

## SITE SUMMARIES

**Site:** CAR-1C

**Priority:** 1

**Position:** 00°40.319'S, 82°04.853'W

**Water Depth:** 1423 m

**Sediment Thickness:** 513 m

**Target Drilling Depth:** 513 mbsf

**Approved Maximum Penetration:** 550 mbsf

**Seismic Coverage:** Sediment cover: Two-way traveltime (TWTT) = 0.604 s (513 m)

Primary Line: 2000 NEMO-3 (*Melville*) CAR-1 survey Line 6, JD153 07:18:23z (SP2626; CDP 6427). Crossing Line: 2000 NEMO-3 (*Melville*) CAR-1 survey Line 12.

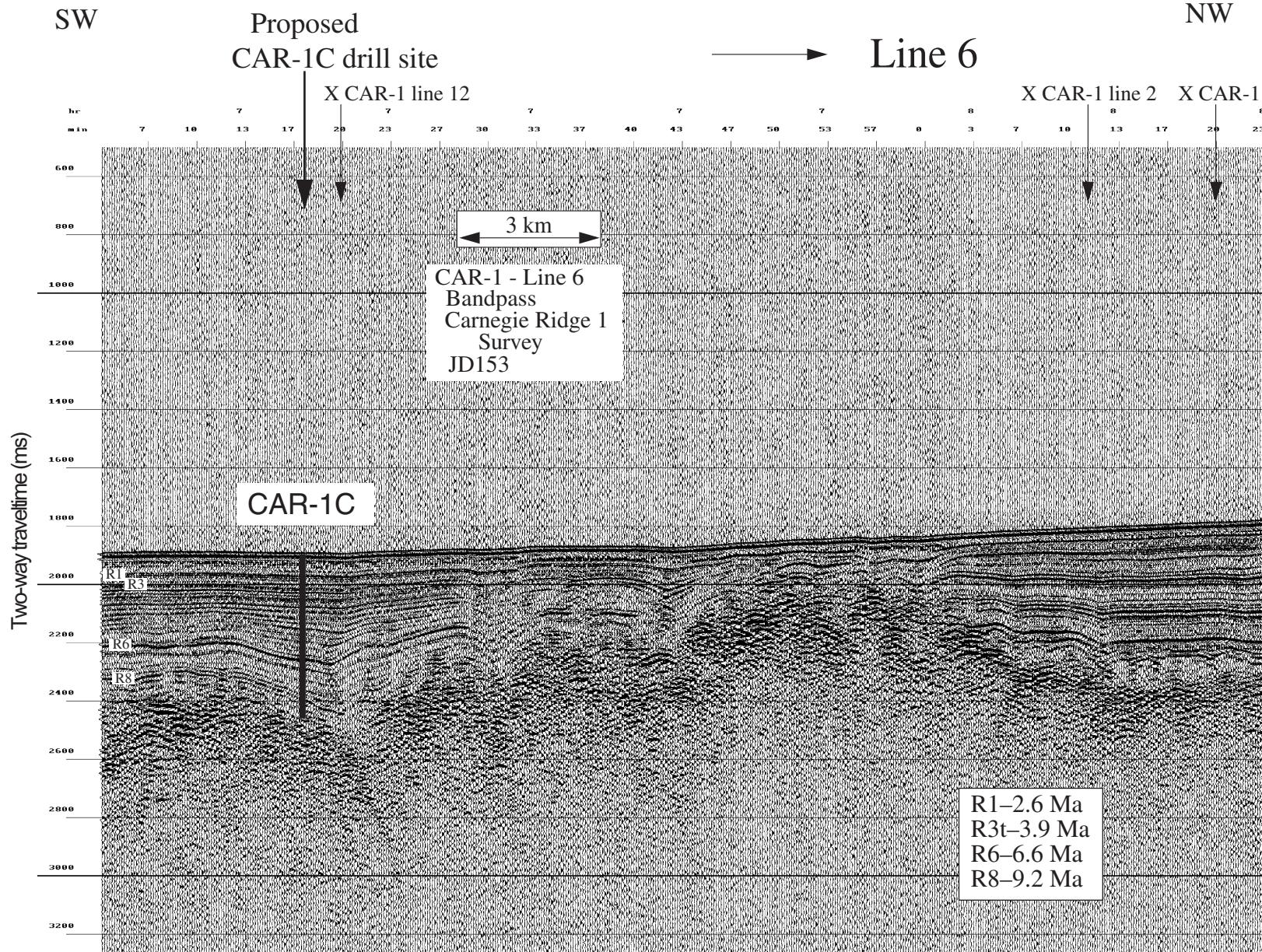
**Objectives:** The objectives at Site CAR-1C are to provide a continuous sedimentary sequence to:

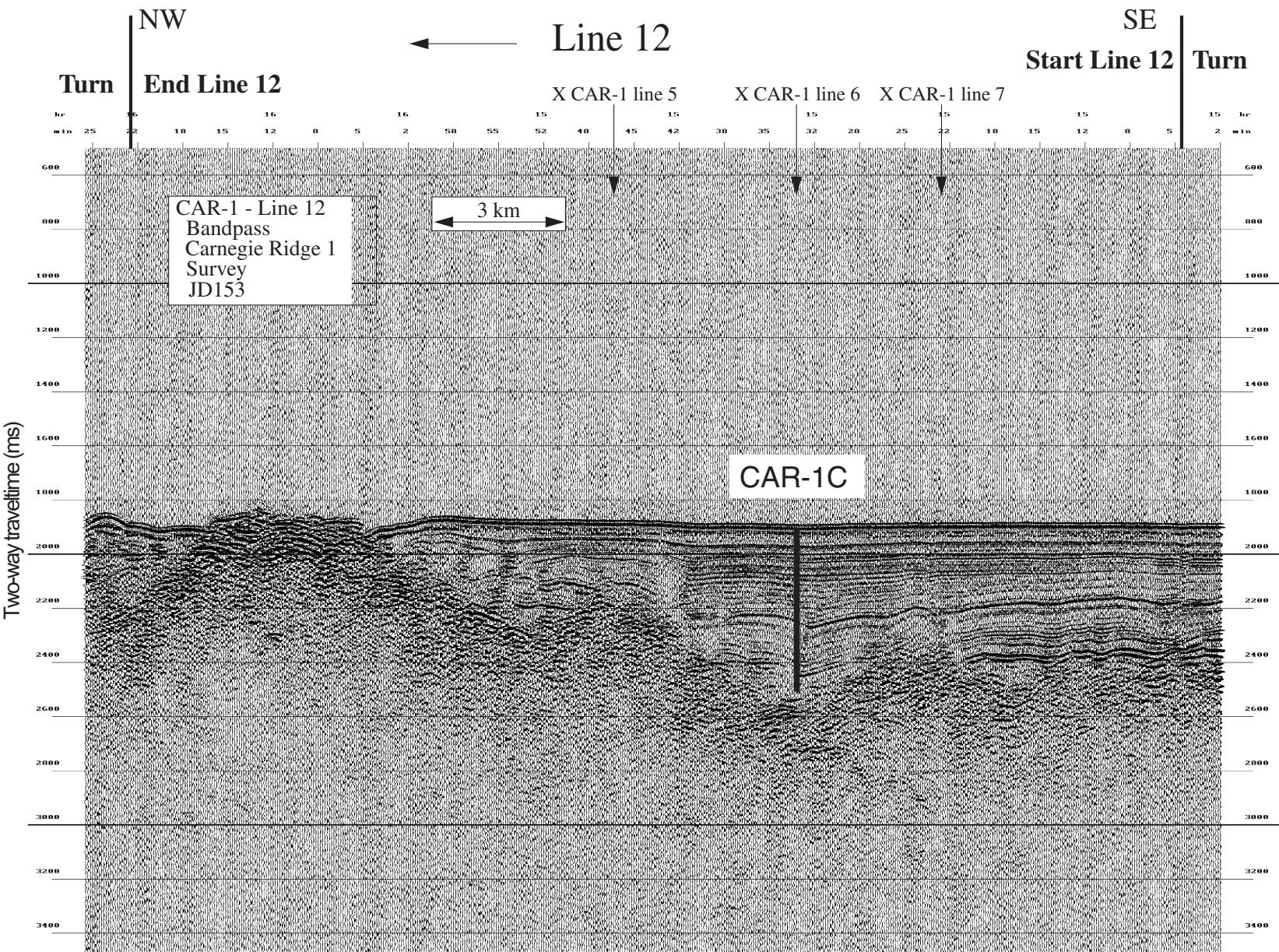
1. Study the Pleistocene history of upwelling and paleoproductivity within the South Equatorial Current off Ecuador.
2. Monitor the composition of basal intermediate waters to monitor the South Equatorial Current.

