



# BARKLEY CANYON RESEARCH WORKING GROUP - UPDDATES AND OUTCOMES

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### Barkley Canyon Science User Communities

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#### PhDs and Masters:

MS. Maeva Gauthier (1 pub.)

MS. Katleen Robert (1 pub.)

PhD. Carolina Doya (2 pub.)

Ph.D. Neus Campanya-Llovet, MUM (3 pub.)

Ph.D. Renald Balley (2 pub.)

Ph.D. Pauline Chauvet, (2 pub.)

Ph.D. Sara Seabrook (1 pub., 1 draft)

Ph.D. Damianos Chatzievangelou (1 pub., 1 draft)

MS. Marco Francescangeli, ICM (ongoing)



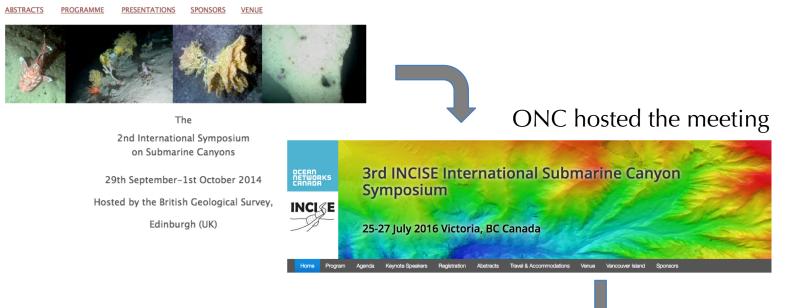
Main Pls (up to 2013)

New users (starting in 2014)

Engaging in writing proposals

# ONC connected with the INCISE, <u>I</u>nternational <u>N</u>etwork for submarine <u>C</u>anyon <u>I</u>nvestigation and <u>S</u>cientific Exchange since 2014

#### INCISE2014



ONC will co-sponsor



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#### Bridging the gap between the shallow and deep oceans: The key role of submarine canvons

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#### 4. Benthic and suprabenthic communities and pelagic-benthic coupling

Three contributions in the special volume investigate Barkley Canyon, in the Canadian Pacific incising the Cascadia Margin off Vancouver Island. Barkley Canyon has been recently the subject of an increase in research interests after the installation in 2009 of the NEPTUNE cabled observatory (Barnes et al., 2010; De Leo et al., in press, this volume). With nearly unlimited power supply and high fiberoptic bandwidth, near real time data on seafloor benthos and co-located ancillary oceanographic variables became freely available to the scientific community at large (https://data.oceannetworks.ca/ DataSearch?location = BAC). The observatory node and seafloor instrumentation in Barkley Canyon allowed for previously logistically unfeasible long-term and high-frequency observations of canyon seafloor and water column habitats in relation to environmental fluctuation; from diel, tidal, seasonal, to inter-annual and decadal scales (Juniper et al., 2013; Doya et al., 2014; Thomsen et al., 2017). In Chauvet et al., in press, annual and seasonal variability in megabenthic community composition are investigated based on seafloor video imagery and essential oceanographic variables such bottom temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen and current velocities. In addition, the effects of sea surface climatology including the variability of temperature, wave height and primary productivity are discussed as potential drivers of deep seafloor benthic community structure. Campanyà-Llovet et al., in press investigate a range of sedimentary and near bottom water biogeochemical proxies in a depth gradient along Barkley Canyon, and discuss the sources (i.e., macroalgae, phytoplankton, zooplankton; ressuspended sediments) and degradation states of organic matter reaching the seafloor, and their role in structuring the macrobenthic infaunal communities. De Leo et al., in press report on a 20-month timeseries of seafloor video imagery, acoustic Doppler backscatter and current profiling, witnessing for the first time the exact onset timing of the seasonal and deep overwintering migration of Neocalanus spp. copepods. The authors, who also use ground-truth zooplankton net cast data from available long-term hydrographic time-series in the Barkley Canyon area, propose a conceptual model where the vertical current profile structure in the canyon axis acts to focus the deep zooplankton biomass near the core of its overwintering depth. Their conceptual model is corroborated by the results from the aforementioned article by Campanyà-Llovet et al., in press, which reports high concentrations of zooplankton lipid biomarkers at the same depths (~1000 m) in Barkley





