

**Rapporto sulle attività oceanografiche,  
geologiche, geofisiche durante la crociera  
MNG0310 con R/V *Urania* : Mare ADriatico,  
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**SOMMARIO**

Vengono presentate le attività ed i risultati preliminari della crociera MNG0310 (2010-03-02-2010-03-12) con R/V *Urania*, le cui attività principali previste erano la acquisizione di dati oceanografici lungo i transetti Gargano, Pescara, Senigallia, Rimini e Delta del Po. In aggiunta, si sono svolte attività di campionamento fondo mare, batimetria multibeam e SBP in Montenegro e Albania.

**Parole Chiave:** Oceanografia – Batimetria – CHIRP SBP – Mare Adriatico – Montenegro – Albania

## 1 INTRODUZIONE E INQUADRAMENTO

La crociera MNG0310, coordinata da ISMAR-CNR di Bologna, e' dedicata al progetto EMMA-LIFE project, coordinato da Dr. Mariangela Ravaioli, e dal progetto ADRICOSM-STAR, coordinato dalla Prof. Nadia Pinardi. Il progetto EMMA studia i processi di anossia e ipossia nei fondali del N.adriatico, e punta alla loro eventuale previsione, mediante modellistica operazionale fisica e biogeochimica, mediante crociere stagionali e con l'utilizzo di boe in Near Real Time, fra cui le boe ISMAR S1 ed E1.

La crociera e' stata pianificata per la ripetizione di transetti CTD 'storici' (Po-Rovinj, Rimini, Senigallia, Pescara, Gargano), oltre che studiare strutture nel promontorio Garganico e nel canyon di Bari, con particolare riguardo

alla fenomenologia della dinamica della acqua densa N.Adriatica (Bignami et al. 1990a,b; Ridente et al. 2007; ?; Canals et al. 2009).

ADRICOSM-STAR "... e' teso allo sviluppo e alla parziale implementazione di un sistema di gestione integrato delle aree costiere e delle acque fluviali e urbane, considerando componenti osservazionali e modellistiche". Le aree di ricerca sono in Montenegro e Albania, inclusa la baia di Kotor. Il progetto comprende 19 partnet pubblici e privati da Italia, Montenegro, Serbia e Albania, e ha una durata di 3 anni a partire da Aprile 2010. Gli obiettivi della crociera sono:

- continuare la indagine sistematica del fondo mare con tecnologia Multibeam e CHIRP
- raccogliere campioni di sedimento in stazioni particolari per analisi sedimentologiche e geochimiche
- raccogliere dati meteo e CTD

Nell'insieme, i dati Multibeam e CHIRP saranno usati per lo studio della geologia superficiale e sub-superficiale, e verranno usate per la costruzione di nuove carte batimetriche. Fra i processi studiati possiamo citare (a) la caratterizzazione geochimica, (b) le vie di trasporto del sedimento sospeso e di fondo, evidenziando aree di accumulo di erosione, e (c) la valutazione di rischio.

I dati di batimetria ad alta risoluzione verranno utilizzati per costruire modelli digitali del terreno utili anche ai modelli regionali di previsione della dinamica di onde e correnti. Dati a maggiore risoluzione sono raccolti in area particolari, fra cui la baia di Kotor.

Di seguito vengono presentate le attivita' di bordo durante la crociera MNG0310, inclusa la descrizione della nave, della strumentazione e del loro uso, e dettagli sulla loro configurazione e capacita' tecnica, oltre a risultati tecnico-scientifici.

### 1.1 Inquadramento Geologico e Oceanografico

#### INQUADRAMENTO GEOLOGICO

L' Adriatico (Fig.1) e' un mare epicontinentale con due configurazioni dei propri margini (Ridente & Trincardi 2005) (con referenze). La zona Nord (NA) e' circondata dalla penisola italiana a Ovest e dai Balcani a Est, ed e' l'area piu' settentrionale del Mediterraneo. E' caratterizzato da batimetrie basse e bassissime (in media ~ 35 m), che si approfondiscono regolarmente verso S fino alla batimetrica di -120 m, che viene considerato il confine aperto a S, approssimativamente a N della latitudine 43:20 (Artegiani et al. 1997a; Russo & Artigiani 1996; Poulain et al. 2001). Altri autori considerano invece essere tale confine al traverso di Rimini o di Ancona.

L'area Centrale e' caratterizzata dalla fossa

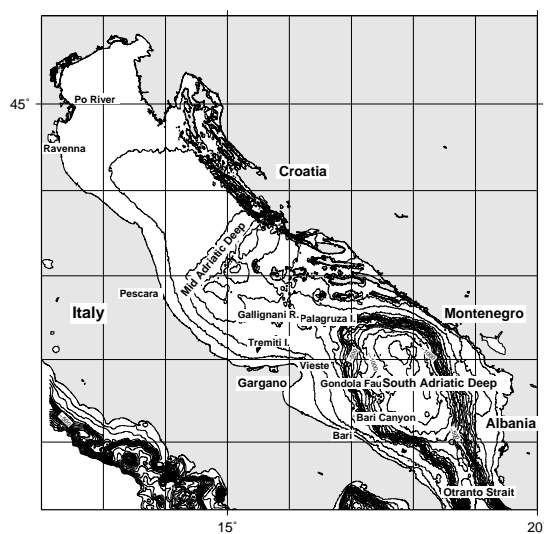


Figura 1. Adriatic Sea setting.

Meso-Adriatica (MAD), un bacino relitto, profondo  $\sim 260$  m, separato in due depocentri dalla cintura di deformazione Centro-Adriatica (Argnani & Frugoni 1997), e bordata dalle catene Gallignani e Pelagosa a SE e dall'alto strutturale delle Isole Tremiti a S. Le due depressioni della fossa possono essere riempite dalle acque dense (NadDW) prodotte nel bacino settentrionale.

L'area a Sud (?) e' caratterizzata da una depressione subcircolare, profonda  $> 1200$  m (Fossa Sud Adriatica, SAD), localizzata fra le coste della Puglia, a Ovest, e di Albania, Montenegro, Croazia a Est, e considerata essere la avanfossa della cintura di pieghe e faglie delle catene Albanidi e Dinaridi (De Alteriis 1995; Argnani et al. 1996; Bertotti et al. 2001).