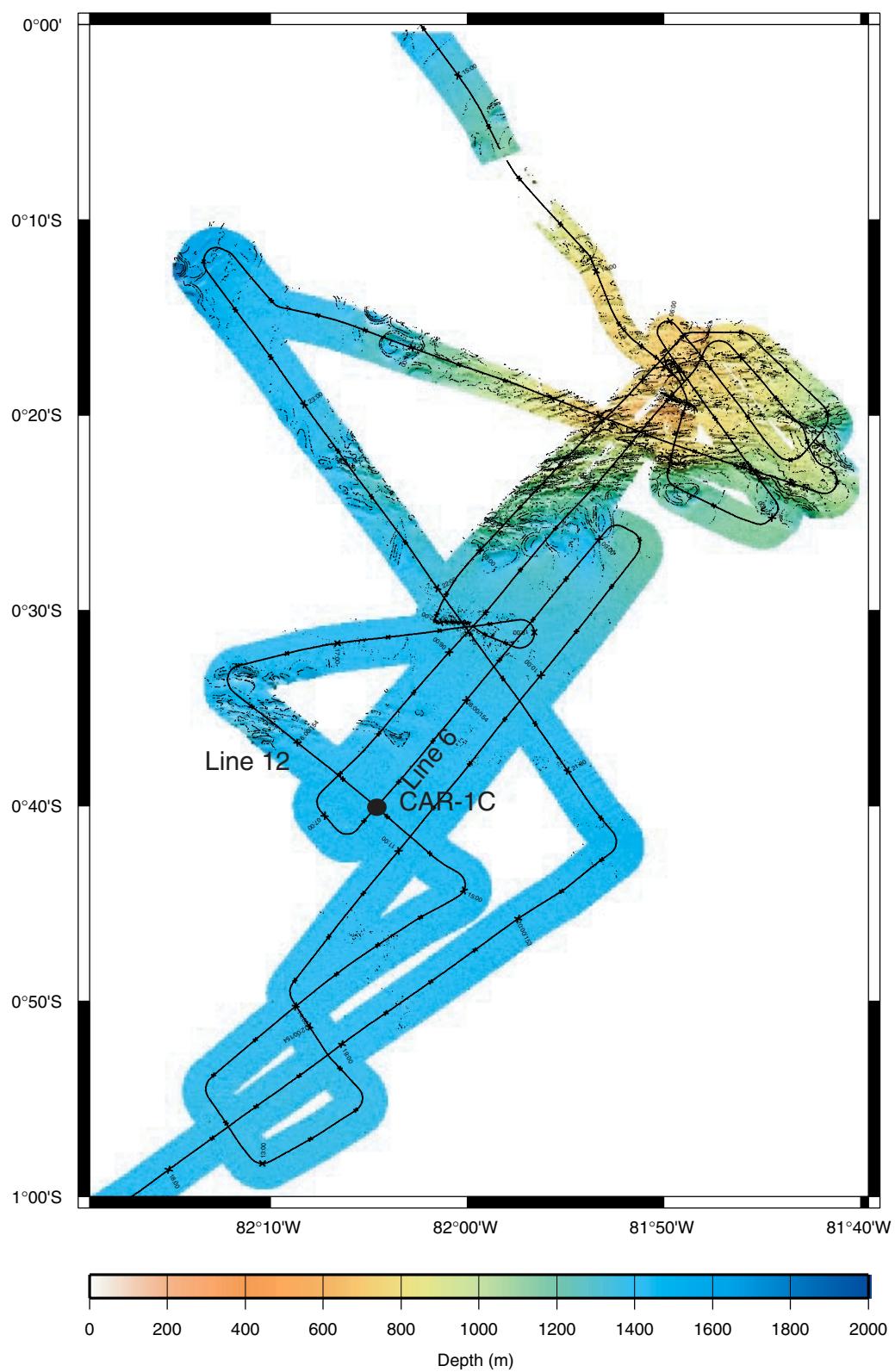
**Drilling Program:** Triple APC to refusal. Tensor orientation on APC cores. Single XCB to extend one hole to basement or refusal (expected penetration ~520 mbsf).

**Logging and Downhole:** Triple combo, third-party Lamont MGT, FMS/sonic, GHMT.

**Nature of Rock Anticipated:** A site survey piston core consists of foram ooze with nannofossils, highly mottled. There is a subtle alteration of colors downcore, which probably represents orbital cyclicity. Two ash layers were found in the core at 5.4 m (?Ash D, 84 ka) and at 11.11 m (?Ash L, 230 ka), indicating late Pleistocene sedimentation rates of 50-60 m/m.y.. Similar lithologies are expected downcore, with increasing lithification. By comparison of the seismic section to that developed for the cores from Leg 138 and other sites to the west (Mayer et al., 1986; Bloomer et al., 1995), we estimate basal ages at 15 Ma and long-term sedimentation rates at 35 m/m.y.. An exception is the late Miocene-early Pliocene interval between reflectors R3 and R6. This interval has a sedimentation rate roughly twice as high as the others. The late Miocene-early Pliocene is the interval of enhanced equatorial productivity in the eastern Pacific. Basement is likely volcanics from Galapagos hotspot.







**Site:** CAR-2C

**Priority:** 1

**Position:** 1°52.31'S, 82°46.94'W

**Water Depth:** 2223 m

**Sediment Thickness:** 480 m

**Target Drilling Depth:** 480 mbsf

**Approved Maximum Penetration:** 500 mbsf

**Seismic Coverage:** Sediment thickness: 0.582 s (480 m)

Primary Line: 2000 NEMO-3 (*Melville*), CAR-2 survey Line 3, JD150 23:19:01z (SP4137)

Crossing Line: 2000 NEMO-3 (*Melville*), CAR-2 survey Line 6, JD151 10:56:08z (SP3940)

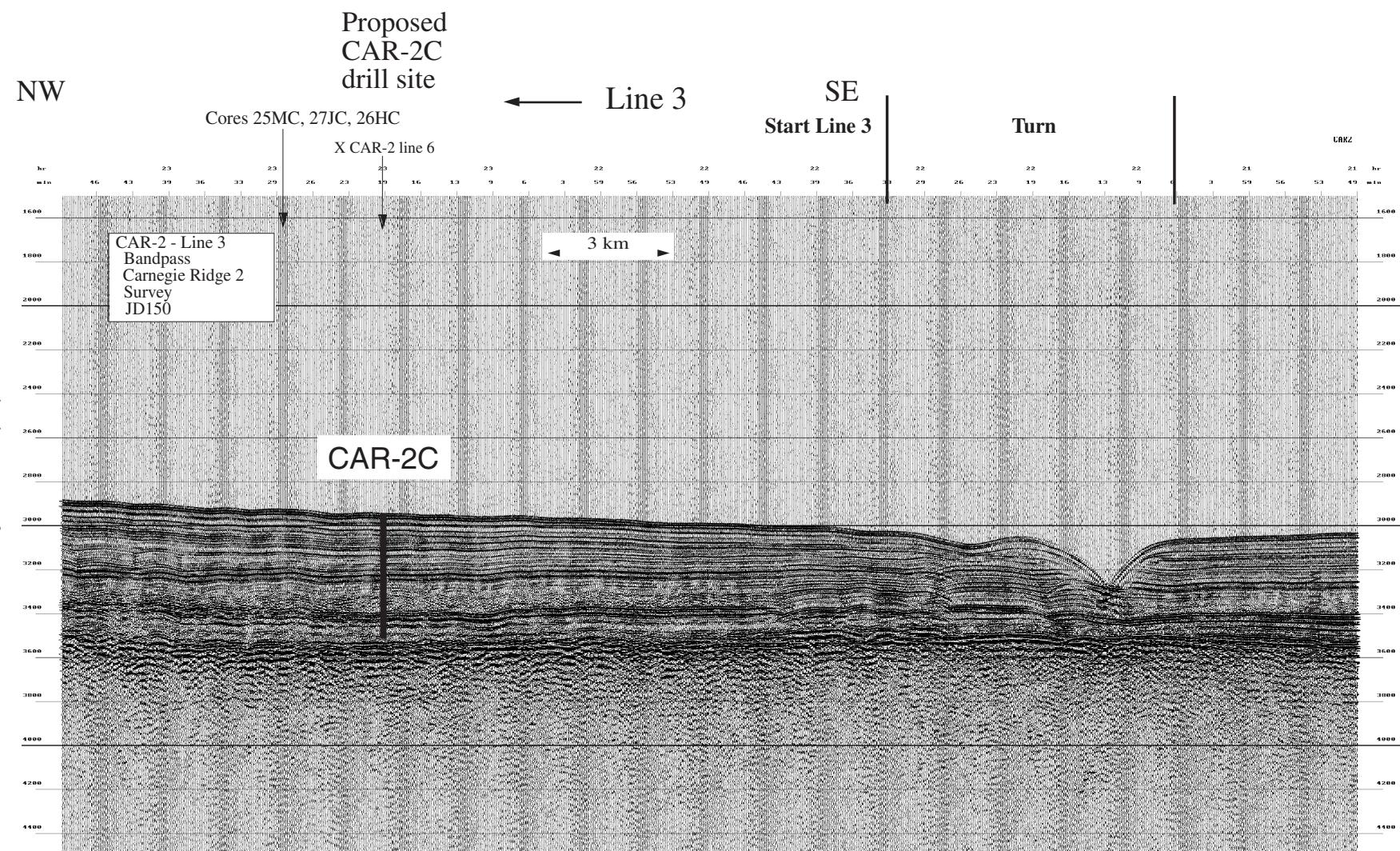
**Objectives:** The objectives at Site CAR-2C are to provide a continuous sedimentary sequence to:

