

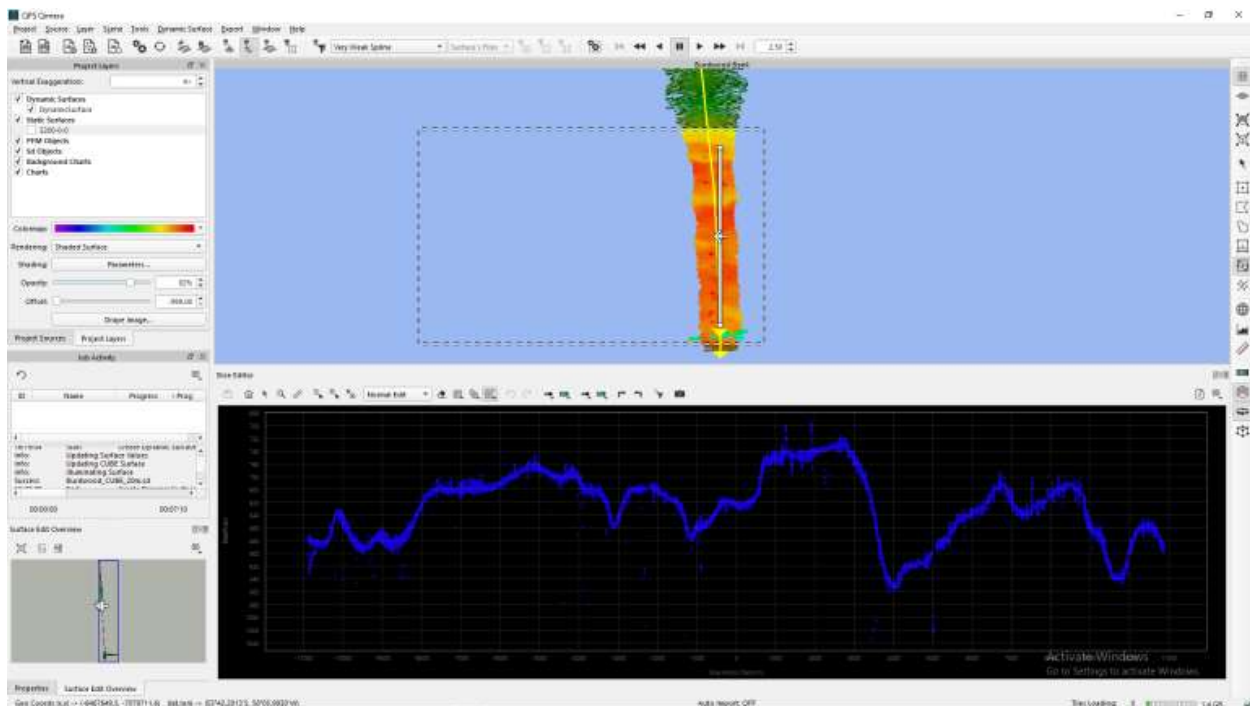
Marine Management Areas at the Burdwood Bank (part 1)

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Today we commenced the first project of the cruise. The South Atlantic Environment Research Institute (SAERI) are collecting information about the seabed in Burdwood Bank, some 100 miles south of the Falkland Islands, within the Falkland Islands Outer Conservation Zone. The aim of this work is to design a future Marine Management Area around the bank, which will allow us to better understand and manage this area believed to be important in terms of biodiversity. JCR's EM122 multibeam echo sounder was used to obtain profiles of the seabed at the edge of the bank. Agassiz Bottom Trawl samples will be collected to discover the types of benthic fauna living on the bank alongside the multibeam data, in order to understand the biodiversity within this poorly studied region. The work is funded by the Darwin Plus Initiative. Tests were also carried out on the CTD winch in preparation for ICEBERGS2 at Marian Cove.



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