I margini e le aree costiere Montenegrine e Albanesi fanno parte della cintura di pieghe e faglie Ovest-vergente delle Dinaridi e Albanidi lungo la parte sud-orientale del bacino 1. I margini hanno un ciglio della piattaforma continentale relitto, con il sedimento stoccato lungo la costa albanese, e presenza di frane e movimenti di massa a larga scala (?Roure et al. 2004). La piattaforma continentale e' stretta da N in Coazia fino a C.Patamuni a S della Baia di Kotor, nei pressi di Budva, dove essa si sviluppa maggiormente fino a C.Rodonit in Albania. La attivita' sismica e' presente nell'area con eventi da moderati a molto intensi. In particolare, a parte i terremoti storici, il M6.9 del 1979-04-15 e forti scosse di assestamento nella regione di Bar e Kotor in Montenegro (Console & Favali 1981; Boore et al. 1981), con epicentro localizzato 5NM al largo, nella zona del fronte esterno. L'area a S del fiume Bojana a W e Sw di Capo Rodonit e' anche sismicamente attiva, ed e' interessata da un fronte compressivo allineato WNW e faglie trascorrenti e dirette orientate ENE. Secondo Tiberti et al. (2008) e citazioni, questi terremoti hanno un forte potenziale tsunamigenico. A

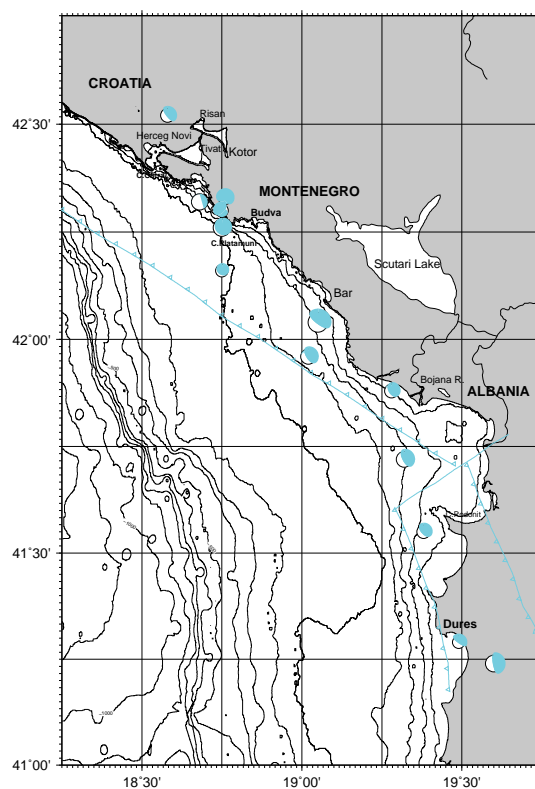


Figura 2. Structural setting of Montenegro.

casua dell'ambiente carsico nella vcatena Dinarica, specialmente in N Montenegro, gli acquiferi costieri possono svilupparsi a mare con sifoni sottomarini, sorgenti e risorgive, all'interno di una ambiente geologico e idrogeologico fortemente correlato alla tettonica e alle fluttuazioni climatiche e del livello del mare passate e future (Fleury et al. 2007).

### Inquadramento oceanografico

Le note seguenti sono tratte da Russo et al. (2009).

Essendo un bacino epicontinentale, idrologia e dinamica del NA sono influenzate dal forzante meteorologico, variazioni termiche e dalle portate fluviali. Studi climatologici (Cushman-Roisin et al. (2001) e referenze) indicano che le situazioni meteorologiche principali in NA includono flussi dai quadranti NW, NE e SE (venti Etesiano, Bora, Scirocco). Bora e Scirocco sono i venti predominanti nell'area e possono causare forti eventi di tempesta. Nonostante il suo limitato volume, il NA riceve circa il 20% di acque dolci di tutto il Mediterraneo (Russo & Artegiani 1996), principalmente dal fiume Po (portata media  $\sim 1500$  m<sup>3</sup>/a (Artegiani & Azzolini 1981; Raicich 1994), e portando ad un eccesso di acqua dolce.

Nel tardo autunno, gli intensi processi di raffreddamento e evaporazione, tipicamente associati con eventi di Bora sul NA, creano condizioni per

la generazione di acqua densa durante l'inverno (Vibilič & Supič 2005).

A causa dell'aumento delle portate fluviali e del riscaldamento in tarda primavera e estate, correnti di gradiente sono generate in un sistema di circolazione ciclonico (Zore-Armanda 1956; Buljan & Zore-Armanda 1976; Franco et al. 1982; Orlić et al. 1992; Artegiani et al. 1997a,b; Russo & Artegiani 1996; Hopkins et al. 1999; Poulain & Cushman-Roisin 2001), consistenti in una corrente che entra a S e fluisce verso NO lungo la costa orientale (corrente Adriatica Orientale, EAC), e una corrente che fluisce a SE lungo la costa italiana e esce a Otranto (Corrente Adriatica Occidentale, WAC). La EAC introduce nel bacino a Sud acque più calde e salate, mentre la WAC immette acque più dolci verso le regioni a S.

La circolazione generale nel NA è inoltre estremamente affetta dai venti. Episodi di Bora possono generare una circolazione transiente a doppia rotazione, consistente in un ciclone a N del delta del Po e un anticiclone a S, in grado di trasportare molto al largo filamenti del pennacchio fluviale (Jeffries & Lee 2007); una circolazione anticiclonica si sviluppa inoltre lungo la costa Istriana a Sud (Poulain & Cushman-Roisin 1992, 2001), mentre la Bora forza flussi nella WAC (Book et al. 2007; Ursella et al. 2006).

Il NA è una delle zone maggiormente produttive dell'intero Mediterraneo. Il tasso di consumo di  $O_2$  dovuto ai processi biogeochimici è il più alto dell'intero Bacino Adriatico, con un massimo che generalmente si concentra attorno al delta del Po (Artegiani et al. 1997b). Questa regione può quindi essere considerata zona favorevole alla insorgenza di ipossie. La formazione di strati anossici di fondo in ampie aree del bacino (Degobbi et al. 1993, 2000) può causare grossi problemi ecologici come mortalità massive di animali, defaunazione della popolazione bentonica e riduzione della produttività dell'industria della pesca.

La ipossia è definita comunemente tale quando la concentrazione dell'ossigeno disciolto è inferiore a  $2 \text{ ml l}^{-1}$  (equivalenti a  $2.8 \text{ mg l}^{-1}$ ). Tale concentrazione è il limite di tolleranza per molte specie bentiche (Simunovic et al. 1999; Rabalais et al. 2000; Wu 2002).

The dynamics of the SAD is dominated by the presence of a quasi-permanent cyclonic gyre that in the winter season creates the conditions for the open-ocean convection and the production of dense and oxygenated waters. Studies show that two types of dense water formation processes occur during winter within the Adriatic Sea: the major portion of the Adriatic Deep Water (ADW) is formed through open ocean convection inside the Southern Adriatic Deep (SAD) within the cyclonic gyre, while the remaining dense water is formed on the continental shelf of the Northern and Middle Adriatic that moves southward and ultimately sinks to the bottom of the SAD

(Ovchinnikov et al. 1985; Bignami et al. 1990a,b; Malanotte-Rizzoli 1991). The eastern margin is characterized by the influence of the incoming waters of Ionian origin which flow northward being restricted mainly to the continental slope. This area is interested by the Levantine Intermediate water (LIW) that occupies the layer between 150 and 600m.

The coastal zone of Albanian and Montenegro in the eastern margin consists of a narrow shelf area North of the Strait of Otranto, with smooth bathymetry and with circulation features presumably determinate by inflowing Ionian waters, by local winds, and by relatively large amounts of the Buna-Bojana river. The latest provide a strong contribution to the Adriatic freshwater budget, in a way that their influence in feeding the freshwater coastal zone is sometimes felt far downstream along the Croatian coast.