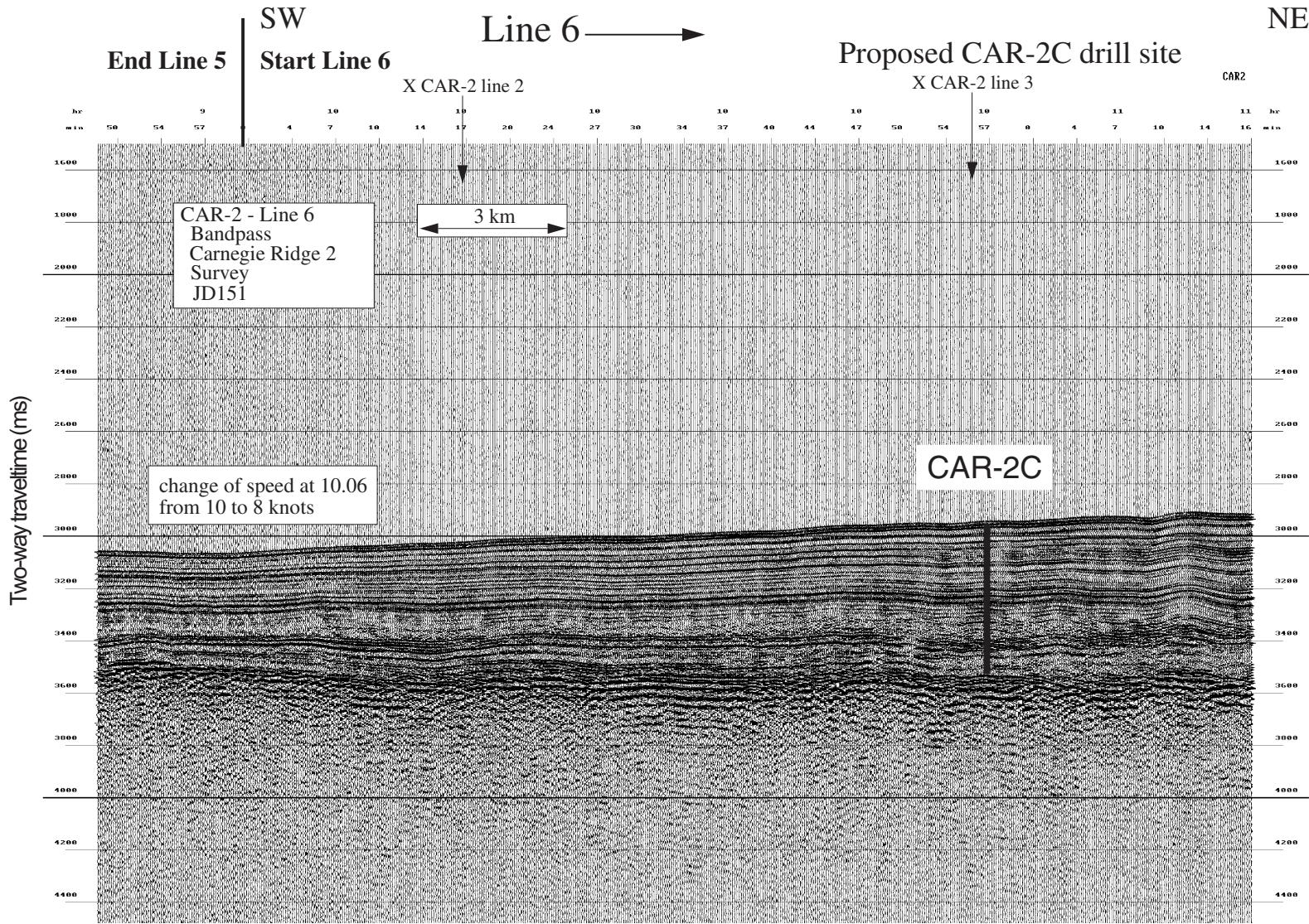
1. Assess Neogene (0-17 Ma) history of surface water masses, including the eastern reaches of the equatorial cold tongue, upwelling, and paleoproductivity off Ecuador. Because of the relatively shallow depth of CAR-2, the sediments should be above the lysocline and carbonate dissolution should be controlled by the relative rates of carbonate rain from the surface waters and organic carbon degradation within the surface sediments.
2. Assess subsurface water masses (PCW) at the sill depth of entry into Panama Basin (shallower in older interval).
3. Assess physical properties and structural information in the sediment section, which appears to be creeping downhill ("mud glacier") on the southeastern margin of the Carnegie Ridge. Seismic reflection profiling suggests a deformed layer about 250 m deep within the section.

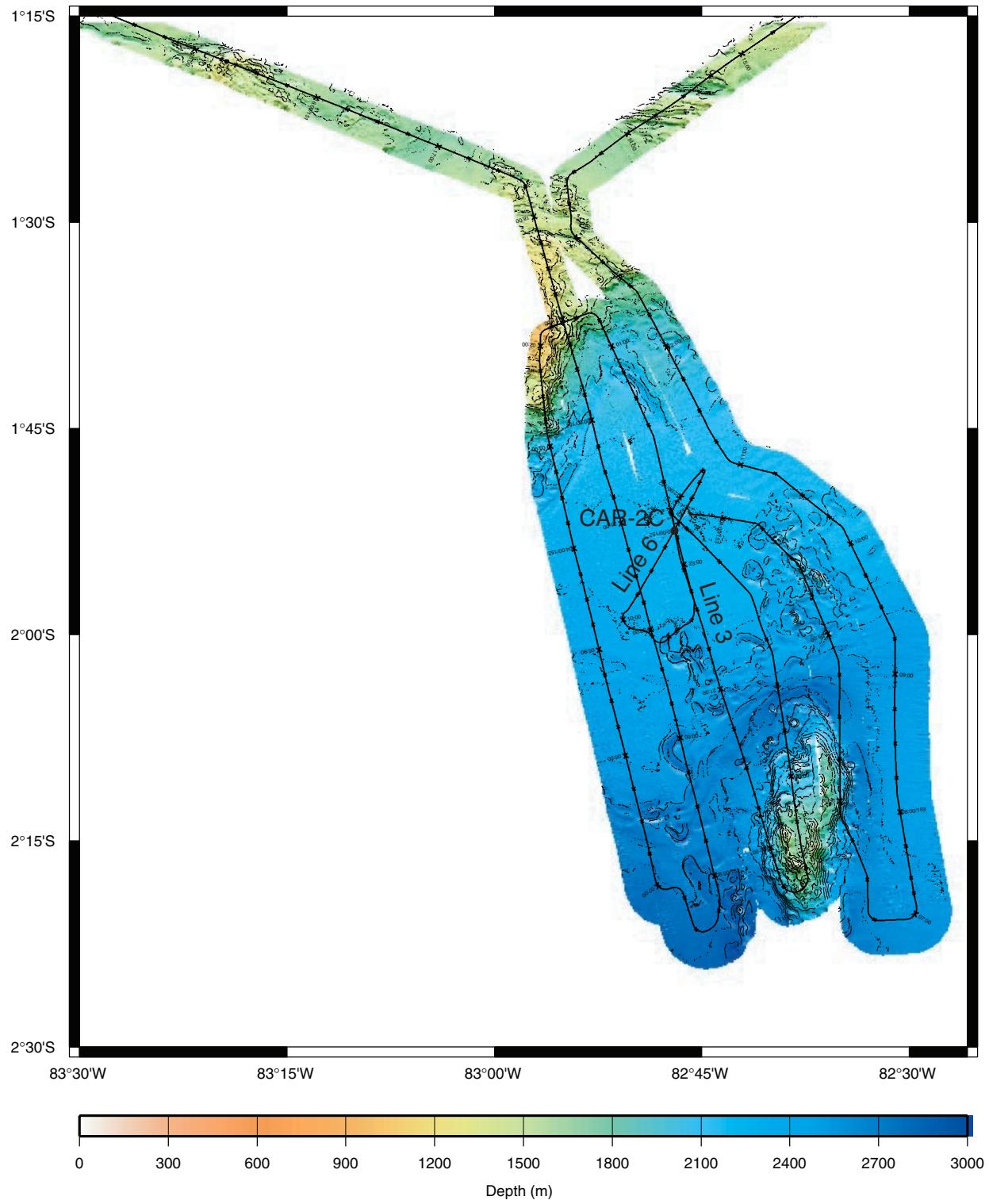
**Drilling Program:** Triple APC to refusal. Tensor orientation on APC cores. Single XCB to extend one hole to basement or refusal (expected penetration ~480 mbsf).

