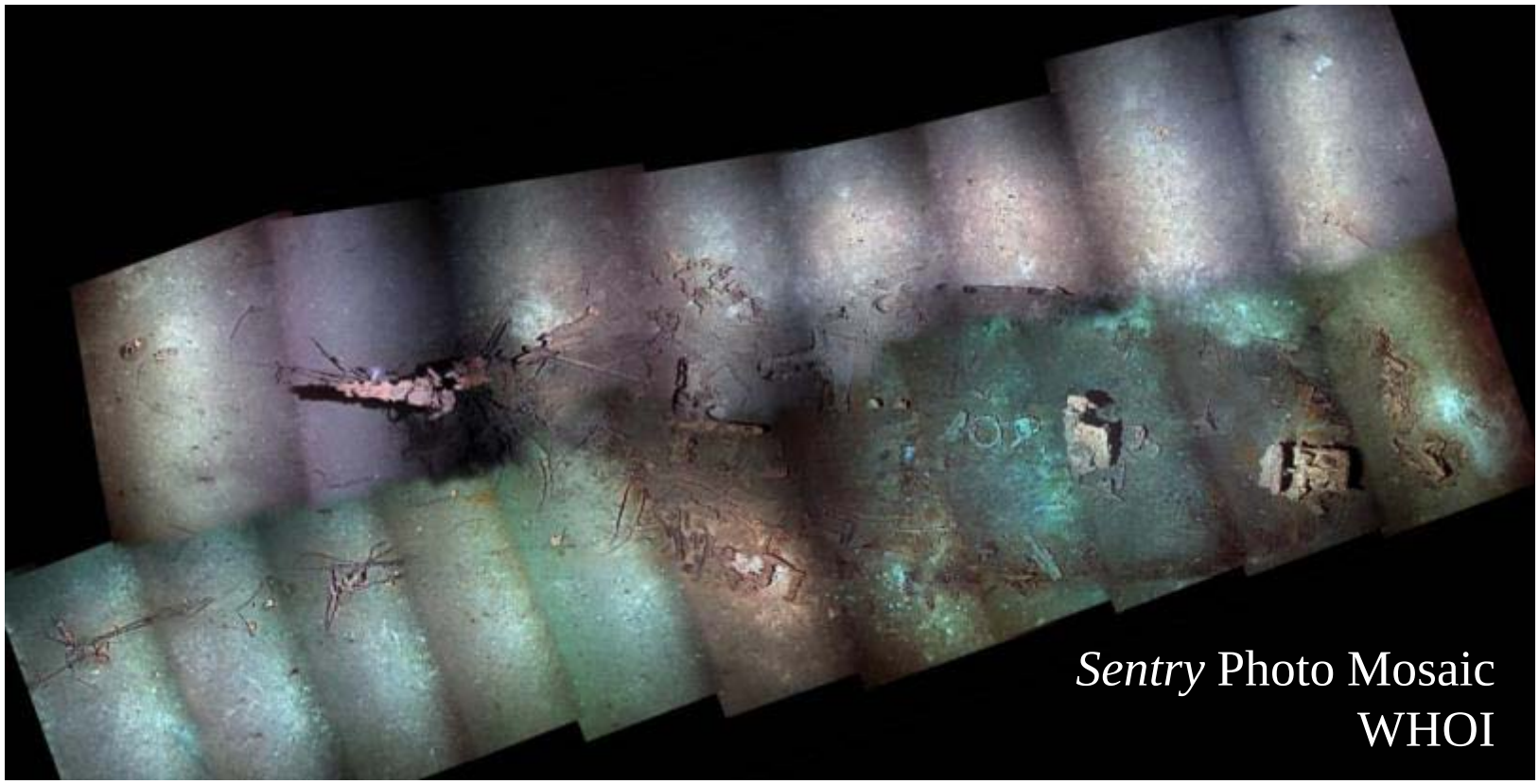
Copper Sheathing

1880s

7,000-Foot Wreck

Late 19th Century
Sailing Vessel
Copper Sheathed
Depth 7,450 feet
(2,271 meters)

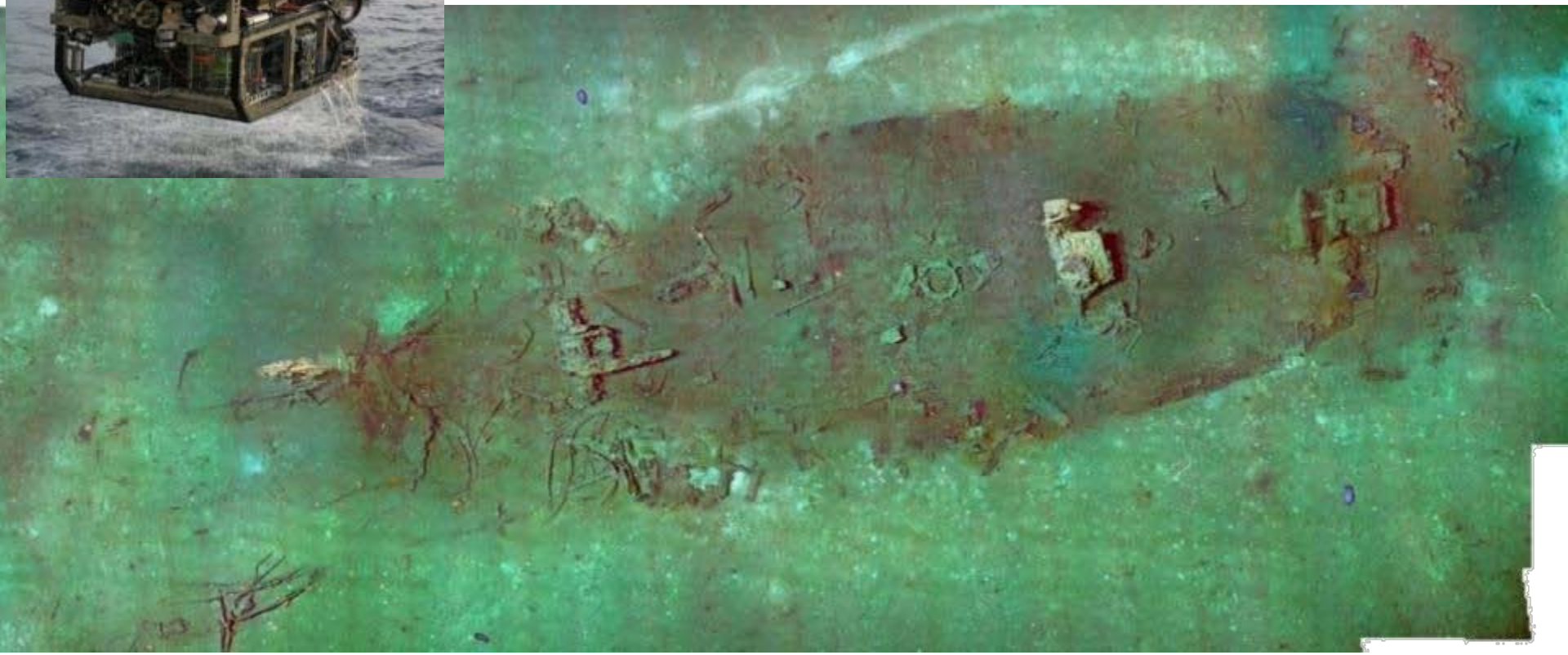
Discovered in 1986
Deep-Tow Survey
AUV Survey 2006
C-Surveyor I
AUV Survey 2009
Sentry