The current state of knowledge of oceanographic characteristics of the Albanian shelf is limited. Numerical simulations and satellite infrared images indicates that the circulation on the Albanian shelf responds strongly to the local wind forcing (Bergamasco & Gačić 1996). More specifically, the northeasterly wind generates very intense coastal upwelling along the Albanian shoreline due to the sudden change of the coastline orientation in that area. Bora wind induces an undercurrent at intermediate depths near the Albanian shelf break, which is directed in the opposite direction of the Levantine Intermediate Water (LIW) inflow from the Ionian. Therefore, in addition to coastal upwelling, Bora in the Strait of Otranto weakens and occasionally blocks completely the LIW inflow.

## 2 MATERIALI E METODI

The research cruise was carried out with the 61 meter R/V *Urania* owned and operated by SO.PRO.MAR. and on long-term lease to CNR. Ship is normally used for geological, geophysical and oceanographical work in the Mediterranean Sea and adjoining waters, including but not limited to, the Atlantic Ocean, the Red Sea, and the Black Sea.

R/V *Urania* is equipped with DGPS positioning system (satellite link by FUGRO), single-beam and multibeam bathymetry and integrated geophysical and oceanographical data acquisition systems, including ADCP, CHIRP SBP and other Sonar Equipment, other than water and sediment sampling. Additional equipment can be accommodated on the keel or towed, e.g. Side Scan Sonars.

### 2.1 NAVIGAZIONE, CHIRP, MATIMETRIA MULTIFASCIO

The vessel was set-up for data acquisition and navigation with PDS-2000 software by RESON, in-



**Figura 3.** R/V *Urania* .

terfacing by a multiserial and Ethernet link several instruments, among them the DGPS (Fugro), the Atlas-Krupp Deso-25 single-beam echosounder, the MAHRS MRU and the meteorological station. The position and depth data were also distributed to the CTD data acquisition console. A Kongsberg processor running the SIS software, collected the multibeam data, including a SEAPATH MRU, compass, and DGPS. The MBES was the 70kHz, 400 1x2° beams, 150° aperture EM-710 (2000 m range) model by Kongsberg. The sonar head is positioned on the ship's keel using a V-shaped steel frame. A Sound Velocity probe at the keel 1m above the Sonar Head is interfaced directly to the MBES processor, thus providing the necessary real-time data for the beam-forming. CTD casts were normally used for input of the sound velocity profile to the system. An Anderaa Meteorological Station was also made available, at a rate of one measurement every 5 minutes.

### BATIMETRIA

The SIS (EM-710) was able to build real-time DTM at the resolution of 20 and 5 m during the acquisition of the entire surveyed areas. The data from these production DTMs were exported and

| POSITION  | ACROSS | ALONG  | HEIGHT |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| REF.POINT | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| DGPS      | 1.64   | 14.30  | 14.18  |
| MBEAM     | 0.00   | 14.36  | -4.96  |
| MAHRS     | 0.00   | 0.0    | -3.40  |
| DESO      | 5.50   | -1.85  | -3.80  |
| CHIRP     | -1.0   | 11.80  | -4.00  |
| A-FRAME   | 6.5    | -6.70  | 0.0    |
| STERN     | 0.00   | -30.60 | 0.00   |
| MAGNETOM. | -5.50  | -210   | 0.0    |
| DGPSGRAV  | 0.0    | -4.0   | 10.0   |
| GRAV      | -1.0   | -1.0   | 0.0    |

**Tabella 1.** Instrumental Offsets of PDS2000 on Ship *Urania* (PDS2000). The GPS antenna (primary positioning system) is located on point DGPS.

| POSITION    | ACROSS  | ALONG   | HEIGHT  |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
| REF. POINT  | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    |
| SEAPATH_GPS | -4.039  | 0.163   | -18.211 |
| MRU         | -0.341  | -1.342  | -1.596  |
| MBEAM_TX    | 0.0936  | 10.2964 | 5.0623  |
| MBEAM_RX    | -0.0031 | 11.0144 | 5.0600  |
| SEALEVEL    | 0       | 0       | -0.0875 |

**Tabella 2.** Instrumental Offsets on Ship *Urania* (EM710). The DGPS antenna (primary positioning system) is located on point SEAPATH\_GPS.

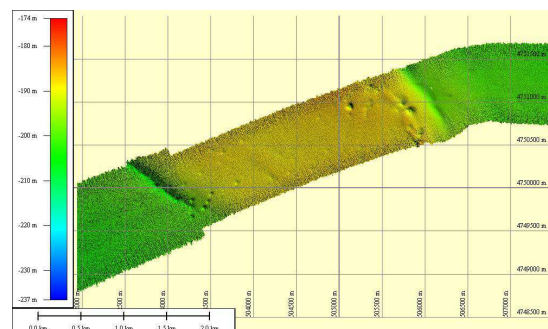
used for planning and update of the SIS projects. The raw data were instead saved in the Kongsberg's .all format, for postprocessing with packages like NEPTUNE or MB-SYSTEM or other. The processed data will therefore be used for an up-to-date regional and local bathymetric compilation.

### CHIRP SBP

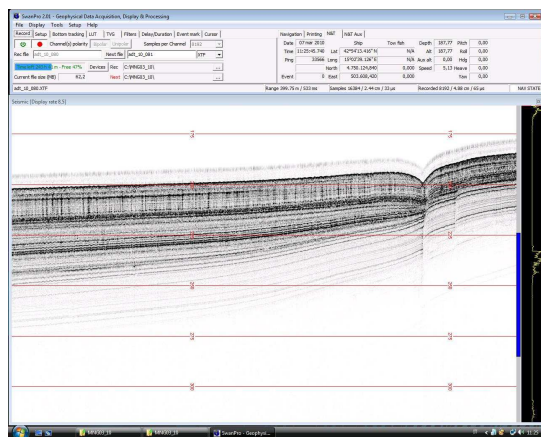
A Teledyne Benthos CHIRP-III SBP system (16 hull-mounted transducers) was used. The data were acquired by the SWANPRO software by Communication Technology, with direct interfacing to the DGPS, therefore actual positioning data have to be converted according to the offsets of Tab.1. The data were recorded in the XTF format and converted also into the SEG-Y format for processing with ISMAR's SEISPRHO package Gasperini & Stanghellini (2009). The system setting was: length 5-10 ms, trigger rate varying from 0.25 to 1.5 s, gain 9dbm preamp gain ranging from 1.5 to 3 db. Power to the transducers and gains were set in order to obtain non-clipped returns.

### CAMPIONAMENTYO FONDO

Bottom sampling was performed by 60cm diameter box corer and grab. Table 3 shows the position of samples. On the undisturbed sample a minimum



**Figura 4.** CruiseMNG0310: pokmark filed on faults and tectonic lineaments on top of Galignani Ridge, Pomo.



**Figure 5.** CruiseMNG0310: fault on top of Gallignani Ridge(WSE), Pomo (see Fig. 4).

of 2 subcores were taken and stored. Subsampling at particular levels was also performed. Some sub-samples were washed and sieved.

**CTD**

CTD data were obtained by a Sea Bird SBE 911 probe. Table A5 in the appendix shows the position of the stations.