**Logging and Downhole:** Triple combo, third-party Lamont MGT, FMS/sonic, GHMT.

**Nature of Rock Anticipated:** Site survey core is siliceous nannofossil ooze, highly mottled. Expect nannofossil ooze throughout section, with occasional layers (for example, ash layer L, 230 ka [Ninkovitch and Shackleton, 1975] was found between 10.42 and 10.60 mbsf). By analogy with ODP Leg 138, expect some siliceous oozes at depth. Greater lithification at depth—chalk and minor chert possible.







**Site:** COC-2A

**Priority:** 3

**Position:** 5°50.566'N 86°26.674'W

**Water Depth:** 2042 m

**Sediment Thickness:** 404 m

**Target Drilling Depth:** 410 mbsf

**Approved Maximum Penetration:** 450 mbsf

**Seismic Coverage:** Sediment thickness: TWTT = 0.49 s (404 m)

Primary Site: 2000 NEMO-3 (*Melville*), COC-2 survey Line 1, JD144 21:02:21z (SP964)

Crossing Line: 2000 NEMO-3 (*Melville*), COC-2 survey Line 3, JD145 08:34:09z (SP3044)

**Objectives:** The objectives at Site COC-2A are to provide a continuous sedimentary sequence to:

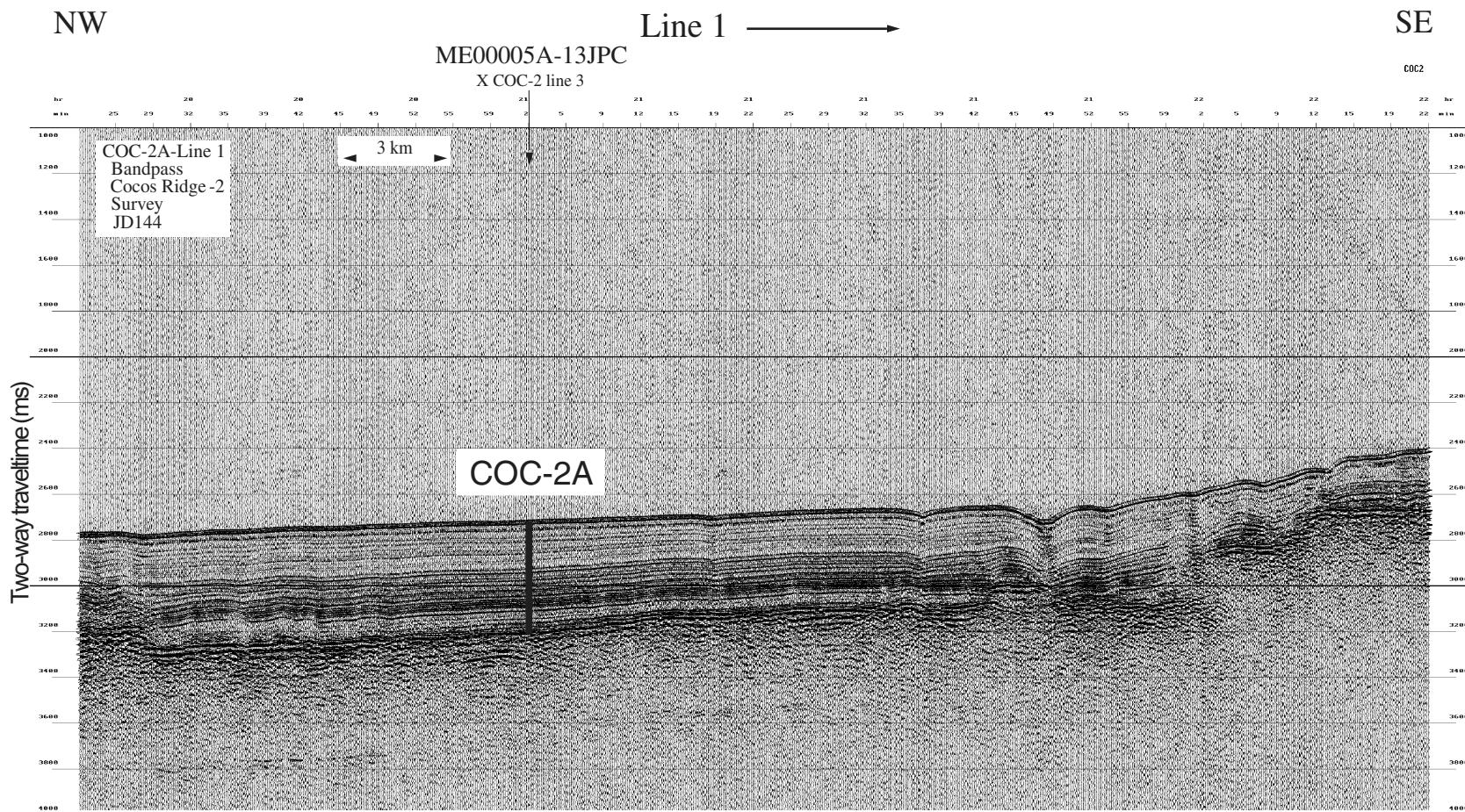
1. Study of the connection between the tropics and northeast Pacific Ocean. The site is located roughly under the modern northern summer position of the Intertropical Convergence Zone.
2. Assess carbonate dissolution within Guatemala Basin.