Sentry Photo Mosaic
WHOI

7,000-Foot Wreck

Jason II (WHOI) Photomosaic



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7,000-Foot Wreck

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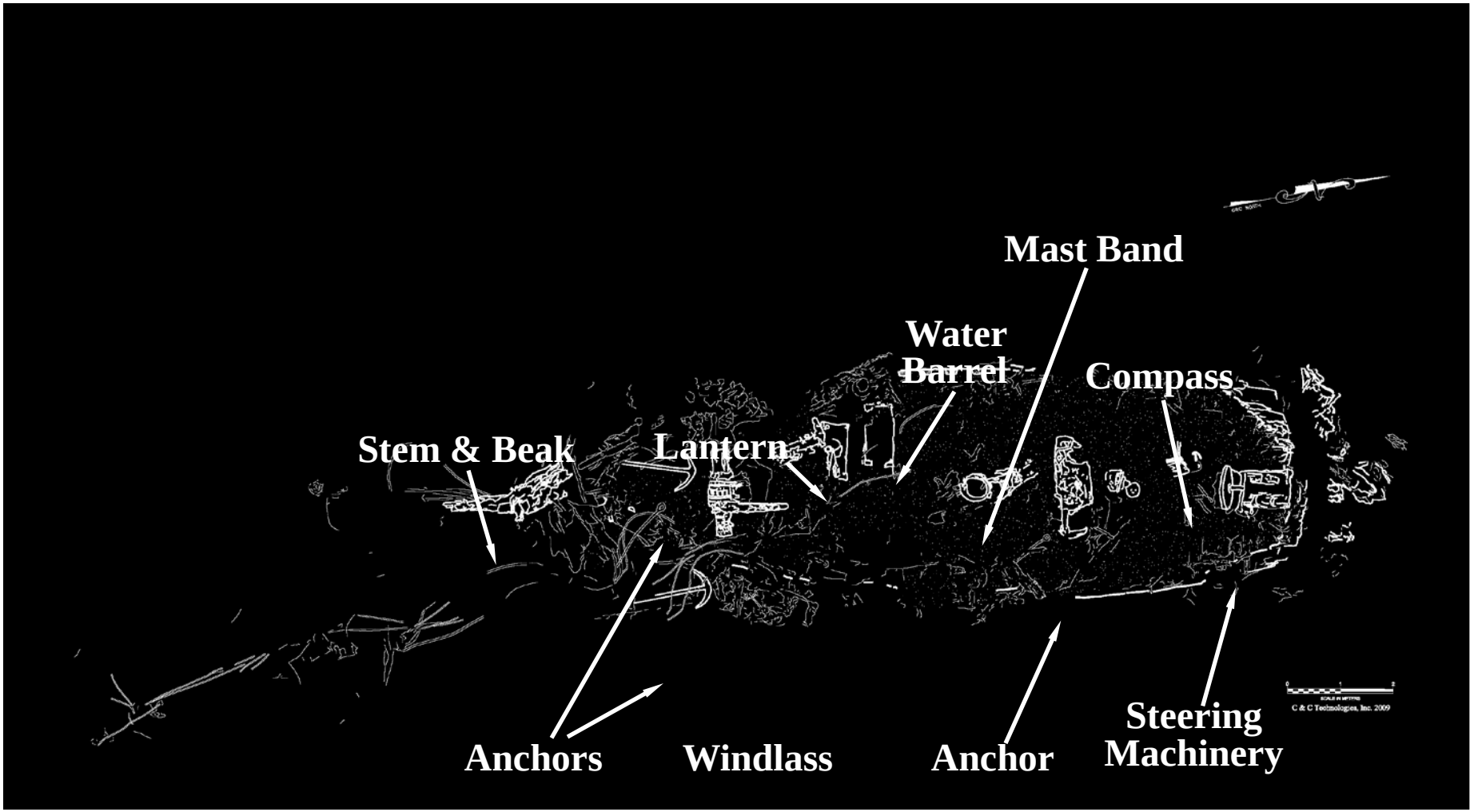
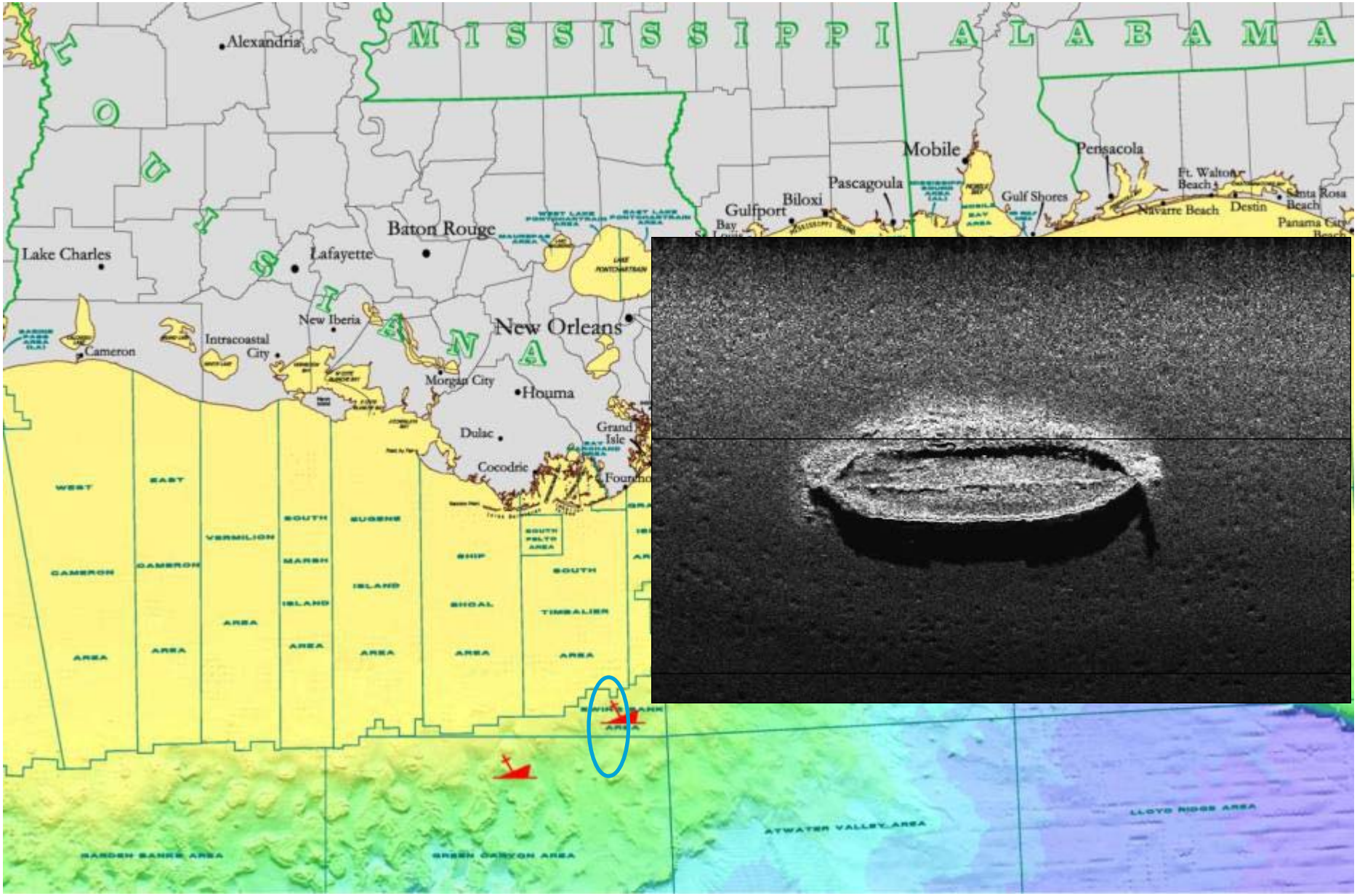