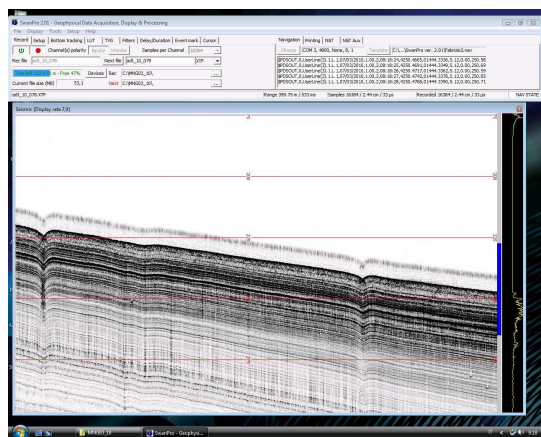
**MAGNETOMETRIA**

A Seaspys by Marine Magnetics magnetometer was used. Sensor was towed at 180 m from stern, on the port side. Data acquisition was by Marine Magnetic’s Sealink software.

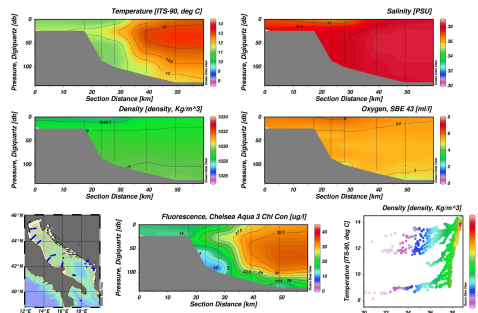
**CARTOGRAFIA E MISCELLANEA**

An ROV by GEI of Barga was used on a karstic hole in the Kotor Bay.

The datum was set to WGS84 and the Direct



**Figure 6.** CruiseMNG0310: pokmark filed on top of Gallignani Ridge, Pomo.



**Figure 7.** CruiseMNG0310: Gargano transect.

Mercator 38N, UTM, zone 33N and 34N were chosen for navigation, display, and data acquisition. The time zone was set to the UTC for the instrumental data acquisition.

The positioning maps and bathymetric images were produced with GMT Wessel & Smith (1998).

The multibeam data were pre processed on board by the CARIS and GMT software and ISMAR’s routines and scripts, using the SIS production DTMS or raw .all file.

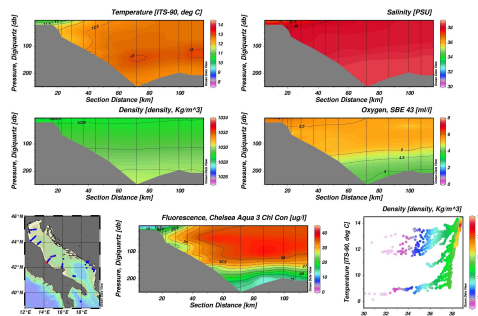
Photographs and video were taken by digital cameras and video-camera.

**3 RISULTATI INIZIALI**

**OCEANOGRAFIA**

During MNG0310cruise, the water column properties on the western side of the basin have been investigated along transects from Gargano to the Po Delta (Figures 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11). In addition, some CTD casts were performed on the Eastern coast during the activities on Montenegro and Albania.

In the Appendix Table A5 shows the CTD data collected during cruise MNG0310, and figure A4 plots a summary of the data.



**Figure 8.** CruiseMNG0310: Pescara transect.

| LON-LAT (ddmm.xxx) | UTM34          | DEPTH | SAMPLE | DATE       |
|--------------------|----------------|-------|--------|------------|
| 1921.142 4149.869  | 363184 4632342 |       | BC1    | 2010-03-09 |
| 1920.910 4149.706  | 362858 4632046 |       | BC2    | 2010-03-09 |
| 1920.716 4149.509  | 362582 4631687 |       | BC3    | 2010-03-09 |
| 1917.880 4149.743  | 358665 4632196 |       | BC4    | 2010-03-09 |
| 1844.785 4228.379  | 314748 4704753 |       | G1     | 2010-03-10 |
| 1840.878 4229.979  | 309476 4707859 |       | G2     | 2010-03-10 |
| 1839.704 4225.942  | 307662 4700431 |       | G3     | 2010-03-10 |
| 1832.515 4226.064  | 297812 4700937 |       | G4     | 2010-03-10 |

Tabella 3. Samples on cruise MNG0310. BC=box-corer, G=grab.

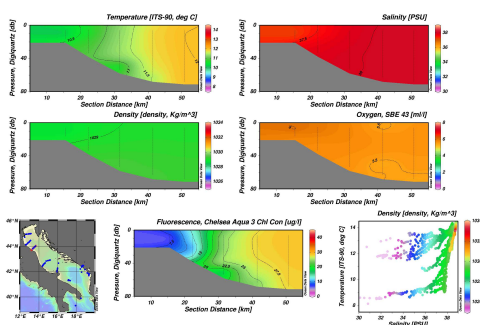


Figure 9. CruiseMNG0310: Senigallia transect.

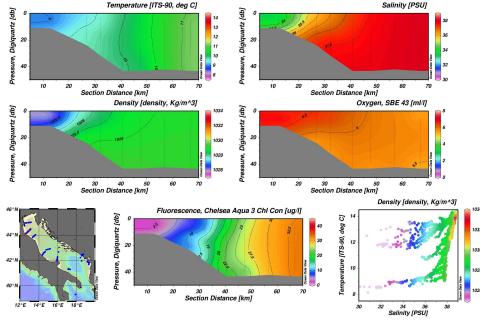


Figure 10. CruiseMNG0310: Rimini transect.

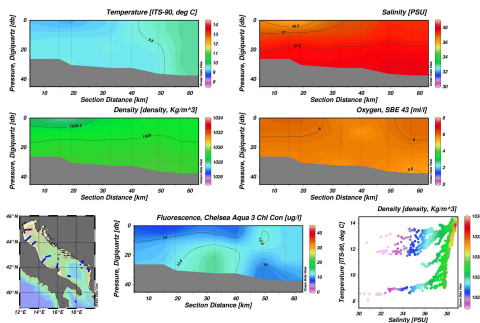


Figure 11. CruiseMNG0310: Po Delta transect.

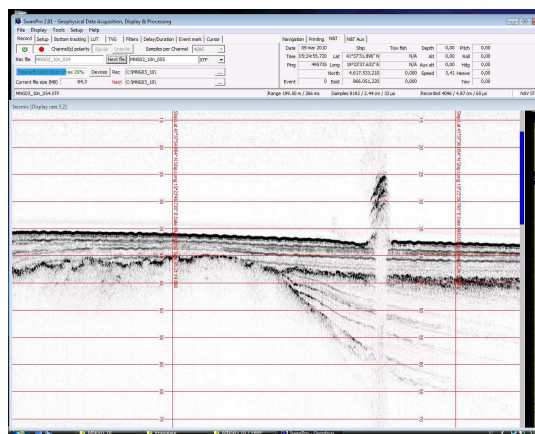


Figure 12. CruiseMNG0310: Ship wreck, Montenegro, CHIRP.

## BATIMETRIA, CHIRP

During MNG0310cruise, high-resolution morphobathymetric and CHIRP SBP surveys were made. We present hereafter a set of figures showing the capabilities of the Multibeam and CHIRP systems. See hereafter some of the images obtained by the multibeam.