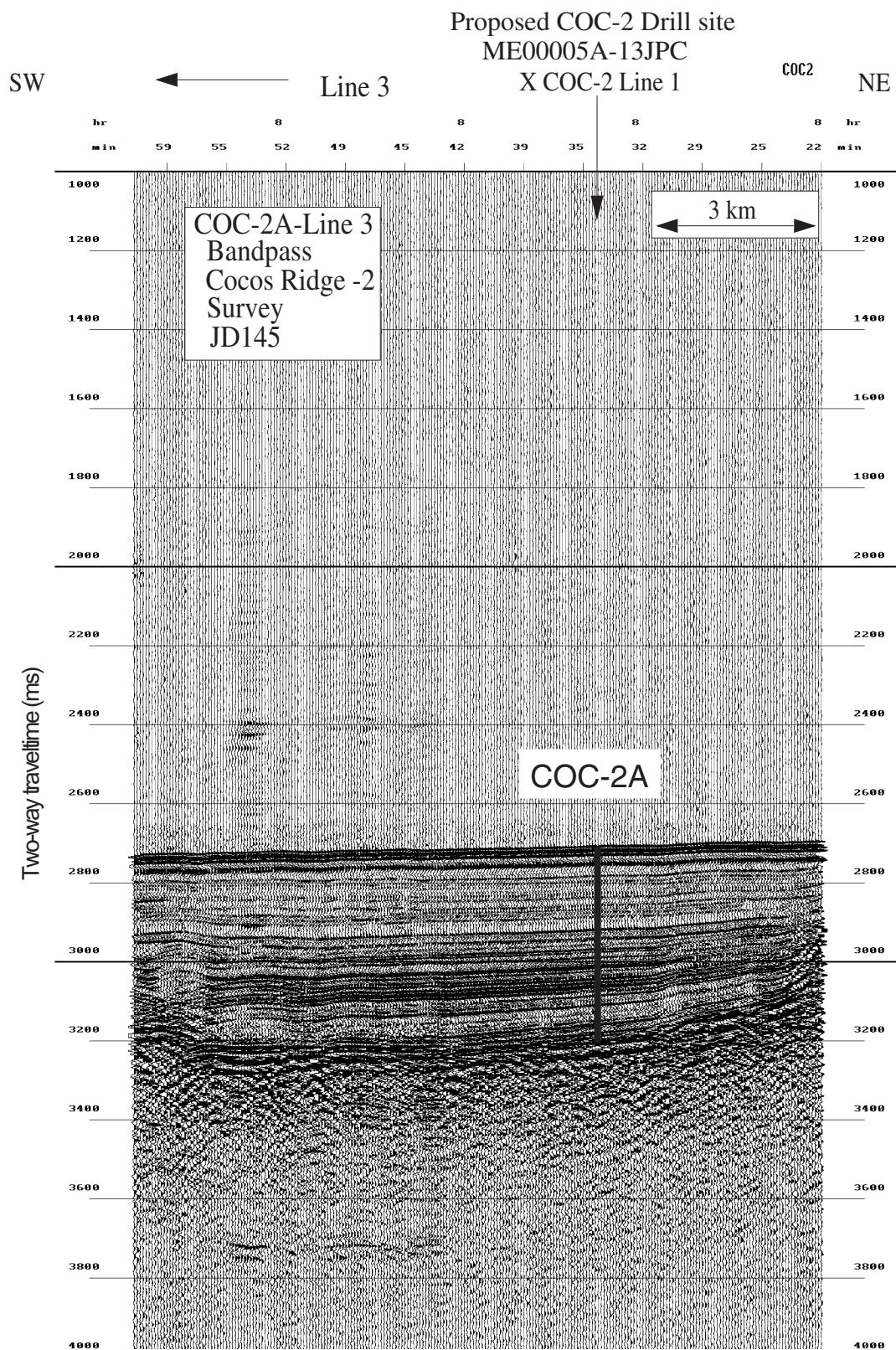
**Drilling Program:** Triple APC to refusal. Tensor orientation on APC cores. Single XCB to extend one hole to basement or refusal (expected penetration ~280 mbsf).

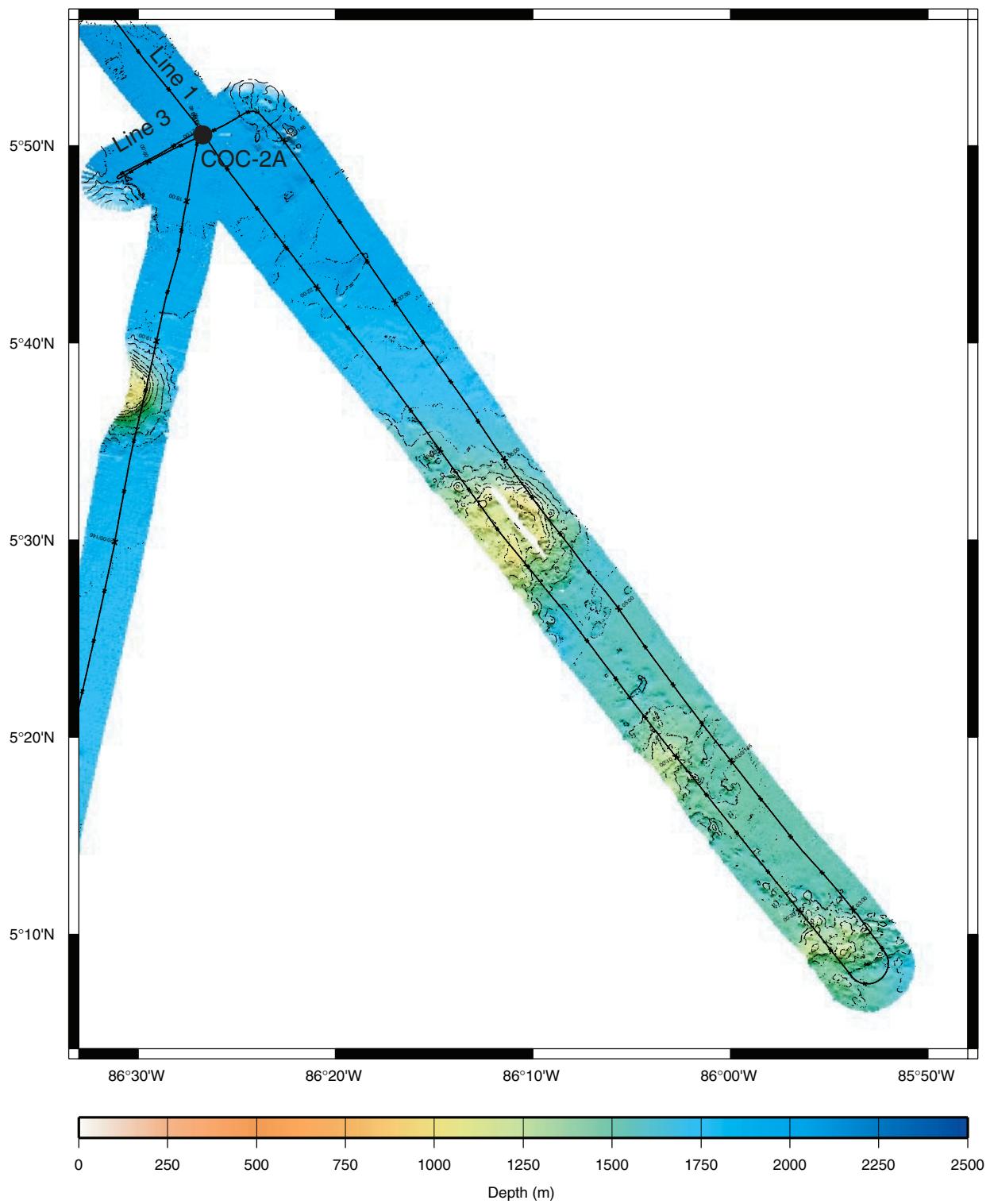
**Logging and Downhole:** Triple combo, third-party Lamont MGT, FMS/sonic, GHMT.

**Nature of Rock Anticipated:** Nannofossil ooze, lithifying to chalk at depth. Crustal age of 10-15 m.y. and a sediment thickness (from the seismic survey) of 404 m yields an average Neogene sedimentation rate of 25-40 m/m.y. Basement is likely composed of volcanics from Galapagos hotspot.

Proposed COC-2 Drill site







**Site:** COC-3A

**Priority:** 2

**Position:** 4°37.089'N, 86°42.334'W

**Water Depth:** 919 m

**Sediment Thickness:** 143 m

**Target Drilling Depth:** 150 mbsf

**Approved Maximum Penetration:** 150 mbsf

**Seismic Coverage:** Sediment thickness: 0.183 s (143 m)

Primary Site: 2000 NEMO-3 (*Melville*), COC-3 survey Line 4, JD146 01:09:09z (SP416)