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Annual and seasonal dynamics of deep-sea megafaunal epibenthic communities in Barkley Canyon (British Columbia, Canada): A response to climatology, surface productivity and benthic boundary layer variation

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Food quantity and quality in Barkley Canyon (NE Pacific) and its influence on macroinfaunal community structure

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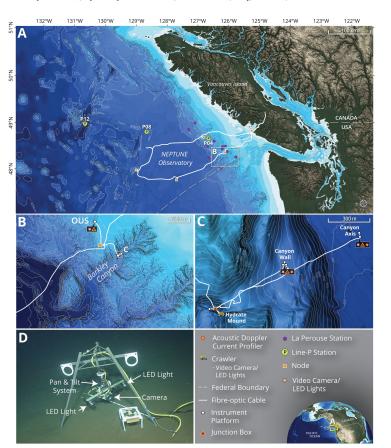
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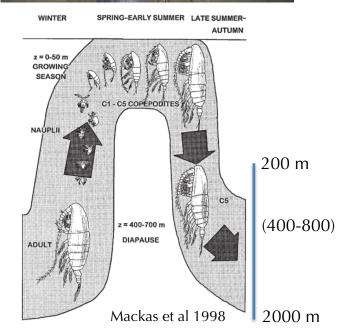


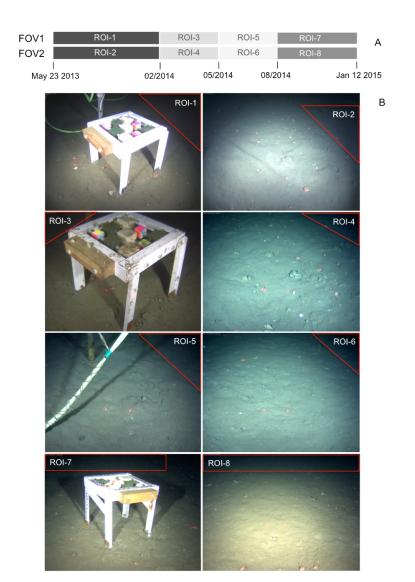


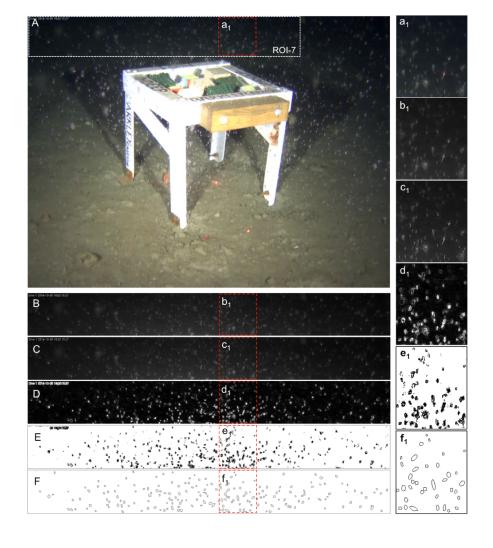












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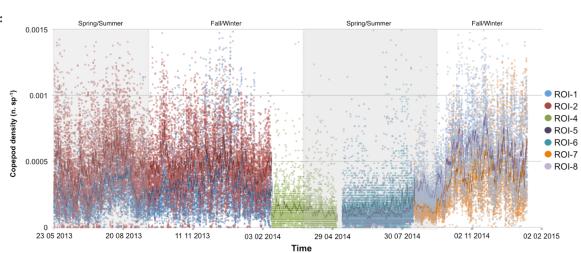
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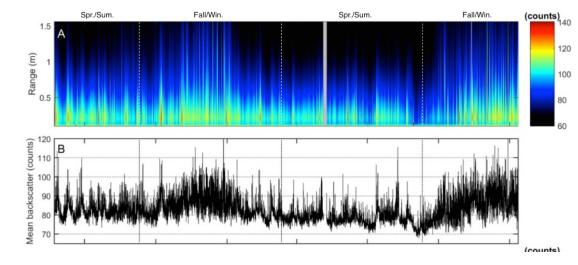
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#### Video