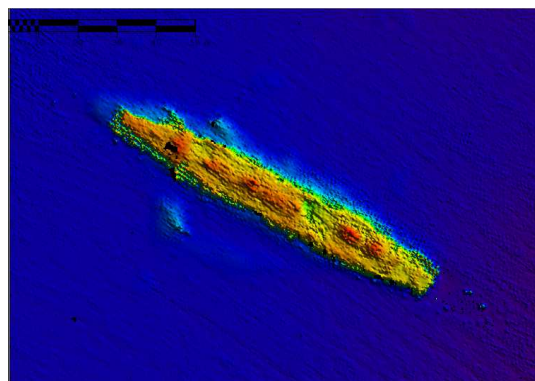
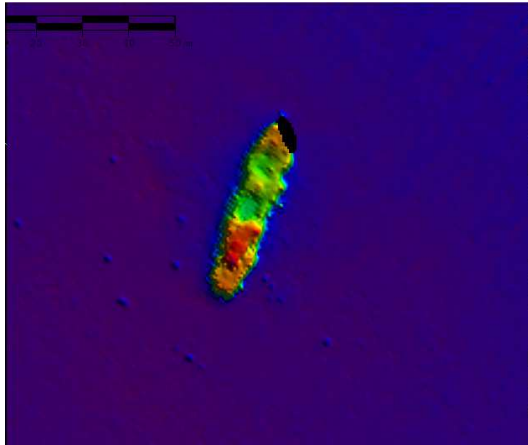
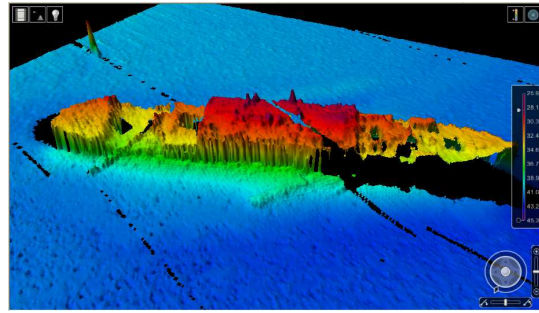


Figure 13. CruiseMNG0310: Ship wreck, Montenegro.



**Figura 14.** CruiseMNG0310: Ship wreck, Montenegro.



**Figura 16.** CruiseMNG0310: Ship wreck, Albania.

No problems were encountered regarding neither the people nor the environment during the cruise.

#### CAMPIONAMENTO FONDO

A number of 5 box corers and 4 grabs were performed. Table 4 shows sample description. Some pictures hereafter show some of the samples.

#### RINGRAZIAMENTI

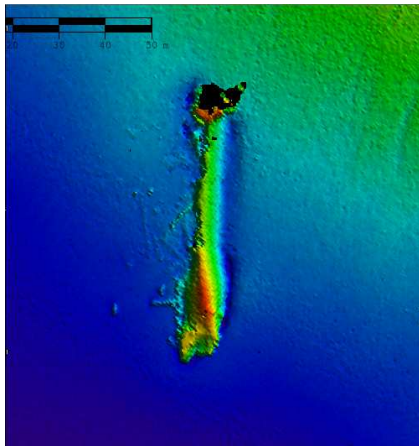
We are indebted to the officers and crew members of R/V *Urania* for their professionalism and efforts in assuring the success of the cruise.

#### 4 CONCLUSIONI

During the 11 days of cruise MNG0310, including transits and port calls, we obtained:

- CTD casting and water sampling along Adriatic transects;
- high-resolution SBP and multibeam coverage on the Montenegrin and Albanese offshore;
- bottom sampling on the Buna-Bojana offshore and in the Bokakotorska;
- ROV investigations

Analysis of the data collected during the expedition is under process, and will continue during the forthcoming several months.



**Figura 15.** CruiseMNG0310: Ship wreck, Montenegro.



**Figura 17.** CruiseMNG0310: Box corer 01.

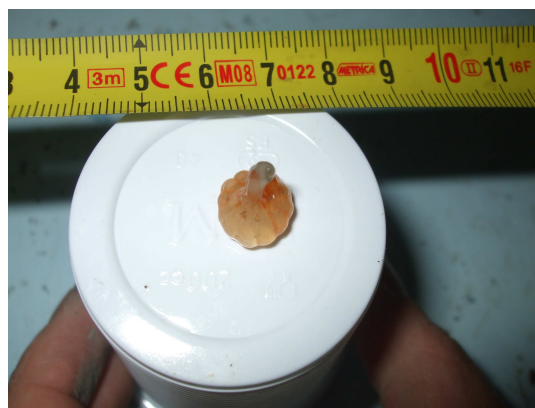


| STATION | DATE       | DESCRIPTION   |
|---------|------------|---|
| BC01    | 2010-03-09 | 0-2cm oacre, silty mud, oxidized, liquid on top, presence of <i>turritella comunis</i> ; 2cm to bottom, olive-gray mud, more plastic  |
| BC02    | 2010-03-09 | 0-2cm oacre, silty mud, oxidized, liquid on top, presence of <i>turritella comunis</i> , less than BC01; 2cm to bottom, olive-gray mud, more plastic  |
| BC03    | 2010-03-09 | 0-2cm oacre, silty mud, oxidized, liquid on top, very scarce presence of <i>turritella</i> ; 2cm to bottom, olive-gray mud, more plastic  |
| BC04    | 2010-03-09 | 25 cm; TOP (0 - 1 cm): silty mud, sub-mm bioclasts, light brown, olive (5Y4/1), oxidized 1-5 cm: low plastic clay, low fluid content, non organic, odorless, rare sub-mm bioclastic fragments, darker olive (5Y4/1). BOTTOM (5 cm): very plastic clay, non organic, odorless, no bioclasts. color 5Y4/1. WASHED: 1 valve of bivalve (2-3 mm), 2 young <i>turritella comunis</i> , piece of sea-urchin, sub-cm foraminifer; round, reworked black coal clast(?). |
| BC05    | 2010-03-09 | 23 cm; same as BC04 (?)   |
| G01     | 2010-03-10 | Kotor Bay. (?)  |
| G02     | 2010-03-10 | Risan Bay. (?)  |
| G03     | 2010-03-10 | Tivat Bay. Mud with stones. (?)   |
| G04     | 2010-03-10 | Herzeg-novi bay. Mud with shells. (?)   |

**Tabella 4.** Bottom samples description. G=grab, BC=Box-corer



**Figura 18.** CruiseMNG0310: Box corer 01, washed.



**Figura 20.** CruiseMNG0310: Box corer BC04, foraminifer.



**Figura 19.** CruiseMNG0310: Box corer BC04.

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**APPENDICI A: CRUISE SUMMARY**

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|---------------------|--|
| SHIP                | R/V <i>Urania</i>  |
| START               | 2010-03-02 PORT: Messina   |
| END                 | 2010-03-12 PORT: Bari  |
| SEA/OCEAN           | Adriatic Sea   |
| LIMITS              | NORTH: 45:30 SOUTH: 41:00 WEST: 12:00 EAST: 19:45  |
| OBJECTIVE           | Oceanography ...   |
| COORDINATING BODIES | ISMAR-CNR Bologna  |
| CHIEF OF EXPEDITION | Giovanni Bortoluzzi  |
| CONTACT             | G.Bortoluzzi at ismar.cnr.it   |
| DISCIPLINES         | Oceanography, morphobathymetry, Chirp SBP, magnetometry, bottom sampling.                                  |
| WORK DONE           | ~3500 KM SBP, ~xxx KM MAGNETOMETRY, ~xxx KM <sup>2</sup> MULTI-BEAM, 66 CTD CASTS, 4 GRABS , 5 BOX-CORERS. |

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**Tabella A1.** Cruise Summary.