7,000-Foot Wreck

D. BAKER
BOSTON
November 3, 1874
June 1, 1875

Compass

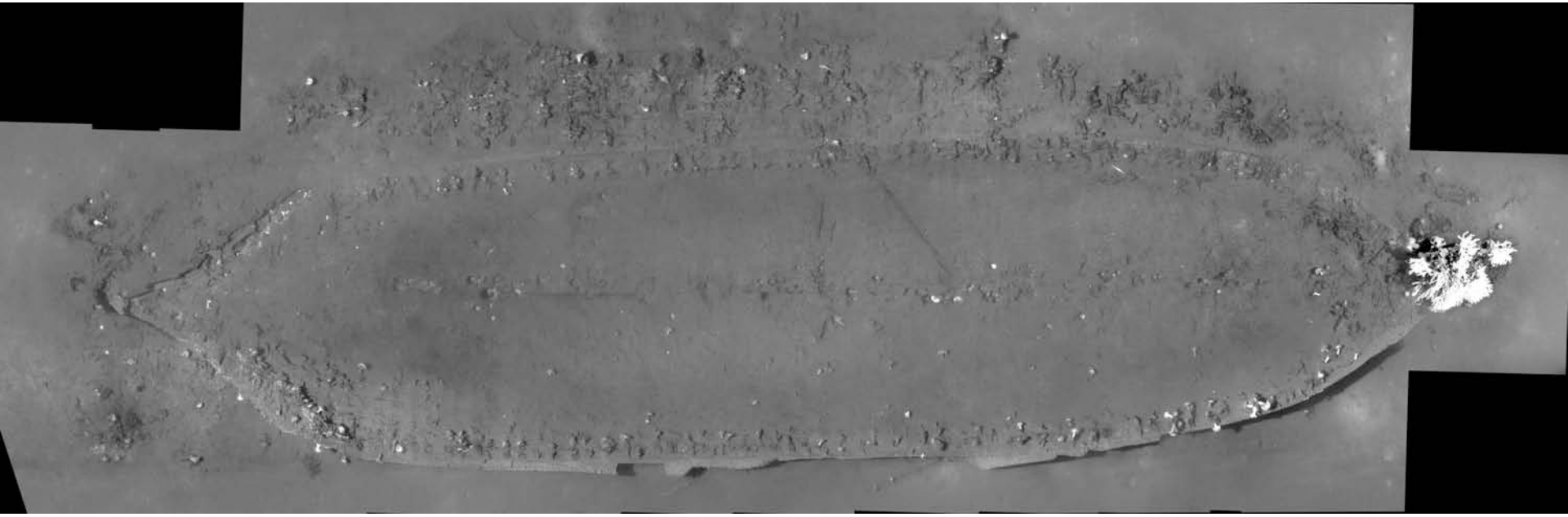
Ewing Banks Wreck



Ewing Banks Wreck AUV Photomosaic

Summer 2009 C-Surveyor III AUV Survey

Testing Program for onboard AUV Camera System



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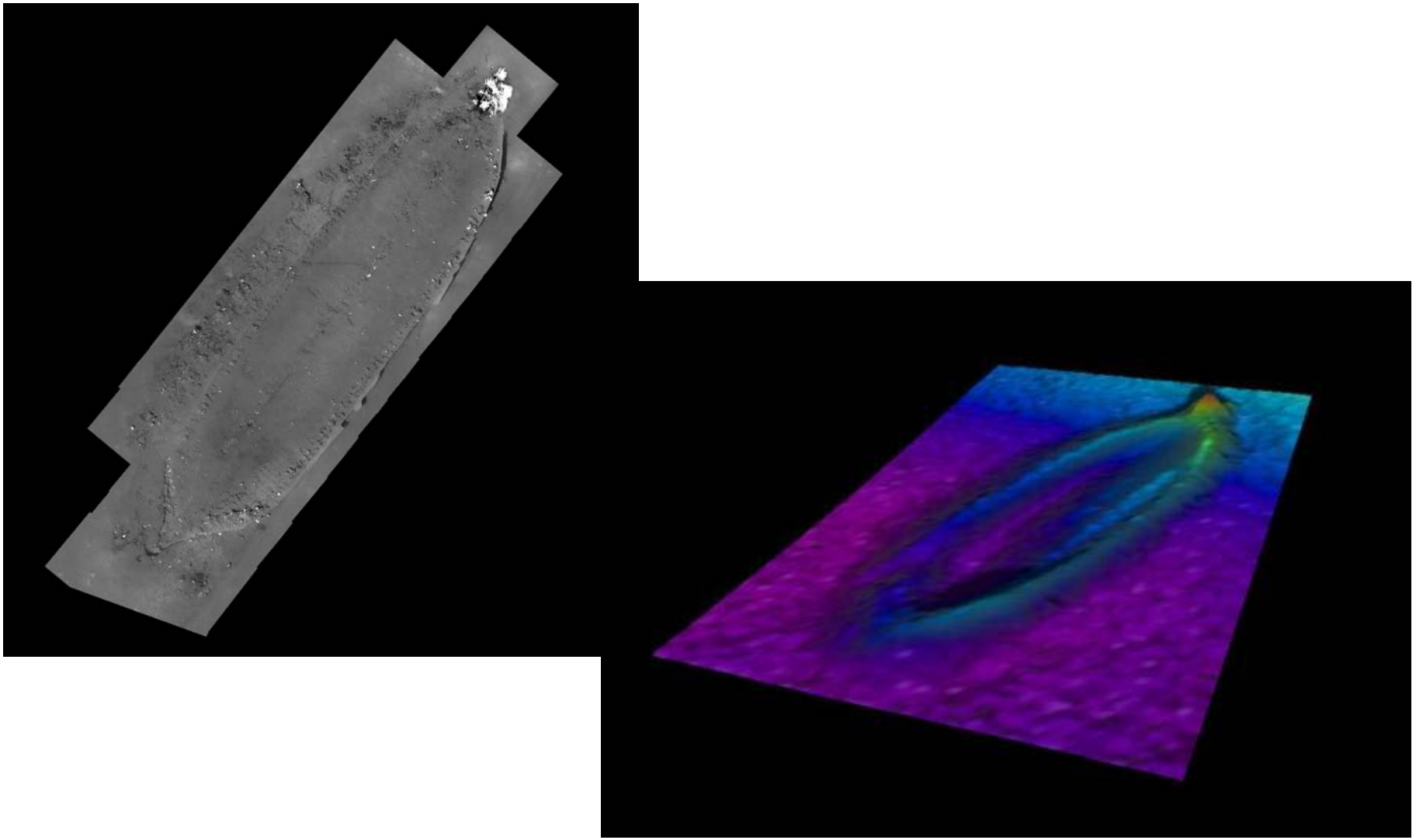
Ewing Banks Wreck

Photomosaic Draped over Bathymetry



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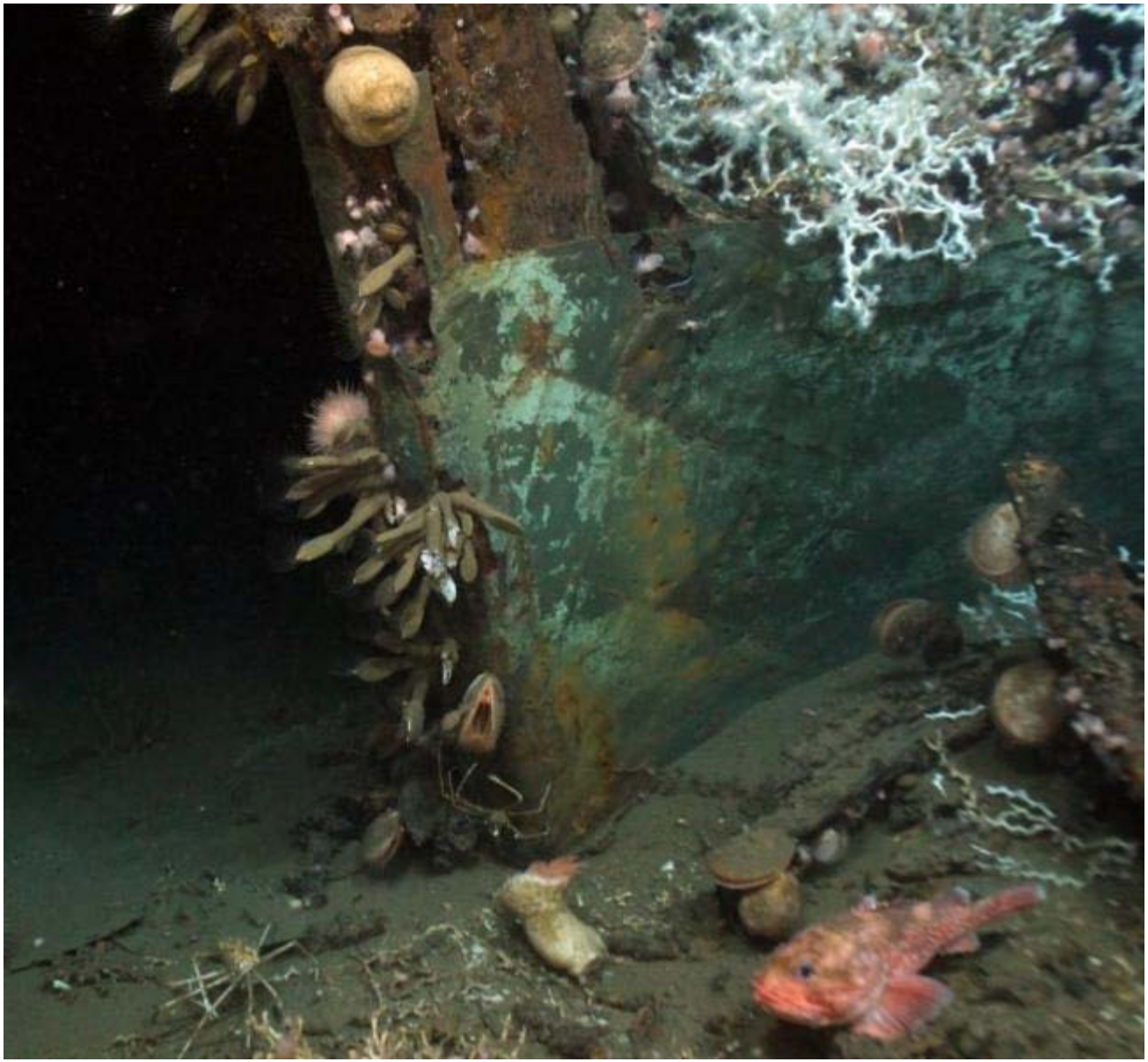

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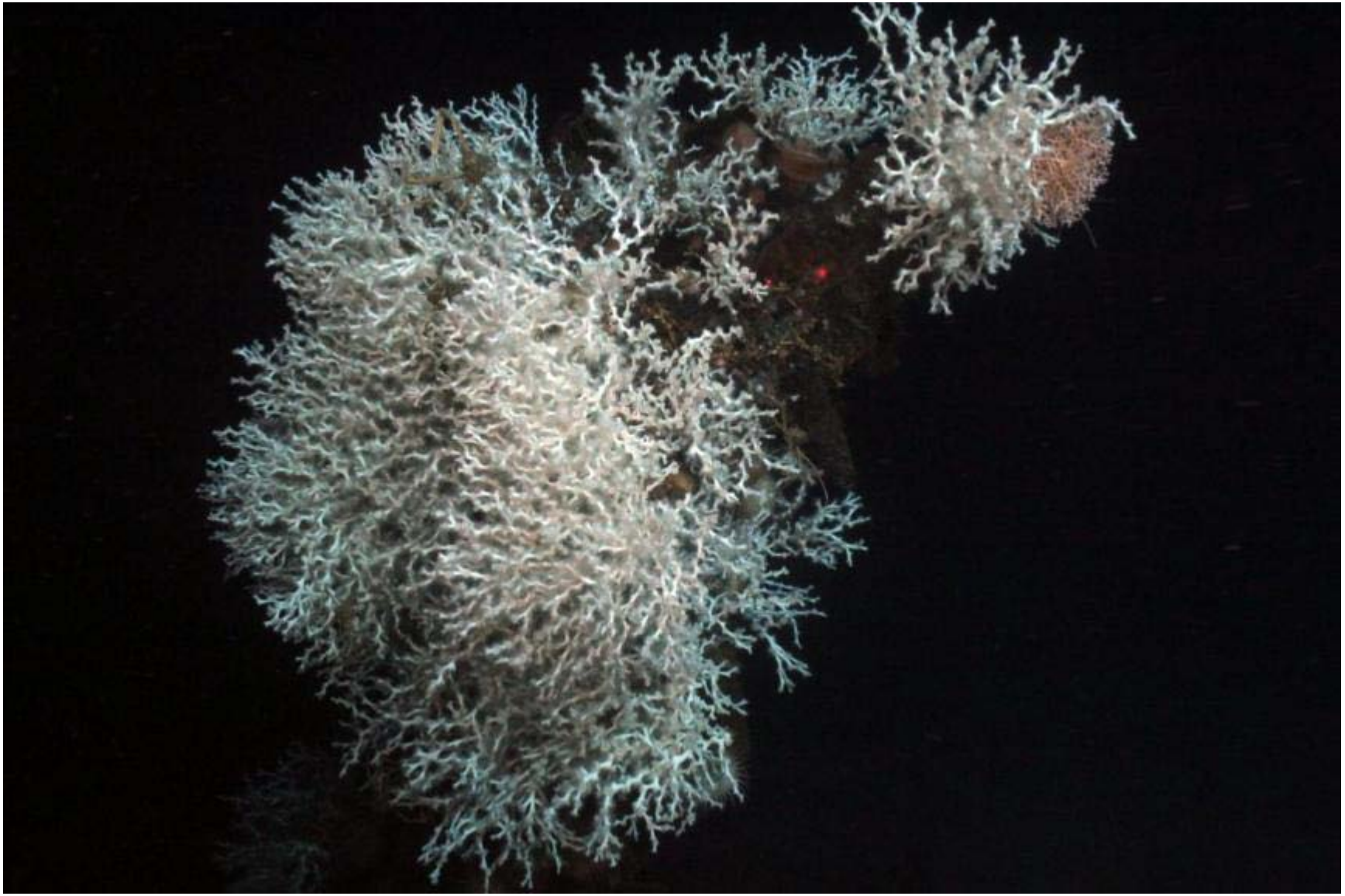