#### OCEAN NETWORKS

### New proposals submitted (1/2)



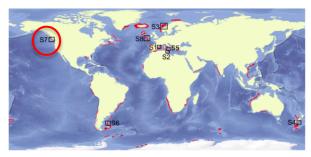
List of participating organisations

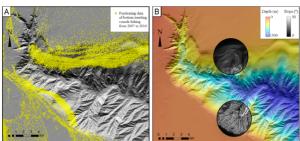
Participating organisations	Legal Entity Short Name	Academic	Non-academic	Country	Dept./ Division / Laboratory	Supervisor	Role of Partner Organisation
Beneficiary							
- University of Malta	UM	X		Malta	Marine Geology and Seafloor Surveying	Prof. Aaron Micallef	
Partner Organisation							
- Geological Survey of Norway	NGU	X		Norway	Marine Geology	Dr. Nicole Baeten	Host of a 3 months secondment
- Institute of Marine Sciences (CSIC)	ICM- CSIC	X		Spain	Marine Geosciences	Dr. Pere Puig	External collaborator
- Tecnologia y Servicios Agrarios, S.A. for General Secretariat of Fisheries	Tragsa- SGP		х	Spain	Management of Marine Environment	Dr. Araceli Muñoz	External collaborator
- National Oceanography Centre	NOC	х		UK	Marine Geoscience	Dr. Claudio Lo Iacono	External collaborator
- National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research	NIWA	х		New Zealand	Marine Physical Processes and Resources	Dr. Joshu Mountjoy	External collaborator
- Ocean networks Canada, University of Victoria	ONC	х		Canada	Science Services	Dr. Fabio De Leo	External collaborator

# "**TrawledSeas**" - Bottom trawling as driver of deep seascape transformation"

Ruth Durán, Pere Puig, ICM-CSIC, Barcelona Marie Curie Actions – Individual fellowships H2020-MSCA-IF-2018 call

#### Barkley Canyon





La Fornera Canyon, Spain



# **Bottom trawling fishing in Barkley Canyon**

Deep-water fishing: Slopes and Submarine Canyons (British Columbia)

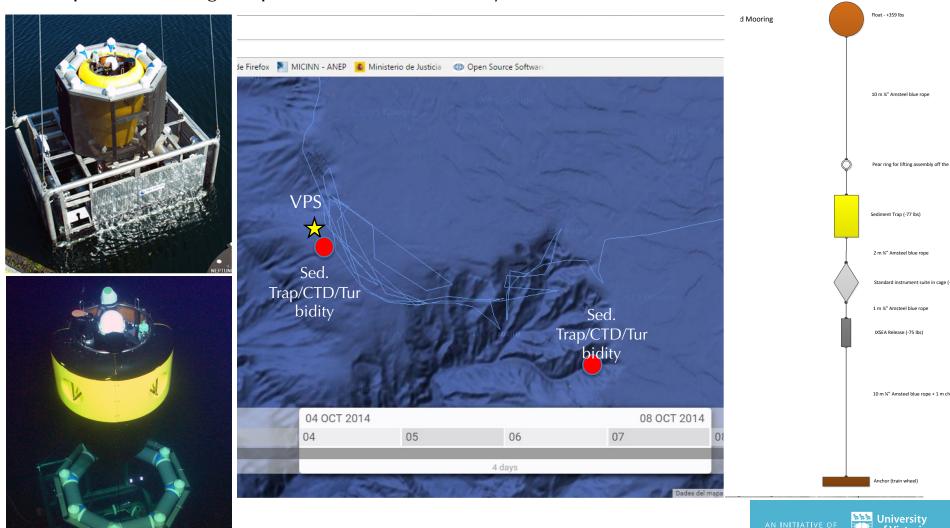
Use of AIS (Automated Information System) transponders from vessels to assess spatial distributions of trawling (2)