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**Tabella A2.** Scientific and technical parties

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| DATE       | OPERATIONS  |
|------------|---|
| 2010-03-02 | mob Messina. Departure 18:30 local, head to S.Maria di Leuca, CTD, CHIRP, MULTIBEAM |
| 2010-03-03 | transit, CTD, CHIRP, MULTIBEAM  |
| 2010-03-04 | CTD Gargano, CTD, CHIRP, MULTIBEAM  |
| 2010-03-05 | transit CTD Senigallia, CTD, CHIRP, MULTIBEAM                                       |
| 2010-03-06 | transit CTD Po-Rovinj, Rimini, CTD, CHIRP, MULTIBEAM                                |
| 2010-03-07 | transit CTD Pescara, CTD, CHIRP, MULTIBEAM  |
| 2010-03-08 | Zelenika 08:00 embark Montenegrin Albanese, CTD, CHIRP, MULTIBEAM                   |
| 2010-03-09 | Chirp, Multibeam Bojana,CTD, CHIRP, MULTIBEAM, Box corer                            |
| 2010-03-10 | Chirp, Multibeam, Bokakotorska ROV, GRABS,CTD, CHIRP, MULTIBEAM                     |
| 2010-03-11 | 08:00 Disembark Montenegrin, Albanese people, head to Bari CTD, CHIRP, MULTIBEAM    |
| 2010-03-12 | 12:00 de-mob Bari   |

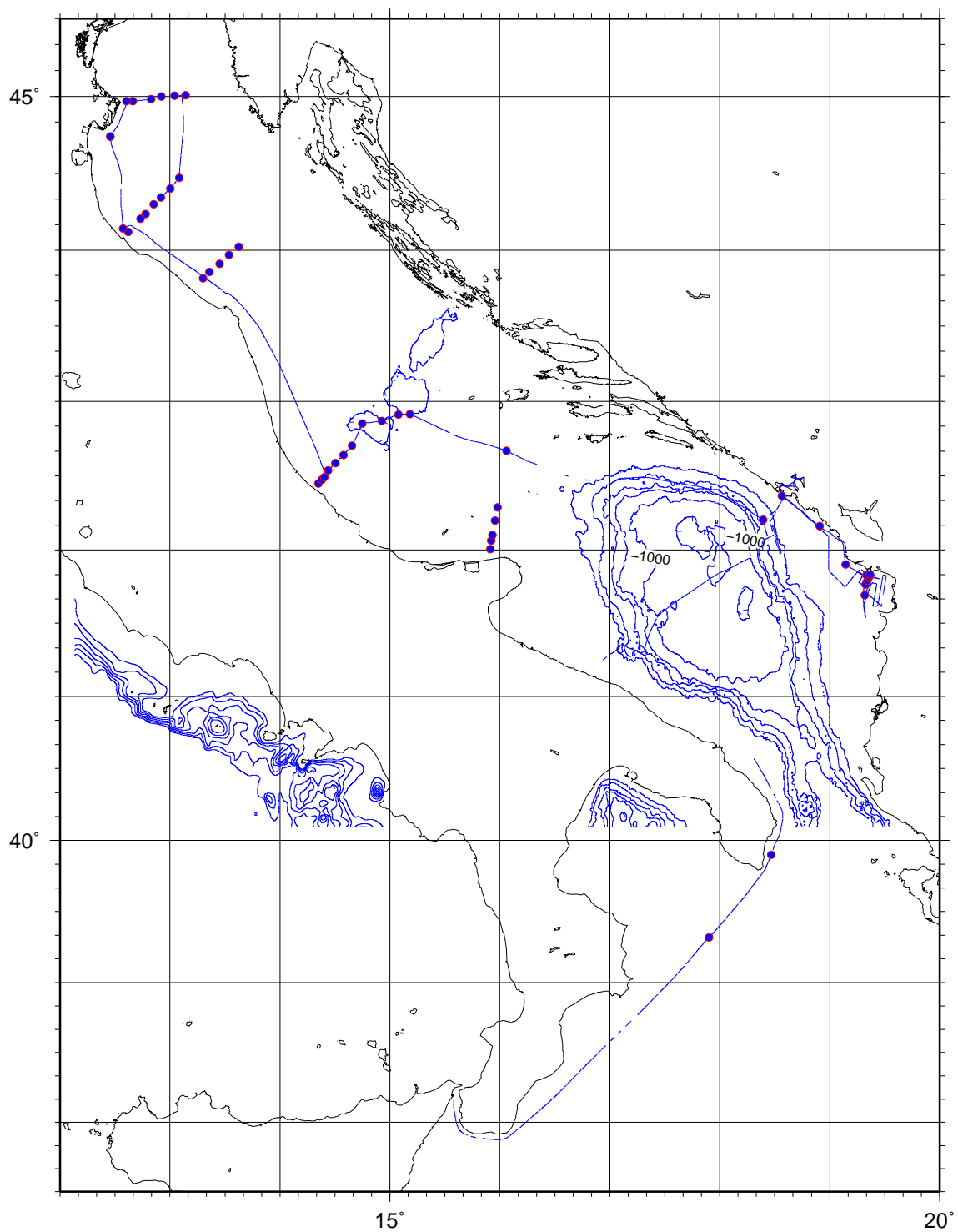
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**Tabella A3.** Diary of Operations.