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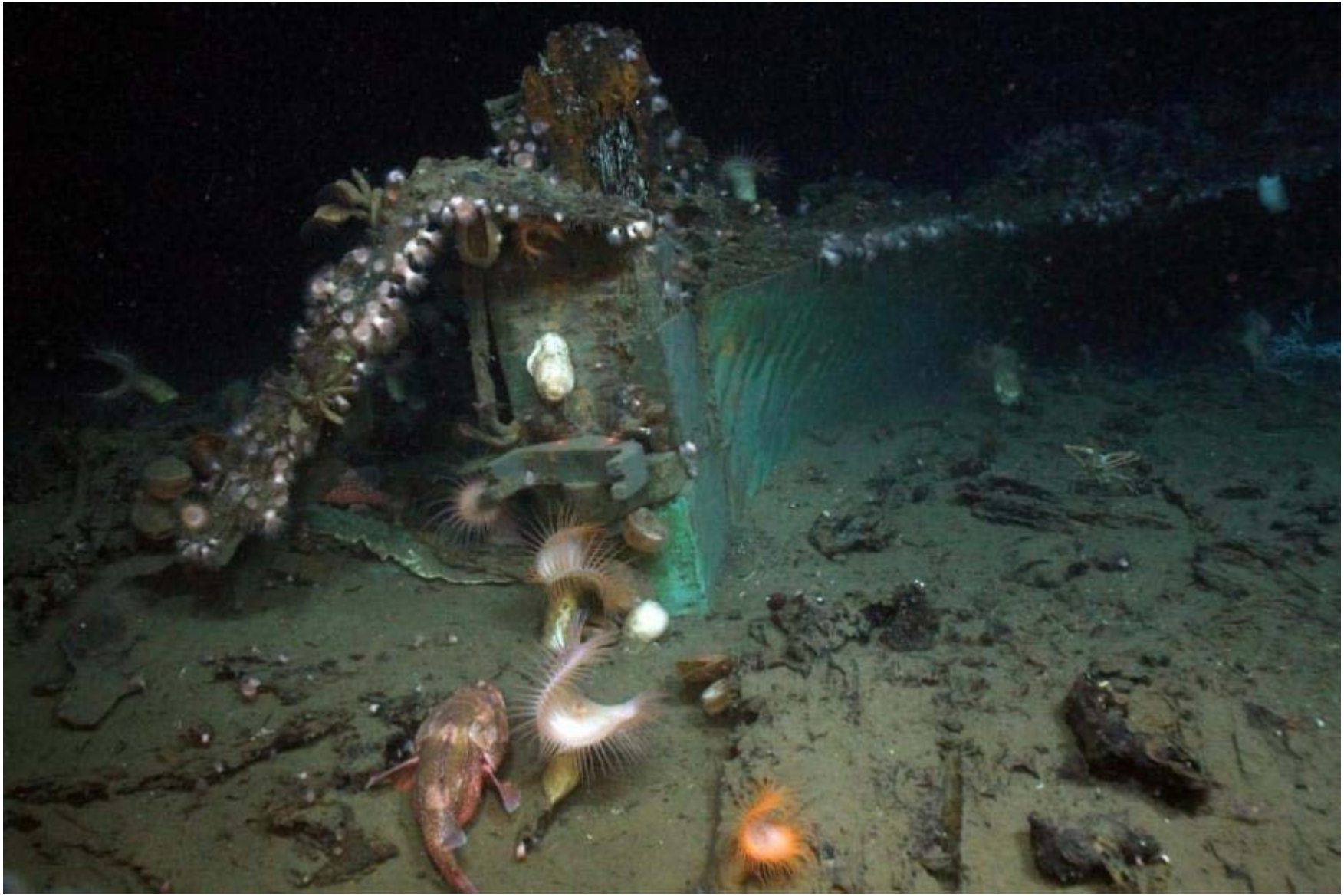

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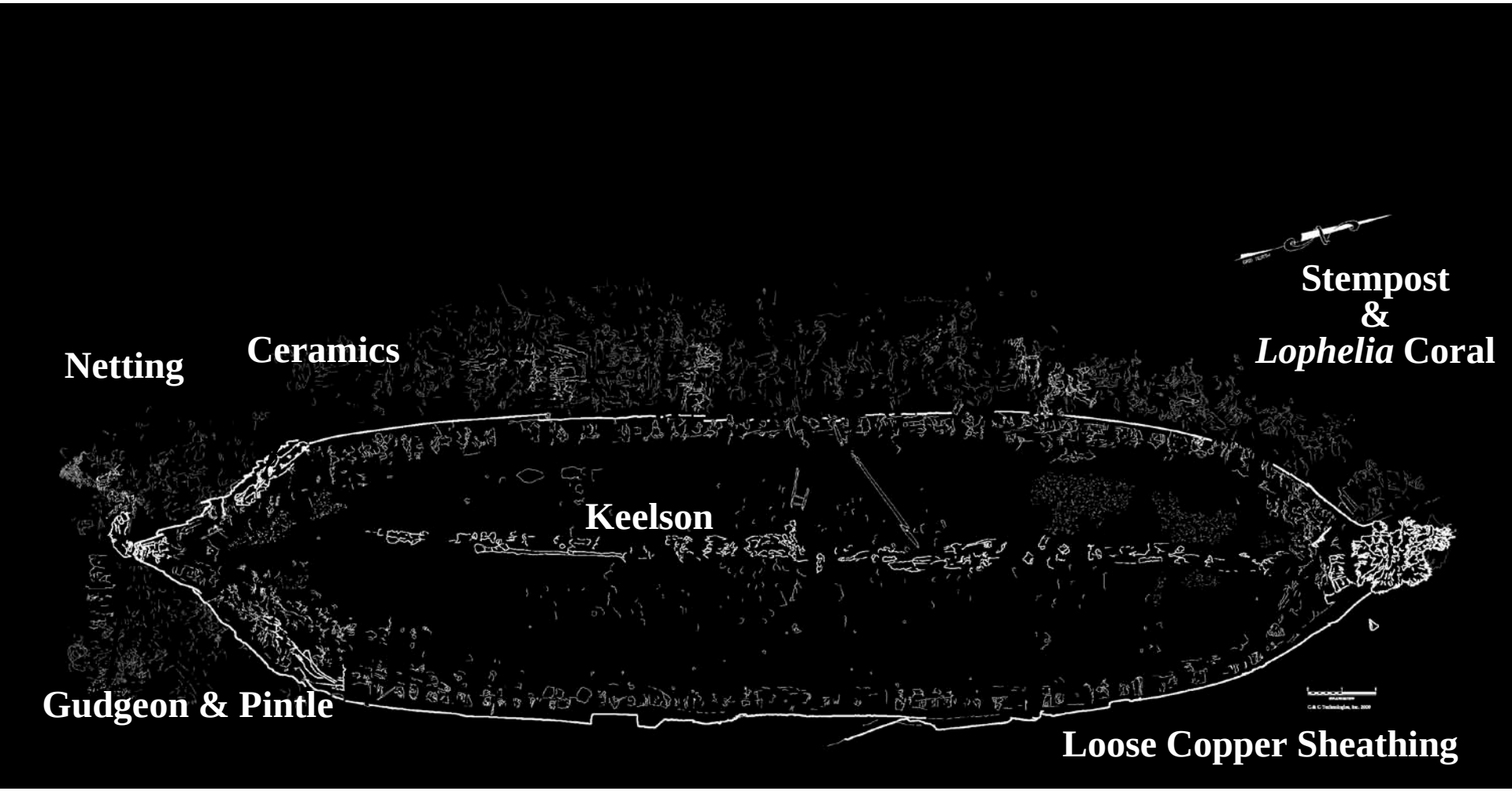


