# OKEANOS EXPLORER ROV DIVE SUMMARY

Site Name	4aE		EX 1103 GALREX - SITES OF INTEREST  SECURITY SEC	
ROV Lead/ Expedition Coordinator	Dave Lovalvo/ Jeremy Potter			
General Area Descriptor	Site 4aE, ~320nm northwest o	of the Galapagos Islands	ALOU BY STOW STOW STOW STOW STOW STOW STOW STOW	
ROV Dive Name	Cruise Season EX1103	Leg 2	Di	ve Number DIVE08
Facilities and Davidson d	ROV: Little Hercules		Little Hercules	DIVEGO
Equipment Deployed	Camera Platfom:	Seirios		
ROV Measurements	CTD  Scanning Sonar	Depth  USBL Position	☐ Altitude	
	Scanning Sonar  Pitch	Roll	Heading    HD Camera	
	Low Res Cam 1	Low Res Cam 2		
Equipment Malfunctions	None			
ROV Dive Summary (From processed ROV data)	In Water at:  2011-07-21T14:35:27.034000 00°, 45.950' N; 085°, 53.678' W  Out Water at:  2011-07-22T00:02:44.059000 00°, 46.062' N; 085°, 53.686' W  Off Bottom at:  2011-07-21T22:21:43.614000 00°, 46.078' N; 085°, 53.732' W  On Bottom at:  2011-07-21T16:31:22.528000 00°, 45.998' N; 085°, 53.712' W  Dive duration:  9:27:17  Bottom Time:  5:50:21  Max. depth:  2011-07-21T4:35:27.034000 00°, 45.998' N; 085°, 53.712' W			
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## **Purpose of the Dive**

To dive below a high hydrothermal plume signal discovered during the last leg of this expedition now referred to as "4a". This is an unexplored region, but multibeam surveys suggest that there is a well-defined axial volcanic ridge with walls separated by approximately 500 meters.

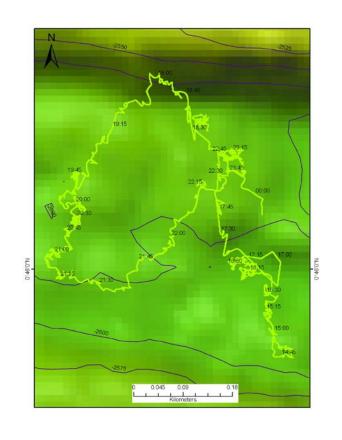
### **Description of the Dive:**

We began this dive by landing 100 meters to the east of the 4aEast plume target and proceeding to the west, traversing across broken pillow lava heavily covered with sediment. *Little Hercules* then began moving north, discovered a fissure and began an E-W transit for exploration. The fissure was characterized by a northern wall higher than a Southern wall with pillow lavas on either side, and a talus slope at the base. *Little Hercules* continued traversing over heavily sedimented pillow and lobate lavas before coming to the end of the dive without locating any active hydrothermal vent areas.

# Overall Map of ROV Dive Area

# 85°54°0°W 85°53°30°W 85°53°30°W 85°53°30°W 85°53°30°W 85°53°30°W 85°53°30°W 85°53°30°W

# Close-up Map of Main Dive Site



# **Representative Photos of the Dive**







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