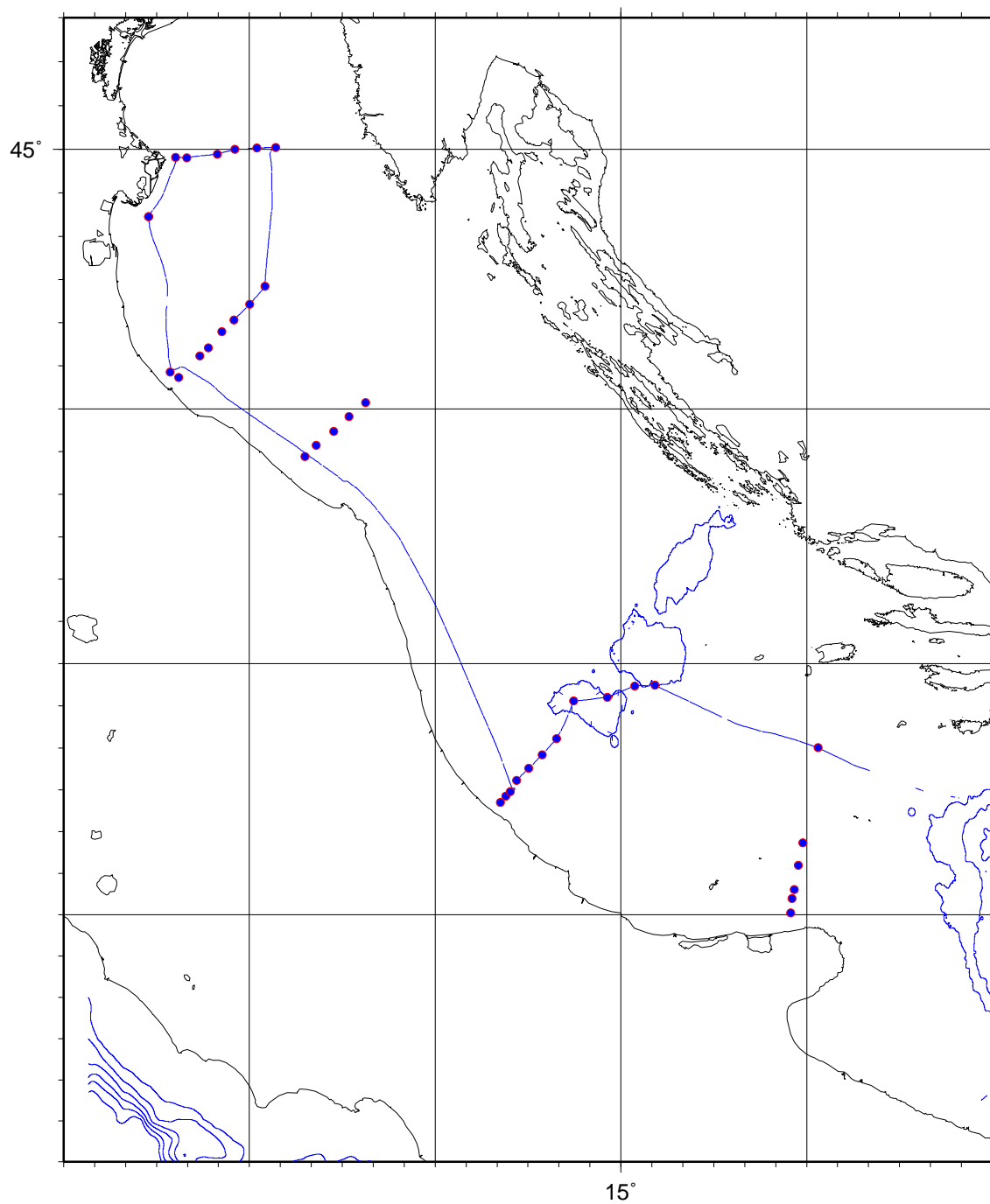
| ACRONYM       | DESCRIPTION   | URL-email                     |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------|
| CNR           | Consiglio Nazionale Delle Ricerche  | www.cnr.it                    |
| ISMAR         | Istituto di Scienze Marine  | www.ismar.cnr.it              |
| ISMAR-BO      | ISMAR, Bologna  | www.bo.ismar.cnr.it           |
| UNIVPM        | Universita' Politecnica delle Marche  | www.univpm.it                 |
| IBMK          | Inst.Marine Biology, Kotor  |                               |
| GSM           | Geol.Survey Montenegro, Podgorica   | www.geozavod.cg.yu            |
| EPAM          | Environmental Prot. Agency Montenegro   | epa.org.me                    |
| UNITIRANA     | University of Tirana  | www.upt.al                    |
| IEWE          | Inst.Energy Water Environment, UNITI-RANA   |                               |
| ADRICOSM      | ADRIatic sea integrated COastal areaS   | gnoo.bo.ingv.it/adricosm      |
| ADRICOSM-STAR | ADRICOSM integrated river basin an coastal zone management system: Montenegro coastal area and Bojana river catchment | gnoo.bo.ingv.it/adricosm-star |
| ADRICOSM-EXT  |   | gnoo.bo.ingv.it/adricosm-ext  |
| MEDPOL        | Program for the Assessment and Control of Pollution in the Mediterranean region                                       | http://195.97.36.231/medpol   |
| MFS           | Mediterranean ocean Forecasting System  | www.bo.ingv.it/mfs            |
| MOON          | Mediterranean Operational Oceanography  |                               |
| SIAM          | Sistema Informativo Ambiente Mediterraneo   | moon.santateresa.enea.it      |
| SIS           | Sea-floor Information System  | www.kongsberg.com             |
| SBE           | Sea Bird Electronics  | www.seabird.com               |
| SIPPICAN      | Sippican Corp.  | www.sippican.com              |
| BENTHOS       | Teledyne Benthos  | www.benthos.com               |
| SWAN-PRO      | Communication Technology  | www.comm-tec.com              |
| GMT           | Generic Mapping Tool  | gmt.soest.hawaii.edu/gmt      |
| MBES          | Multibeam Echosounder System  |                               |
| SBP           | Sub Bottom Profiling  |                               |
| SVP           | Sound Velocity Profile  |                               |
| CTD           | Conductivity/Temperature/Depth  |                               |
| MAW           | Modified Atlantic Water   |                               |
| LSW           | Levantine Surface Water   |                               |
| LIW           | Levantine Intermediate Water  |                               |
| CIW           | Cretan Intermediate Water   |                               |
| CDW           | Cretan Deep Water (Involved recently in EMDW. Sometimes referred as CSOW).  |                               |
| LDW           | Levantine Deep Water (Formed in NW Levantine Basin).  |                               |
| EMDW          | Eastern Mediterranean Deep Water (Kept for historical reasons).   |                               |
| EOW           | Eastern Mediterranean Overflow Water (Sometimes called AIW or EMDW at the Sicily channel).                            |                               |
| GPS-DGPS-RTK  | Global Positioning System   | samadhi.jpl.nasa.gov          |
| DTM           | Digital Terrain Model   | en.wikipedia.org              |