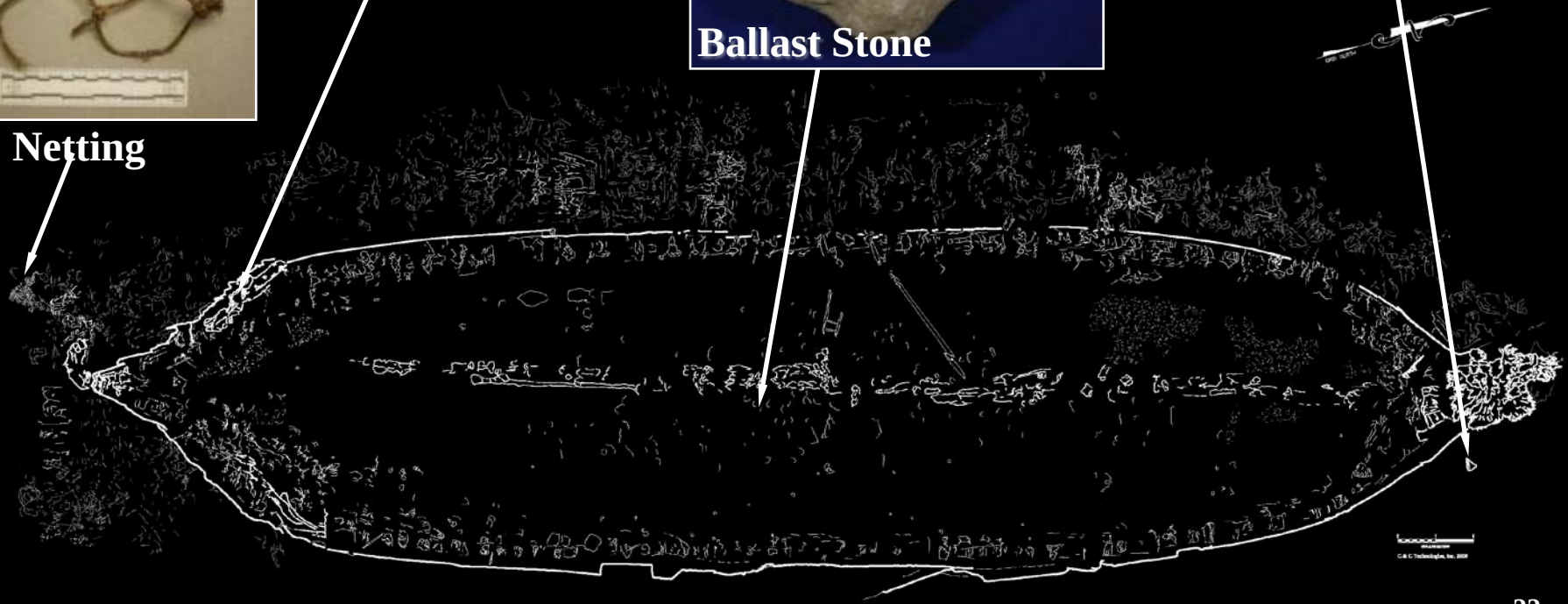
Ewing Banks Wreck

Ceramics

Ballast Stone

Copper Sheathing

Netting



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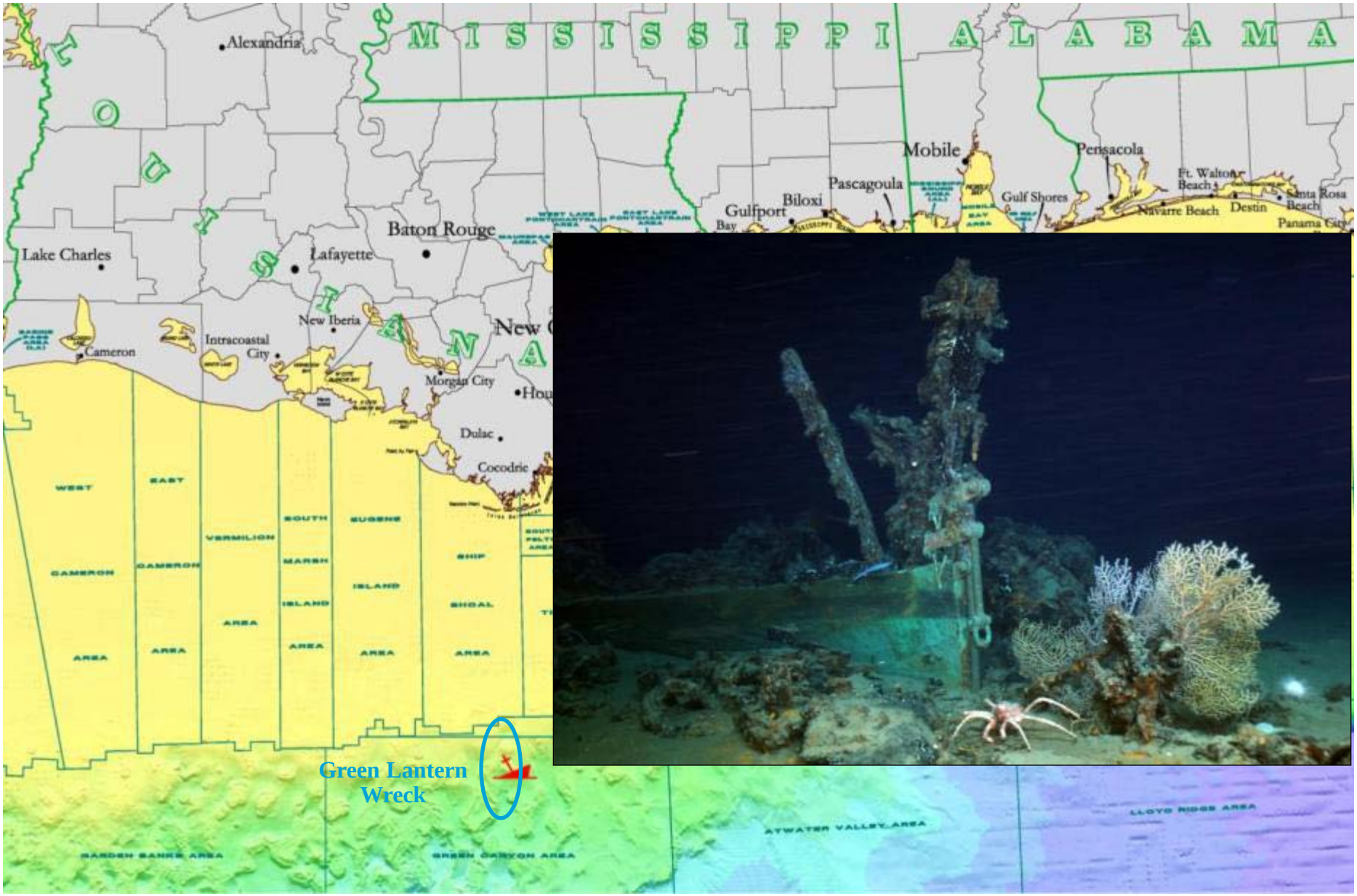


Green Lantern Wreck

Discovered in 1996 Deep-Tow Survey

AUV Survey 2007 *C-Surveyor I*

ROV Investigation 2004 Industry

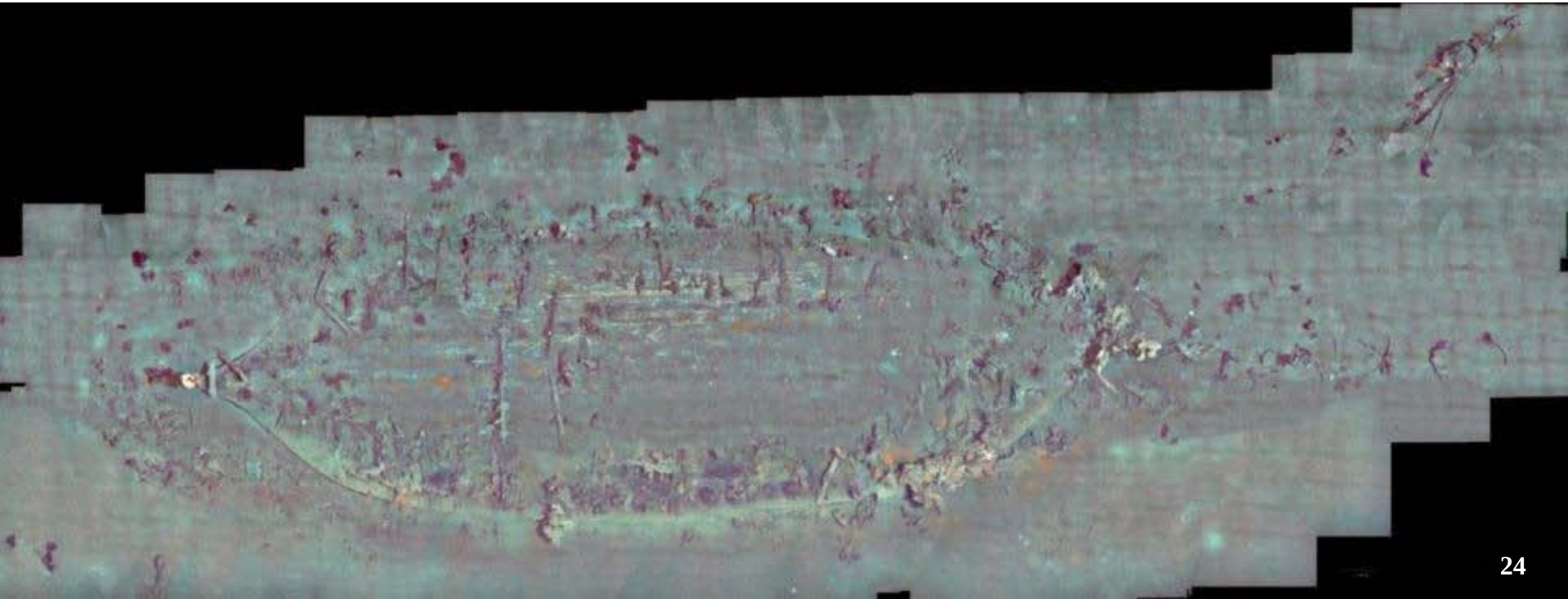
ROV Investigation 2007 Industry

Late 19th Century Sailing Vessel

Copper Sheathed

70 feet long, 22 feet wide, 7 feet of relief

Depth 3,000 feet (915 m)



