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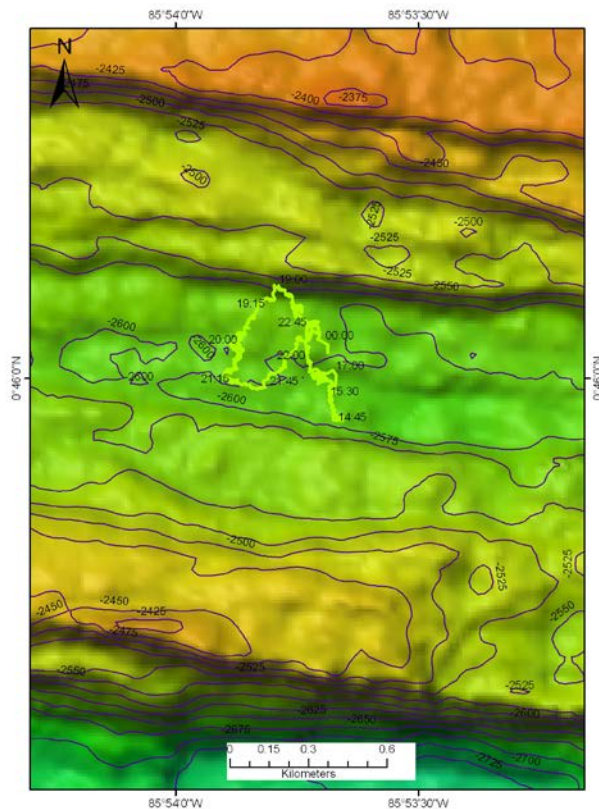
### Purpose of the Dive

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.

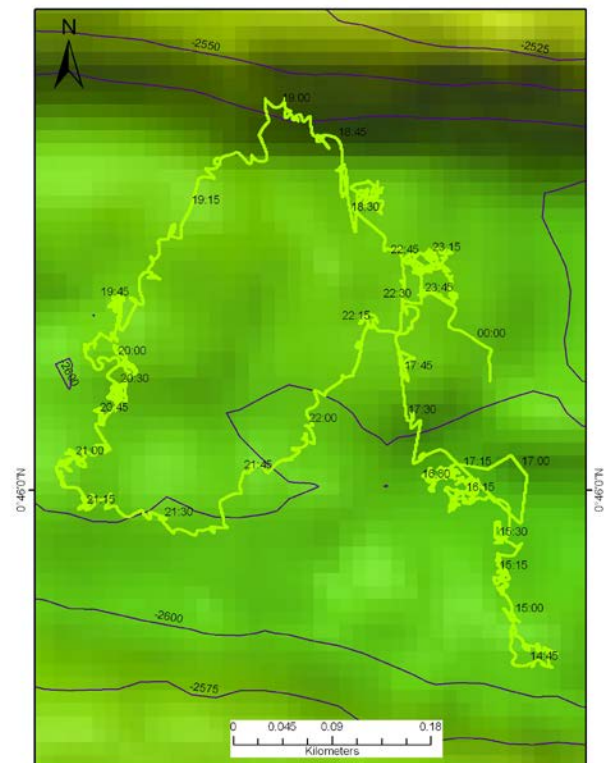
### Description of the Dive:

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



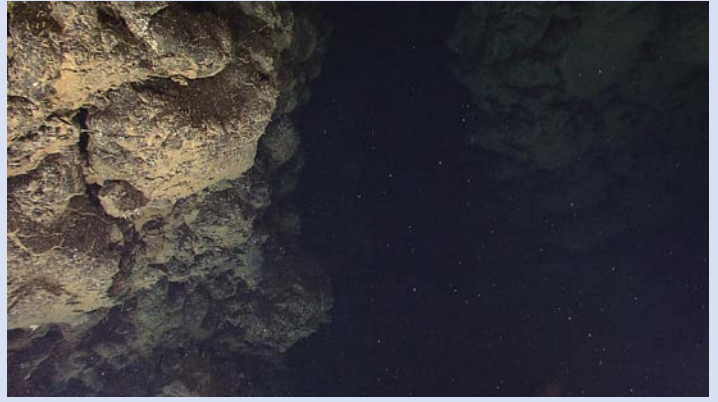
Close-up Map of Main Dive Site



**Representative Photos of the Dive**



Broken pillow lava covered with sediment



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