**Tabella A4.** Acronyms of Organizations, Manufacturers and Products





**Figure A1.** Whole ship track during Cruise MNG0310. Blue circles are CTD stations. Blue line shows CHIRP lines.



**Figura A2.** Whole ship track during Cruise MNG0310. Blue circles are CTD stations.

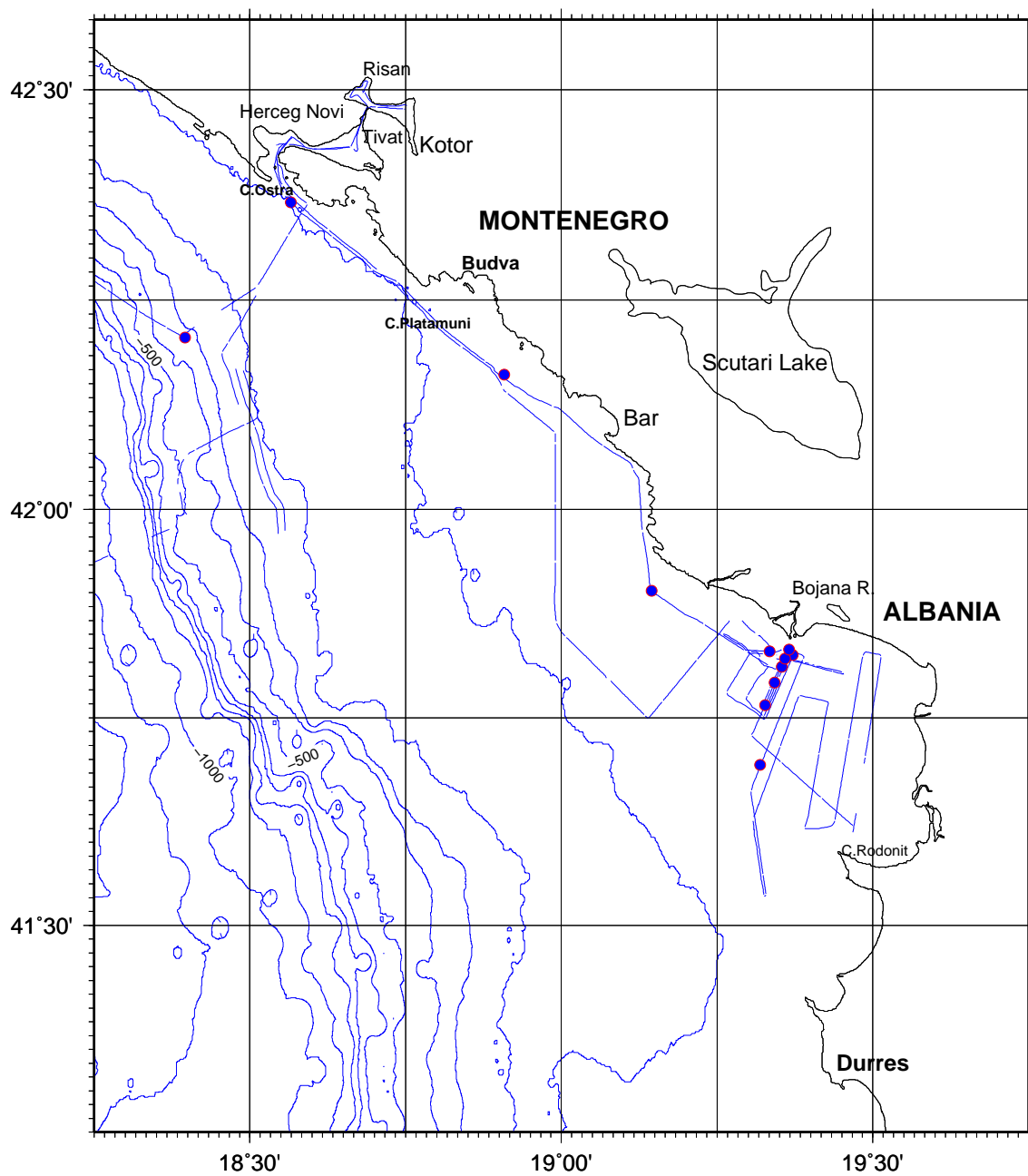
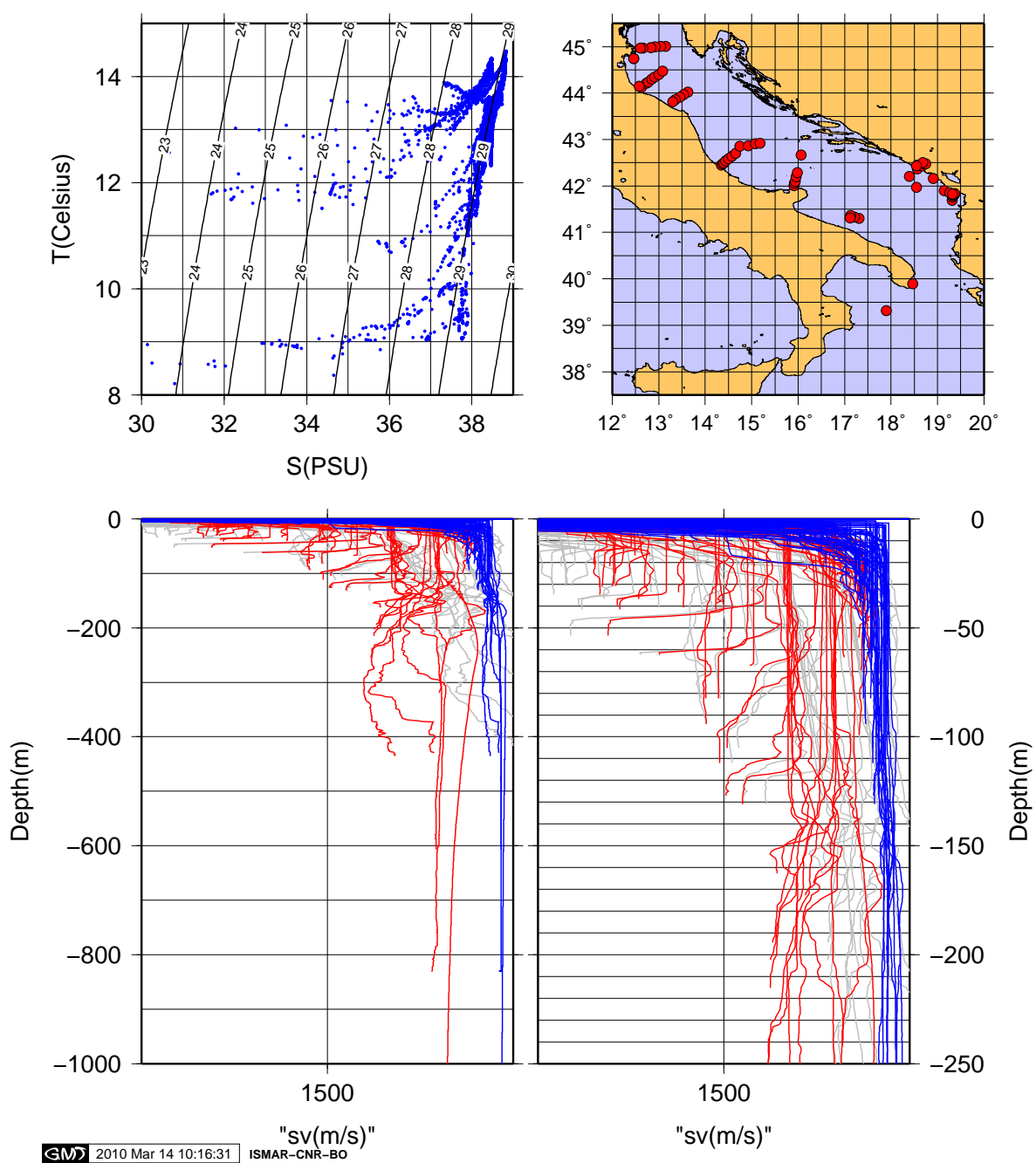


Figura A3. Whole ship track during Cruise MNG0310. Blue circles are CTD stations. Blue line show CHIRP data.

| LON-Lat (ddmm.xxx) | UTM34           | CTD                              |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1554.850 4200.400  | 78789 4663044   | CTD-003 Mar 04 2010 12:22:45     |
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| 1243.930 4412.340  | -160633 4928068 | CTD-015 Mar 05 2010 18:59:12     |
| 1246.780 4414.220  | -156486 4931166 | CTD-016 Mar 05 2010 19:27:11     |
| 1251.050 4417.970  | -150107 4937539 | CTD-017 Mar 05 2010 20:08:29     |
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| 1308.560 4500.440  | -119196 5013886 | CTD-021 Mar 06 2010 02:01:14     |
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| 1828.000 3953.840  | 283419 4419435  | CTD-2-leuca Mar 03 2010 16:27:50 |

**Tabella A5.** CTD on cruise MNG0310.

**CRUISE MNG0310 R/V URANIA****CTD DATA SBE911 Plus****DATE START: 2010-03-02****DATE END: 2010-03-12****Figure A4.** CTD data of MNG0310.