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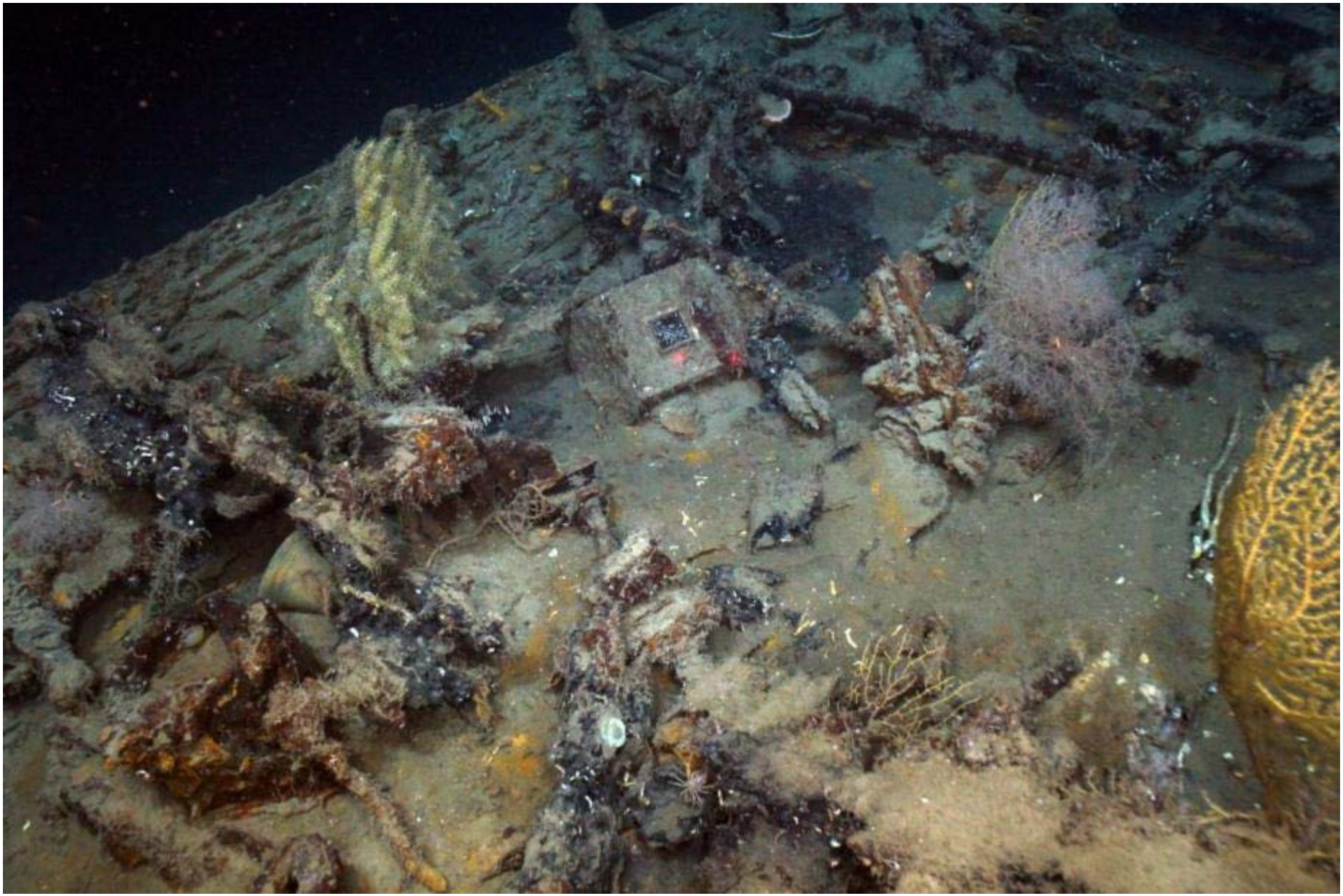

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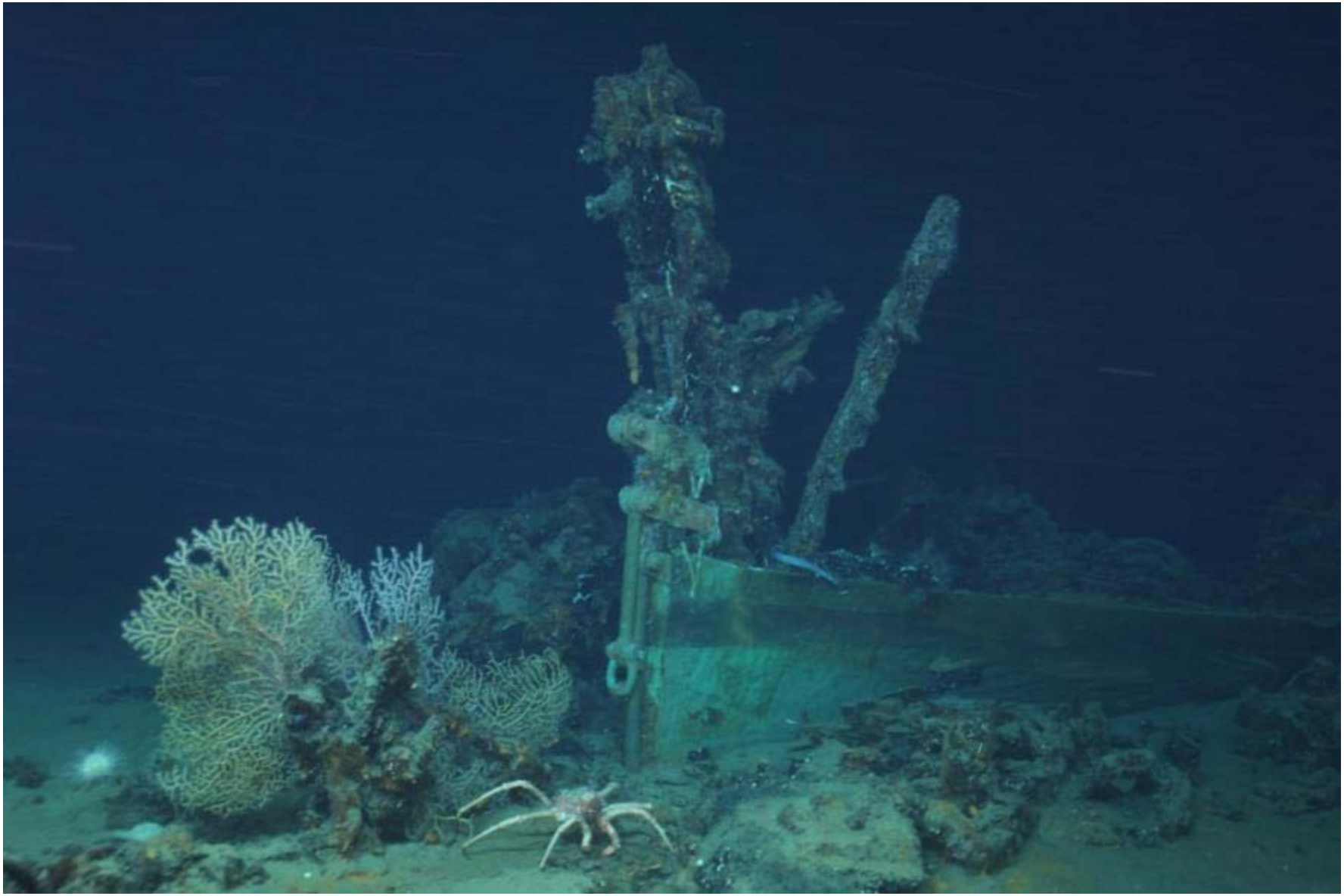

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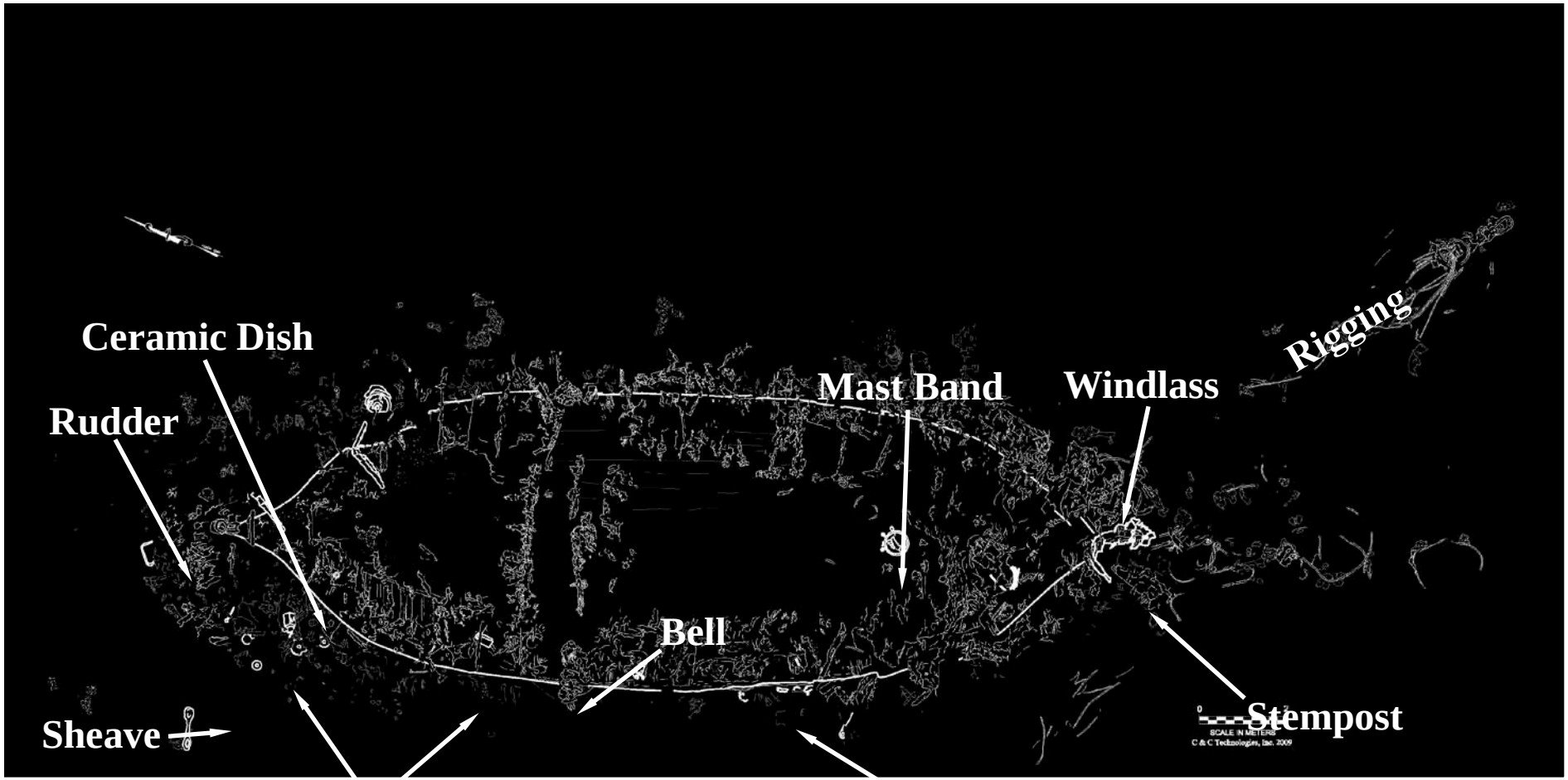
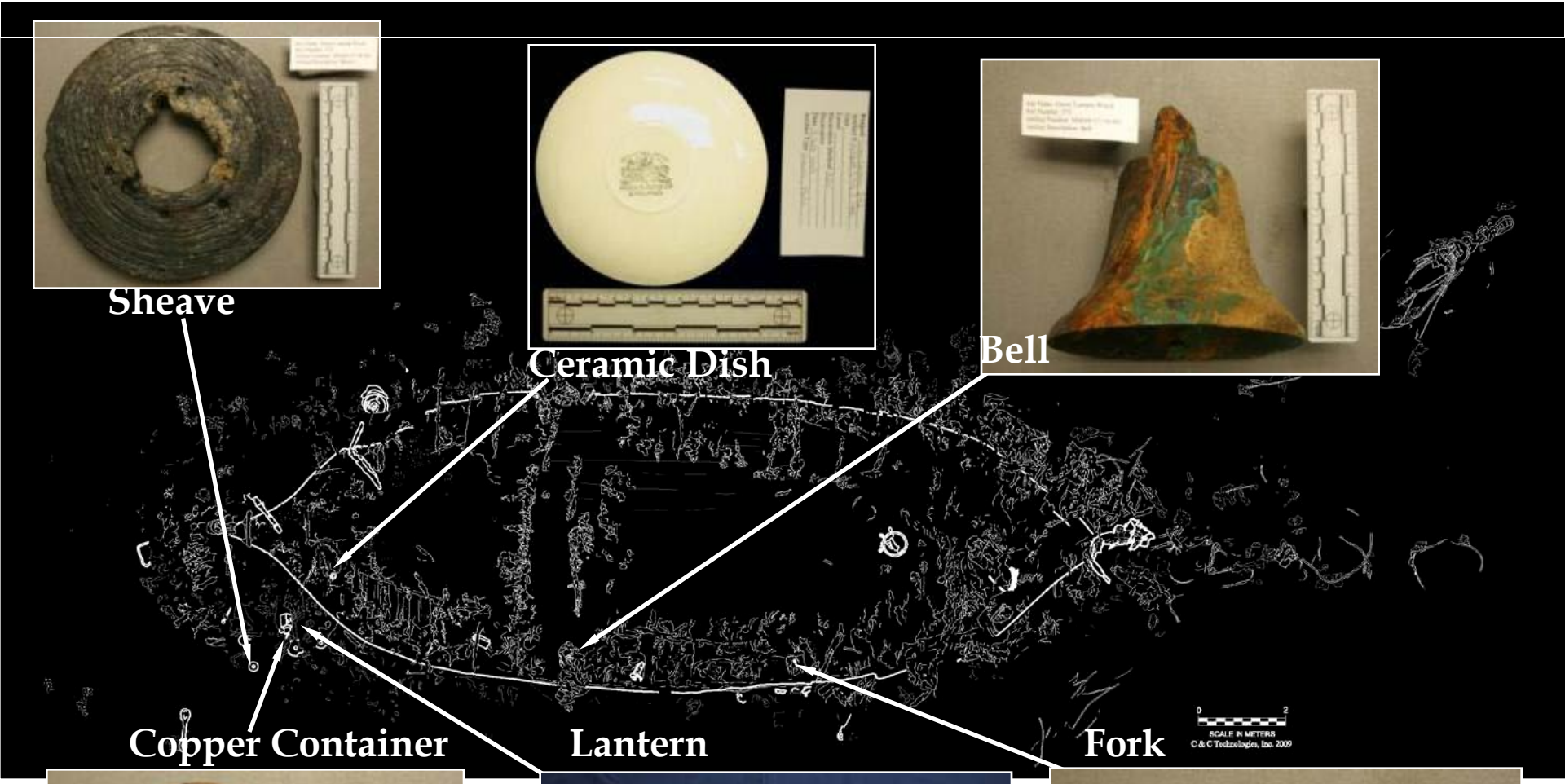