Crossing line: 2000 NEMO-3 (*Melville*), COC-3 survey Line 7

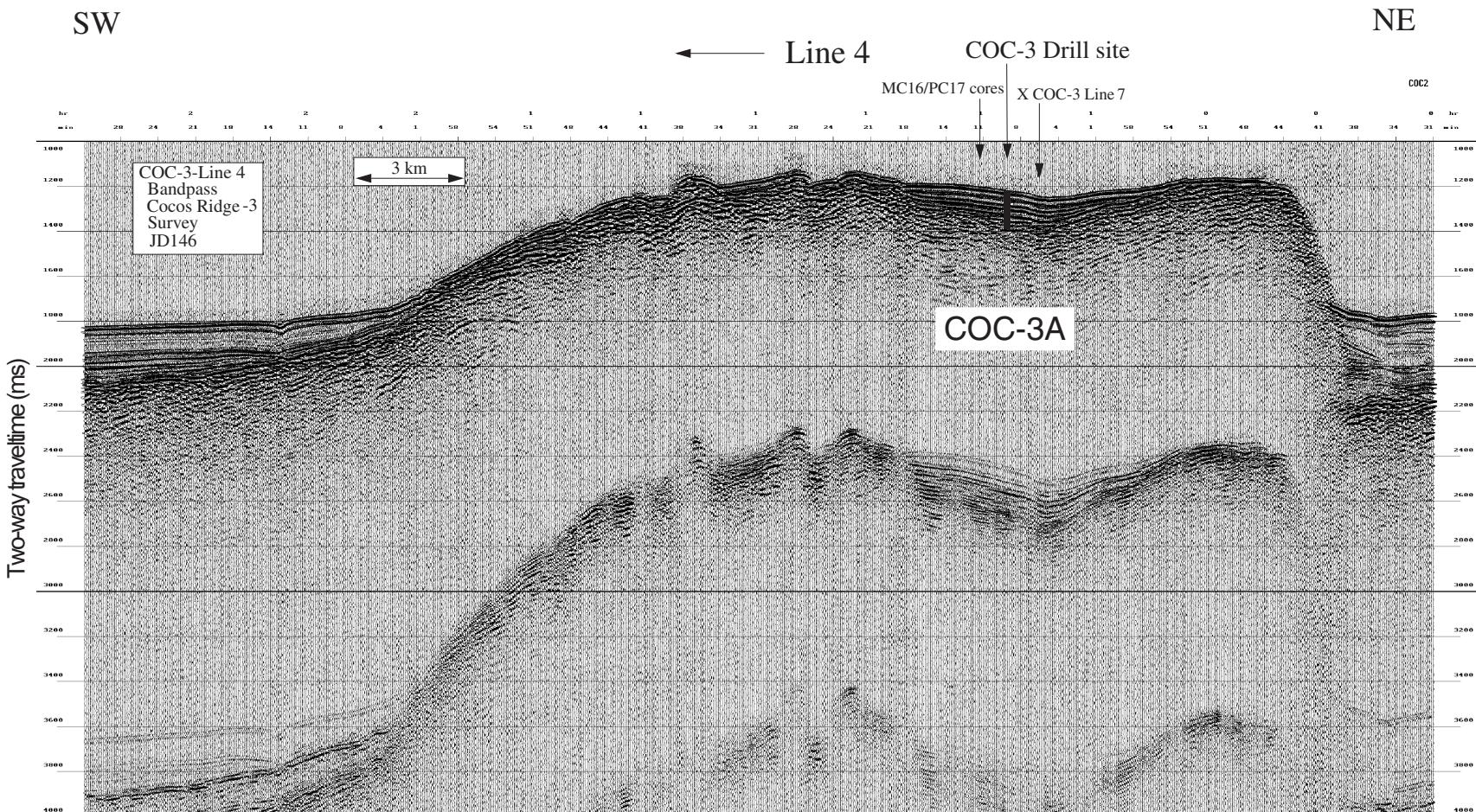
**Objectives:** The objectives at Site COC-3A are to provide a continuous sedimentary sequence to:

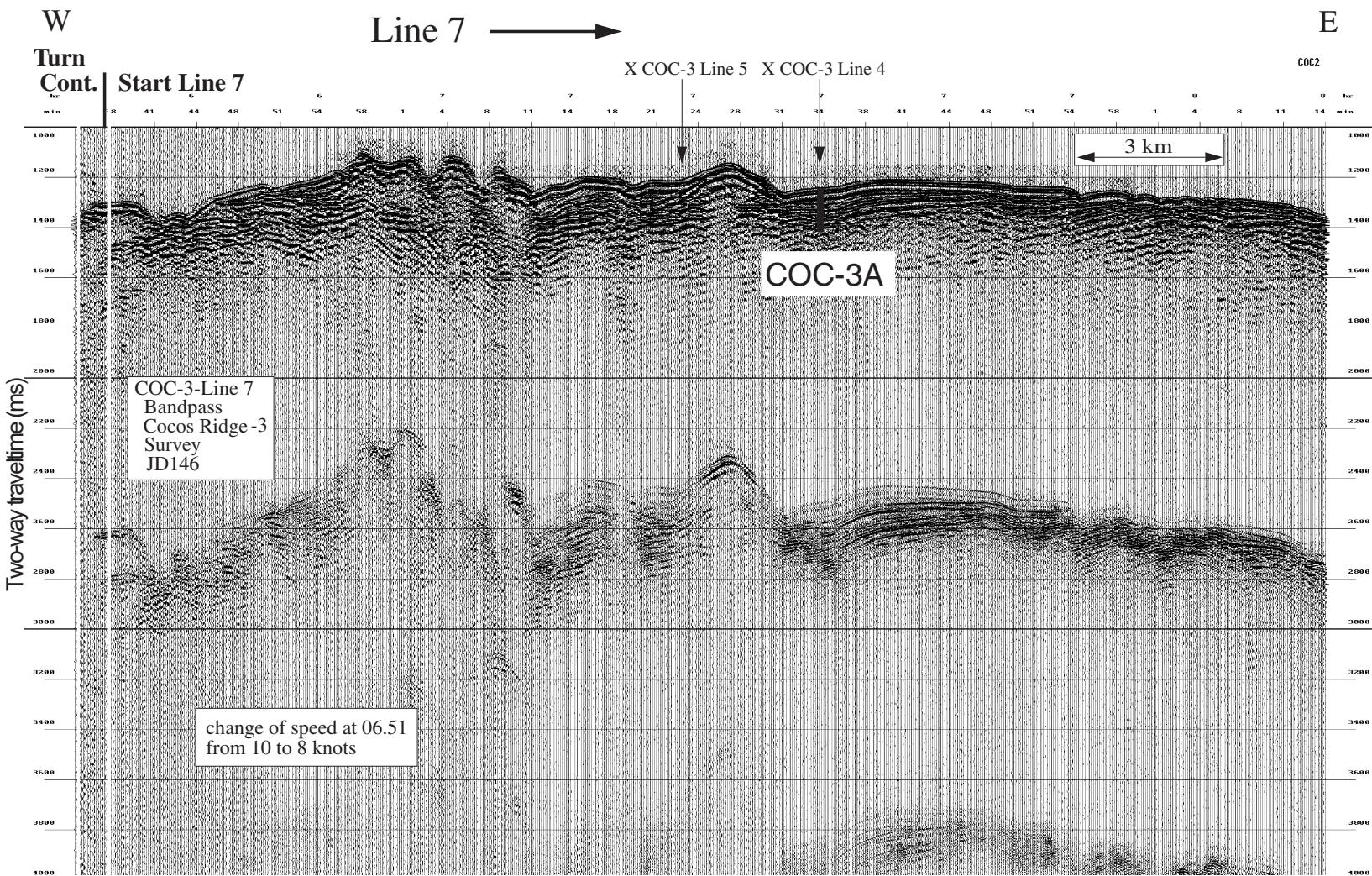
1. Sample lower intermediate waters.
2. Assess variations of the low-salinity, shallow pycnocline region of the Northern Panama Basin.

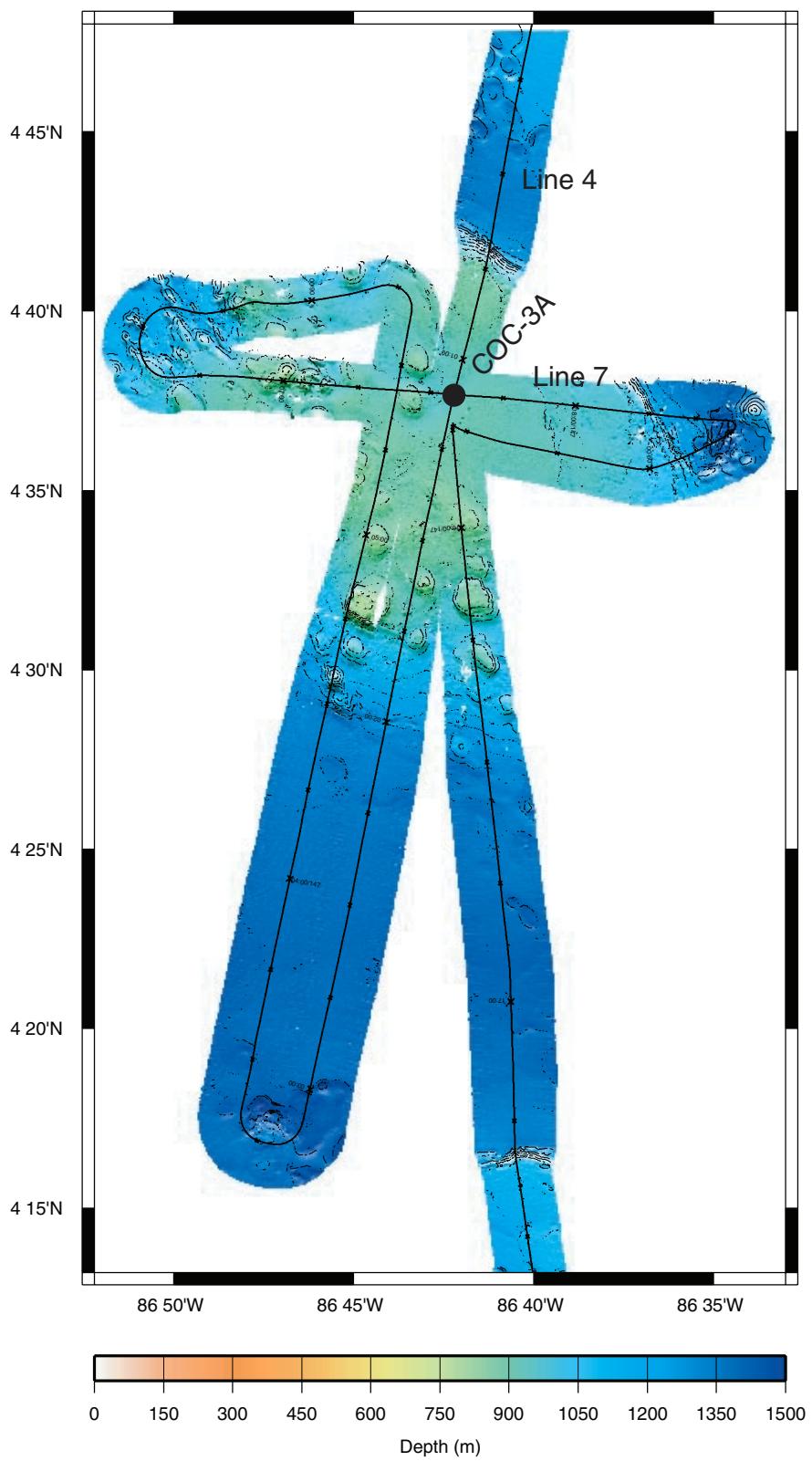
**Drilling Program:** Triple APC to refusal. Tensor orientation on APC cores.