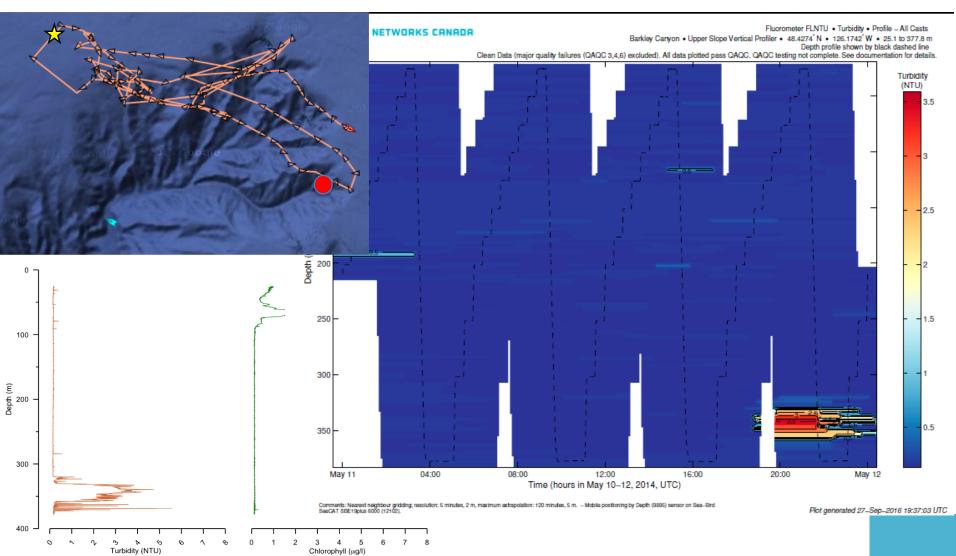


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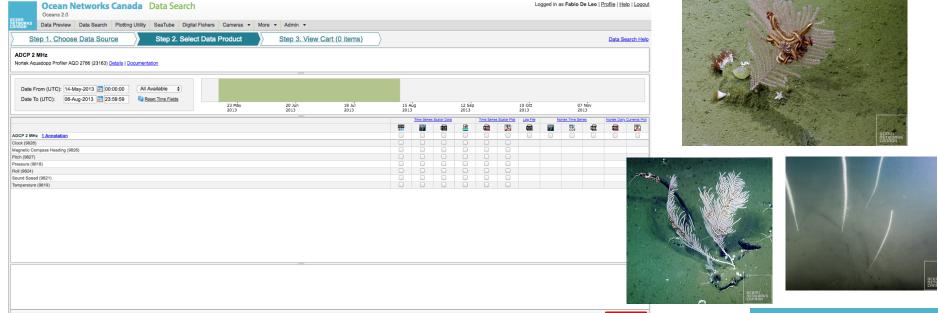
#### New proposals submitted (2/2)



"HABISS - Eco-hydrodynamics of cold water coral <u>hab</u>itats across integrated spatial scales.

<u>Claudio Lo Iacono</u>, Pere Puig, ICM-CSIC, Barcelona Marie Curie Actions – Career Restart fellowships H2020-MSCA-IF-2018 call

- ROV video surveys at Barkley Coral Cliffs
- Autonomous ADCP deployments May-Aug 2013



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# Upcoming ONC Theme Leader workshop





Ocean Networks Canada research-theme focused workshop

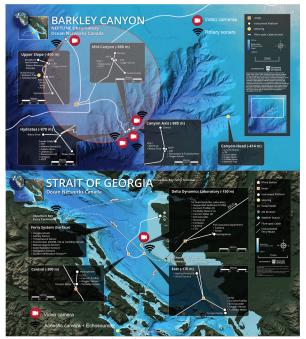
"Marine cabled observatories: moving towards applied monitoring for fisheries management, ecosystem functioning and biodiversity"