Green Lantern Wreck

Sheave

Ceramic Dish

Bell



Copper Container

Lantern

Fork

Green Lantern Wreck

Ceramic Dish

Wood & Son
c. 1905-1916

Fork

Simeon L &
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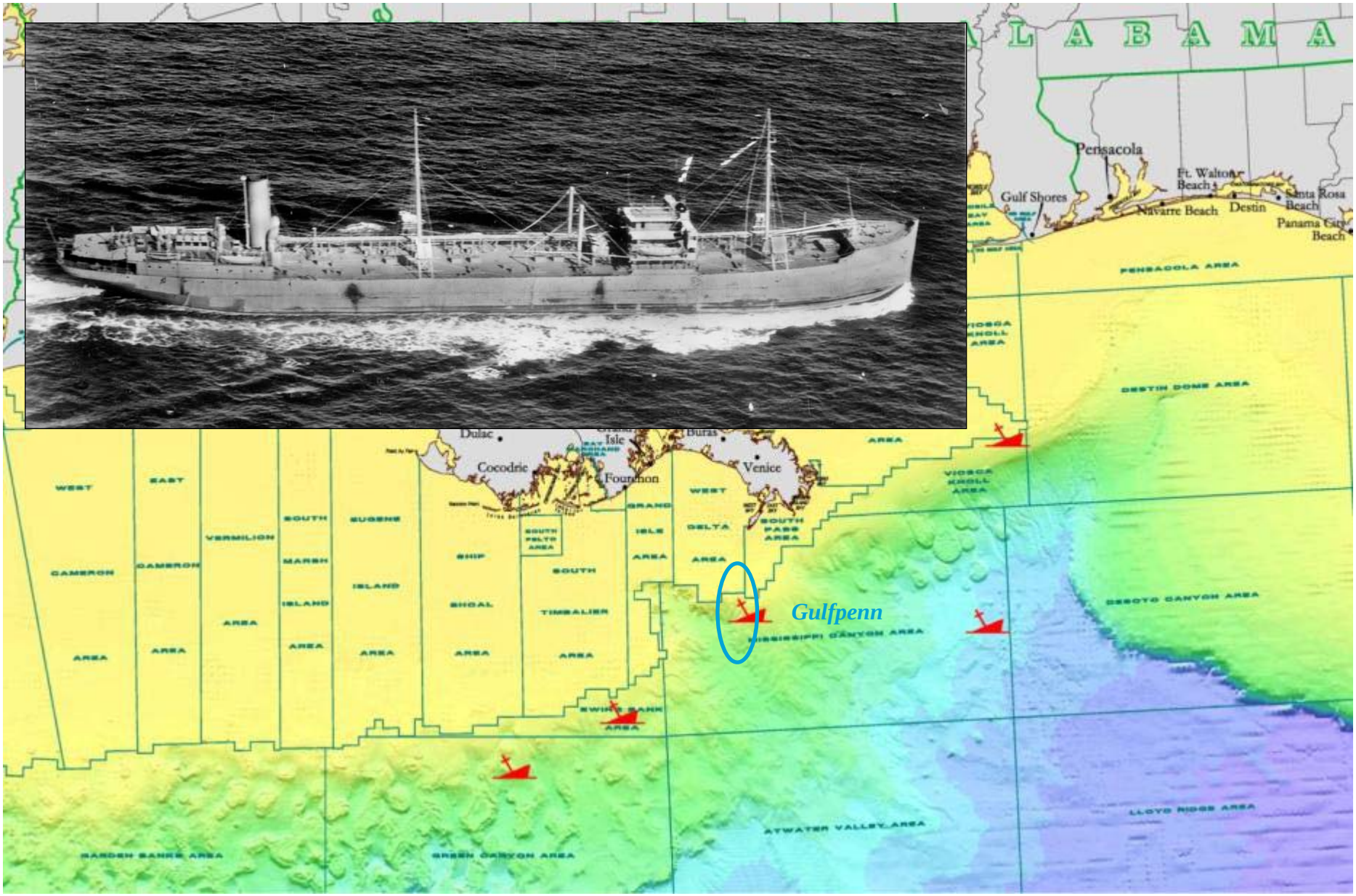
GulfPenn Wreck