**Logging and Downhole:** None

**Nature of Rock Anticipated:** Site survey core is composed of sandy foram ooze with occasional dispersed ash. The basement age should be 5-7 Ma (assuming hotspot crust, Christie et al., 1992), which implies a sedimentation rate of 20-30 m/m.y. If acoustic basement is younger coral or an erosion surface, sedimentation rate may be higher.







**Site:** COC-4A

**Priority:** 2 (Alternate to COC-3A)

**Position:** 7°51.352'N 83°36.402'W

**Water Depth:** 1370 m

**Sediment Thickness:** 461 m

**Target Drilling Depth:** 250 mbsf

**Approved Maximum Penetration:** 250 mbsf

**Seismic Coverage:** Sediment thickness: 0.559 s (461 m at 1650 m/s velocity)

Primary Line: 2000 NEMO-3 (*Melville*), COC-4 Line 5, JD158 09:09:05z (SP3295)

Crossing Line: 2000 NEMO-3 (*Melville*), COC-4 Line 7

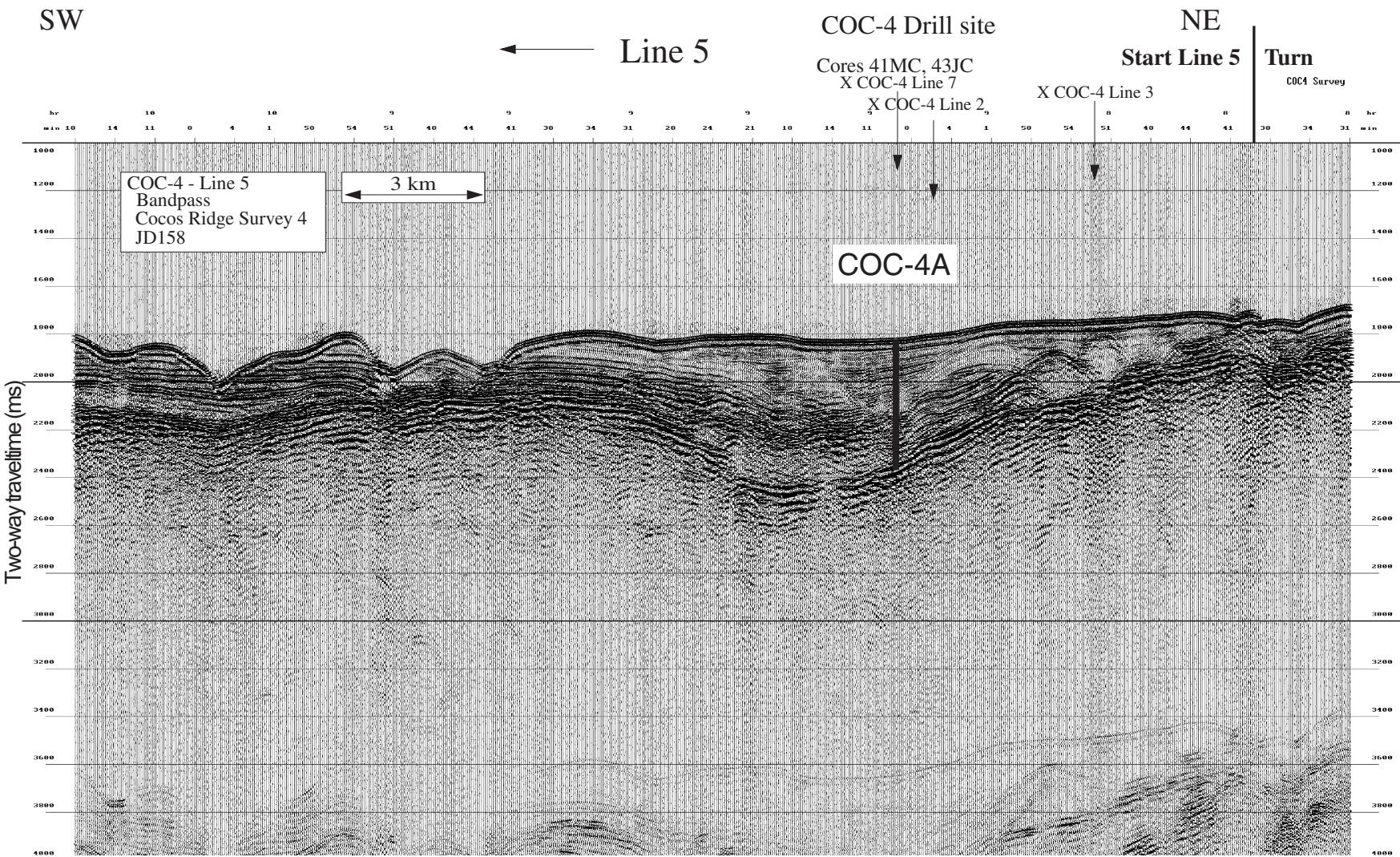
**Objectives:** The objectives at Site COC-4A are to provide a continuous sedimentary sequence to:

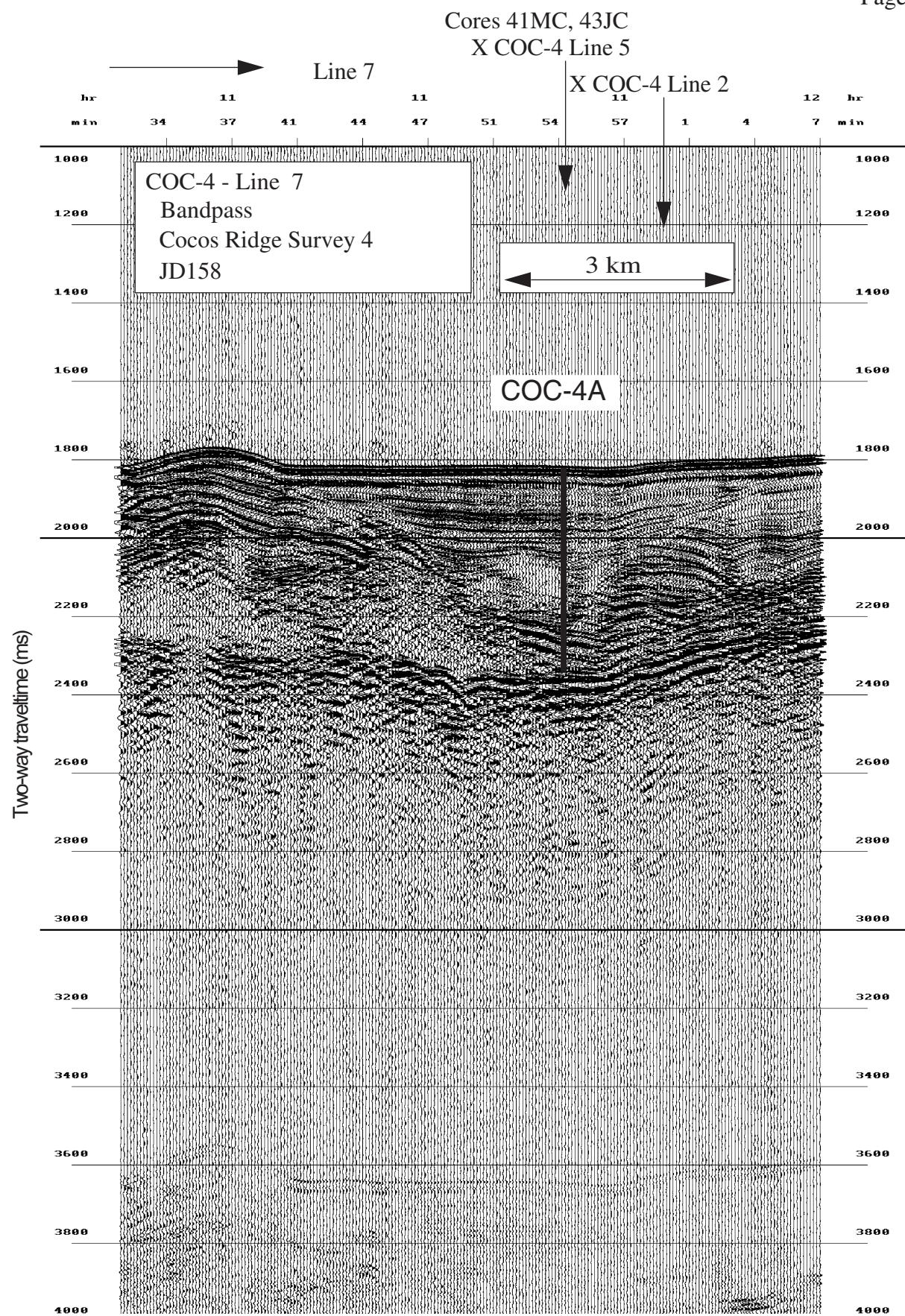
1. Monitor the composition of basal intermediate waters and upper deep waters at the northern edge of the Panama Basin.
2. Monitor the Costa Rica Current and the movement of the intertropical convergence zone.
3. Monitor upwelling along the Costa Rica Margin.
4. Examine a middle Miocene shallow pelagic section from the Galapagos region.

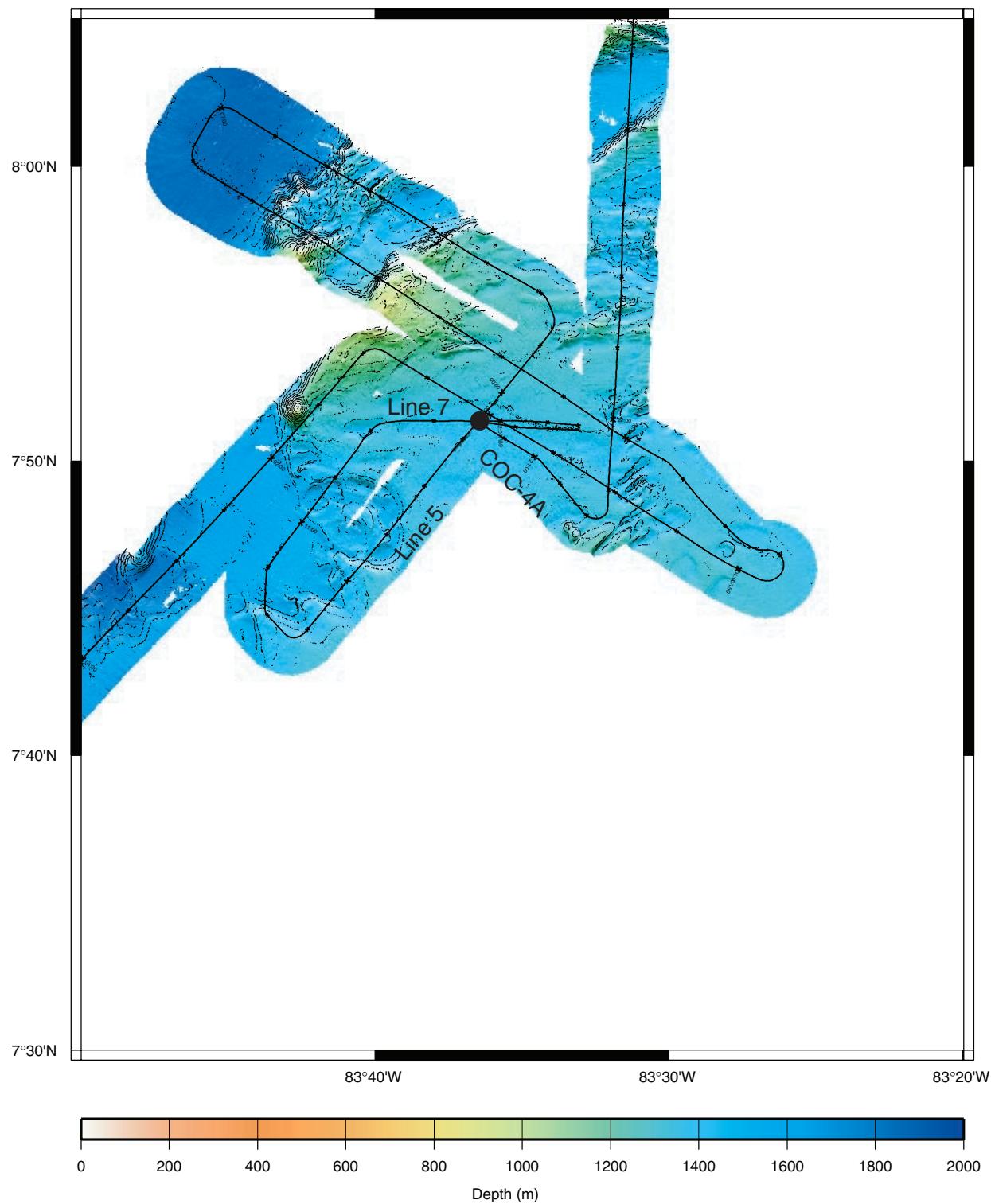
**Drilling Program:** Triple APC to refusal. Tensor orientation on APC cores. Single XCB if needed to extend one hole to maximum approved penetration ~250 mbsf.

**Logging and Downhole:** Triple combo, third-party Lamont MGT, FMS/sonic, GHMT.

**Nature of Rock Anticipated:** Site COC-4 is located in a graben on the crest of the Cocos Ridge, within the region of strong hemipelagic sedimentation from Costa Rica. Site survey core is composed of dark olive gray clay. The hemipelagic sediment-filled modern graben is of uncertain age, but if it is Pleistocene in origin, the sedimentation rate is on the order of 150 m/m.y. (the graben sediments are ~300 m thick).







**Site:** NAZCA-10A

**Priority:** 1

**Position:** 21°21.54'S, 81°26.16'W

**Water Depth:** 1323 m

**Sediment Thickness:** 200 m

**Target Drilling Depth:** 200 mbsf

**Approved Maximum Penetration:** 250 mbsf

**Seismic Coverage:** Sediment Cover TWTT = 0.26 s (200 m)

Primary Line: 970322 (*Revelle*), Line NAZ-1B-5, 2201z, SP366

Crossing Line: 970322 (*Revelle*), Line NAZ-1B-2, 1402z, SP267

Crossing Line: 970322 (*Revelle*), Line NAZ-1B-1, 1119z, SP314

**Objectives:** The objectives at Site NAZCA-10A are to provide a continuous sedimentary sequence to:

1. Monitor changes in the boundary between Pacific Deep Water and Antarctic Intermediate Water (AAIW) (or in older intervals, the core of AAIW), in a subtropical area away from the continental margin, where primary production is low. Because sedimentation rates are low (<10 m/Ma), this is expected to be a relatively low-resolution record.
2. Assess climate changes of the southern subtropical Pacific during Neogene and perhaps into Oligocene time (basal age 30-35 Ma, assuming basalt hotspot crust—younger if erosional surface or drowned reef).

**Drilling Program:** Triple APC to refusal. Tensor orientation on APC cores. If needed, single XCB to deepen one hole to basement or XCB refusal (expected total penetration ~200 mbsf).

**Logging and Downhole:** None.

**Nature of Rock Anticipated:** Pelagic foraminiferal ooze with nannofossils. Deeper intervals may be partly lithified. Some hiatuses may be present. Acoustic basement may be coral or an erosion surface on hotspot volcanics, as some parts of the shallow rise crest appear to be flat (sea level) erosional features.

