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**Purpose of the Dive**

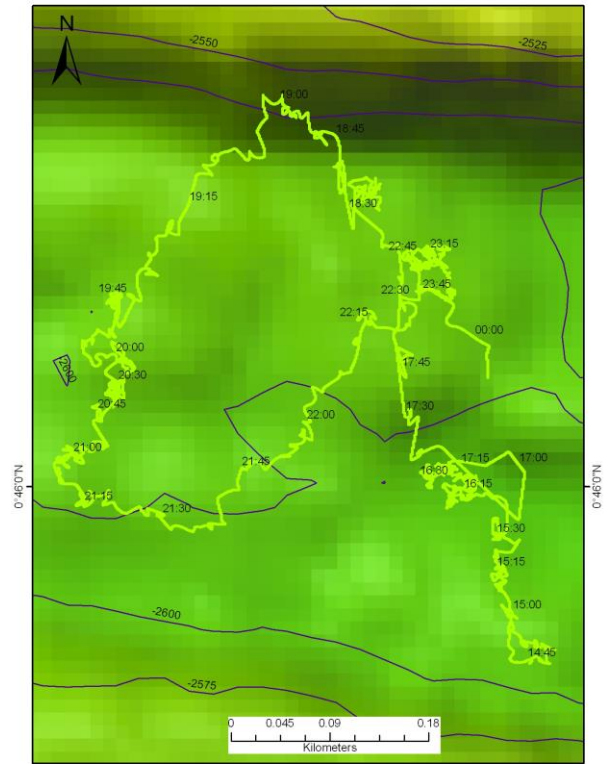
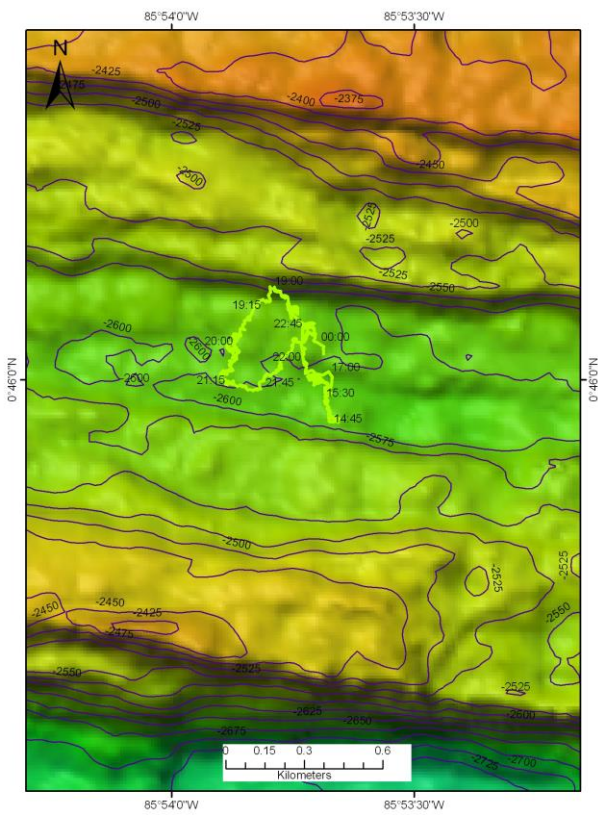
To dive below a high hydrothermal plume signal discovered during the last leg of this expedition now referred to as "4a". This is an unexplored region, but multibeam surveys suggest that there is a well-defined axial volcanic ridge with walls separated by approximately 500 meters.

**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**

**Close-up Map of Main Dive Site**



**Representative Photos of the Dive**

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