ONC Research Theme: 'Life in the environments of the NE Pacific and Salish Sea'

#### October 4-5, Institute of Marine Sciences, ICM-CSIC, Barcelona, Spain

Organizers:

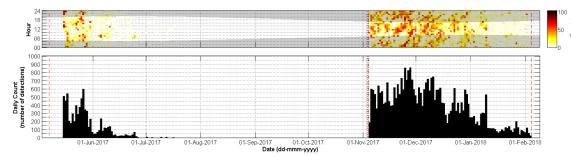
Dr. Jacopo Aguzzi (ICM-CSIC; Science Theme Leader for ONC) Dr. Fabio De Leo (Senior Staff Scientist ONC, Dept. Biology, UVic)

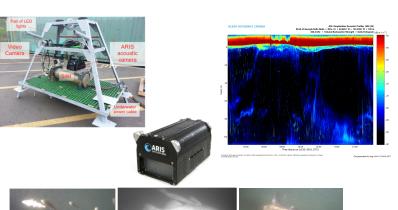


Ocean Networks Canada nodes and monitoring infrastructure in Barkley Canyon, NE Pacific, and Strait of Georgia, Saalish Sea.

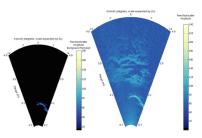
#### **Main objectives:**

- Generate Proof-of-concept papers
- Propose a new experiment in Barkley Canyon
- Engage new expertise related to fisheries monitoring









### **Barkley Canyon Research Themes**

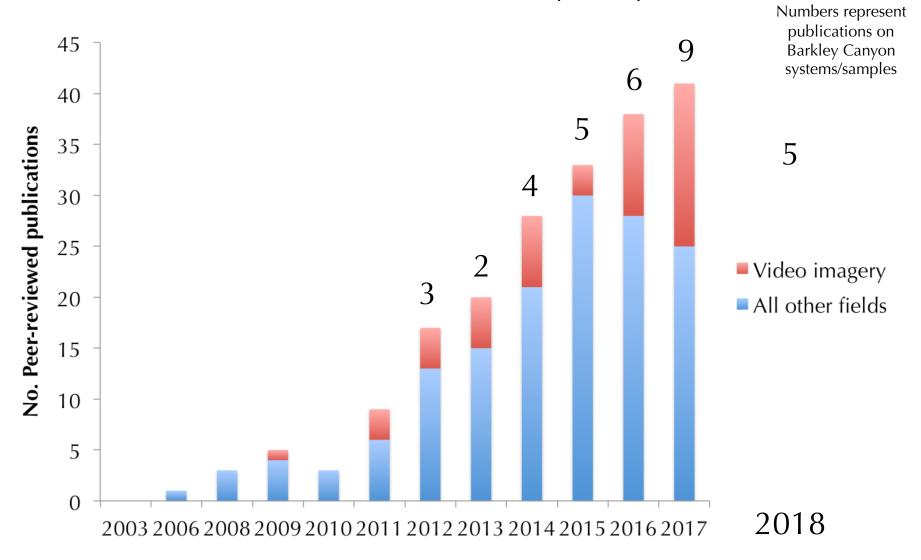
#### Prior to 2013

- Benthic ecosystem dynamics (diel, tidal, seasonal dynamics)
- Chronobiology
- Physical Oceanography
- Methane hydrate dynamics
- Pulse-Chase experiments
- Image recognition/computer vision
- Shorter data-sets
- Small emphasis on samples

#### 2013 to current

- Sediment transport and dynamics
- Organic falls succession dynamics
- Canyon acting as a conduit for organic matter burial (Kelp detritus)
- Use of additional and complimentary
   data (e.e., MODIS Satellite –ocean color)
- Ontogenetic migration of plankton
- Human impacts bottom fishing
- Longer data-sets
- Large emphasis on samples

# ONC Publications/Barkley Canyon



## **Questions for guidance:**

- How are we doing in terms of scientific output coming from Barkley Canyon's scientific community?
- Should we engage different research communities which currently are not engaged?