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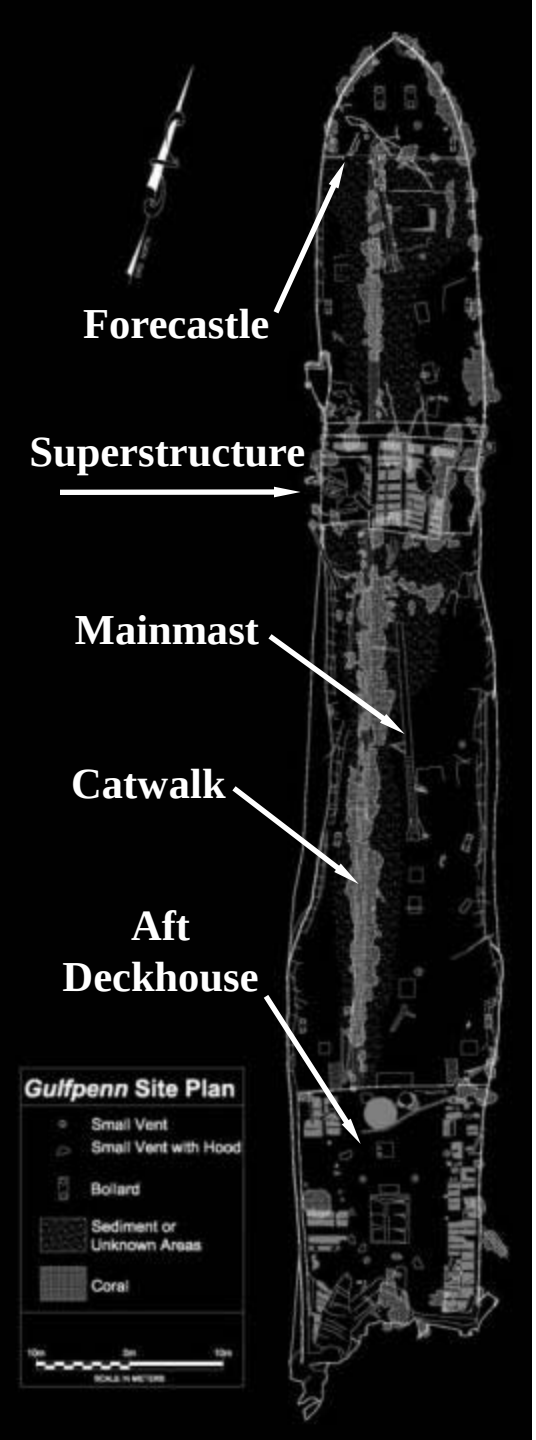
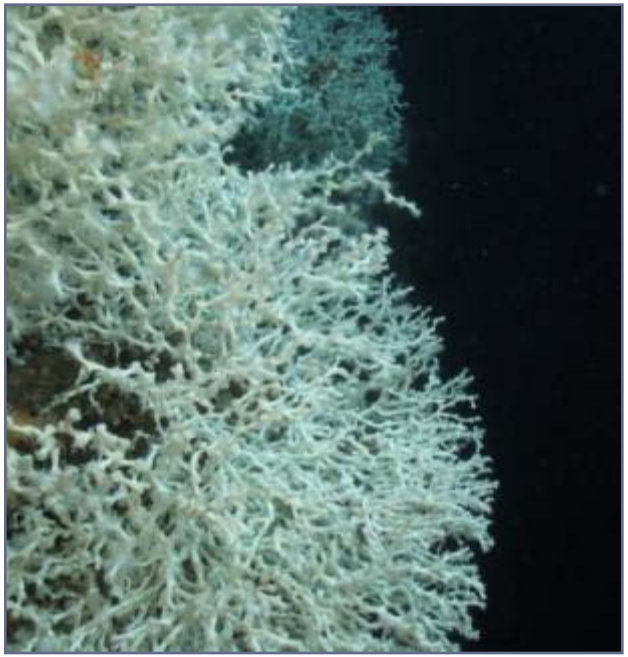
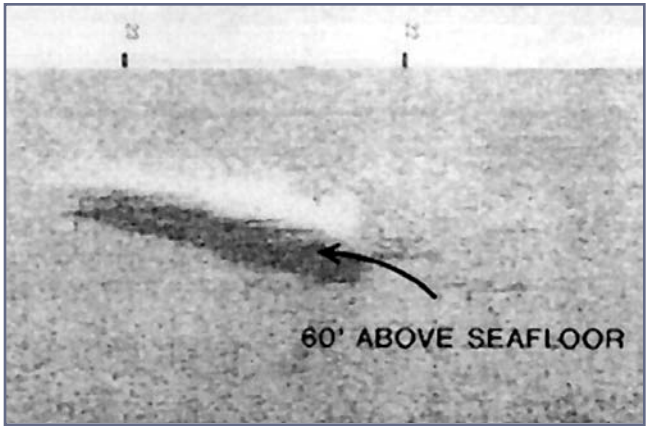


Discovered in 1994
Deep-Tow Survey

ROV Investigation 2004
DeepWrecks Project
(3 dives)

ROV Investigation 2008
Reefs, Rigs, & Wrecks Project
1st field season
(1 dive)





WW II Tanker

Sank May 13, 1942 (*U-506*)

485 feet long (*480.5 ft. length), 72 feet wide (*66 ft. beam), 60 feet of Relief

Depth = 1,817 feet
(554 m)

2010 Field Season

Only One Shipwreck Investigation Planned

Tanker *GulfOil*

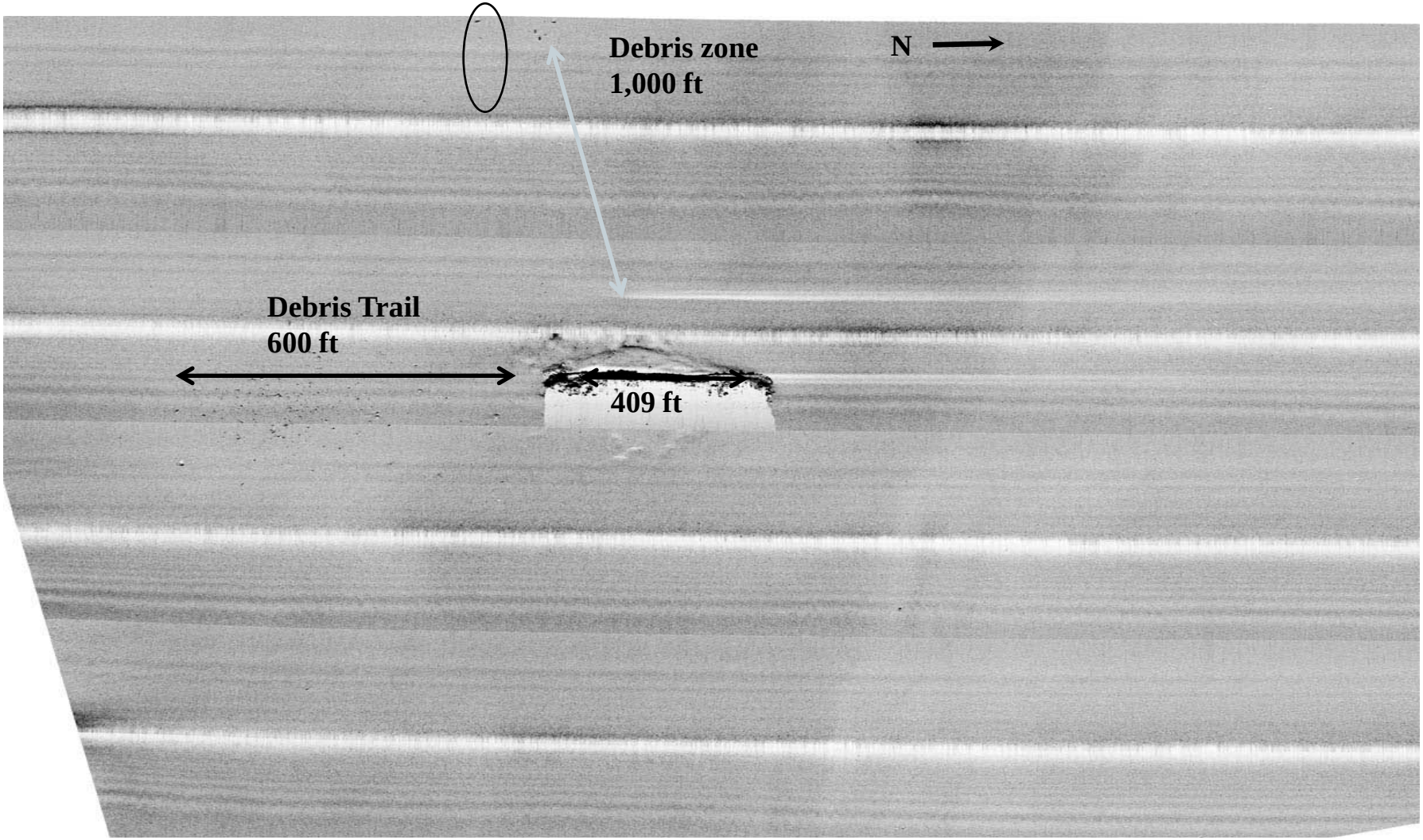
Investigation of Opportunity

U-166

GulfOil Wreck

2009 *C-Surveyor III* AUV Survey

210-kHz Side Scan Sonar



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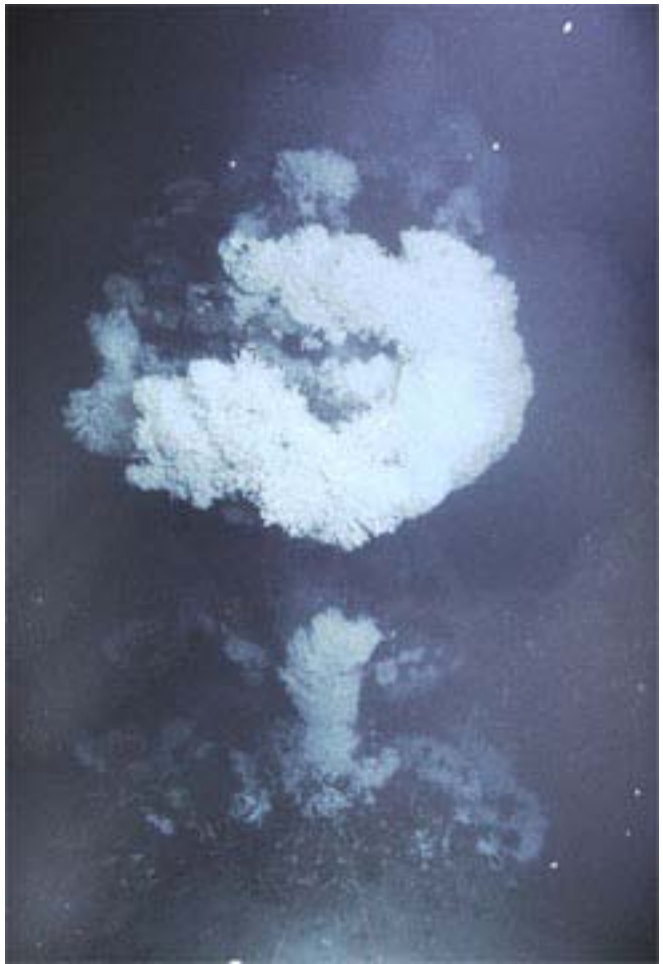

HD Video Data

Digital Still Imagery

Overhead Mosaics

Profile Mosaics

U-166 Wreck

U-166 Wreck

Preliminary Findings

Sinking dates modified from last decade of 19th century to first quarter of 20th century

Anthropogenic impacts

Five out of six wrecks have corals

Four out of six wrecks have *Lophelia*

Site assessments ongoing