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## **Easier and More Efficient**

Ocean Science Expertise & Product Catalogue



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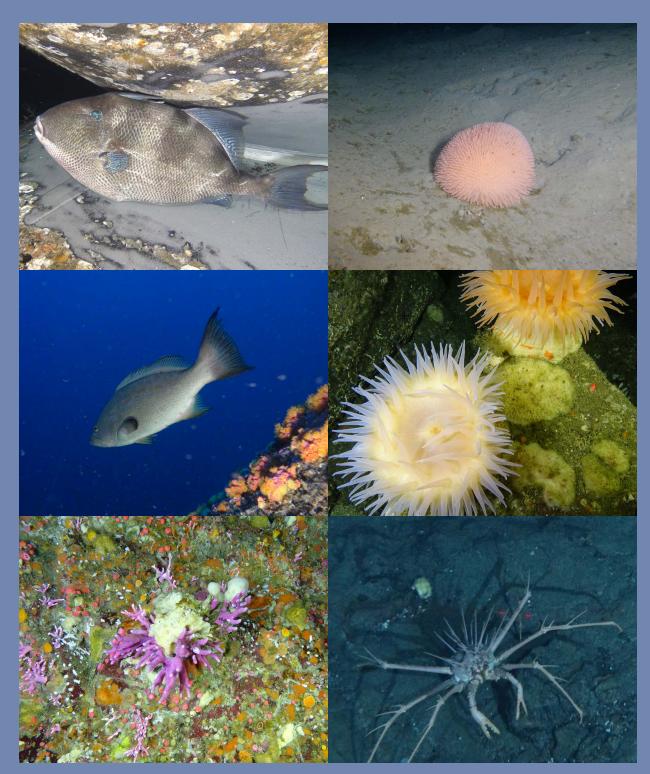
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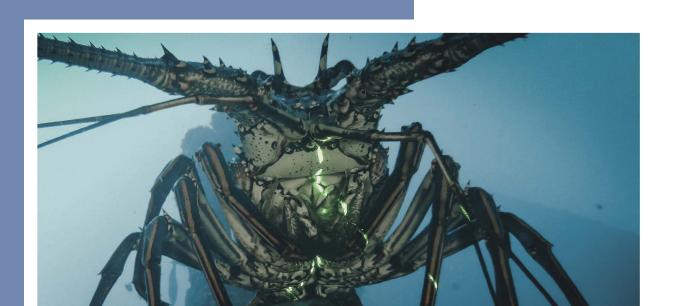
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## **Digital Stills**

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Our engineers and I are in constant communication with SubC Imaging and they are always very good at answering our questions, whether it's about parts, hardware, or specifications.

In summary, I like the working relationship we have with them.



FABIO DE LEO, SENIOR STAFF SCIENTIST-SCIENCE SERVICES, OCEAN NETWORKS CANADA

#### Welcome to SubC Imaging

# We can't wait to work with you!

**CONNECT WITH US** 

If you think our camera solutions would help to advance your research, please reach out.

SubC Imaging custom builds subsea cameras and complete imaging systems. Through close collaboration with some of the biggest names in marine research, like Ocean Networks Canada (ONC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and University of Washington (UW), we lead the industry in delivering one-of-a-kind imaging systems.

Thanks to our modular designs and hands-on approach of working directly with our clients, we are able to provide tailor-made products that help researchers around the world to gain new insights into ocean ecosystems and marine life.

This collaboration also affords us the opportunity to continually refine and upgrade our camera systems so that we're on the leading edge of subsea imaging technology. As leaders in our field, our goal is to provide complete systems to the Ocean Science Community.



#### **OCEAN SCIENCE EXPERIENCE**

This section includes:

# SubC's Ocean Science Clients

Making Discoveries Possible

Why SubC?

SubC Imaging
SubC's Ocean Science Experience

# SubC's Ocean Science Clients

Driven by a philosophy of continual improvement and innovation, SubC is built on the promise of delivering high client satisfaction.



Ocean Networks Canada (ONC), Canada



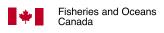
National Oceanic and Atmosperic Administration (NOAA), United States



GEOMAR - Helmholtz
Center for Ocean Research,
Germany



Curtin University, Australia



Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Canada



King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Saudi Arabia



Shanghai Ocean University, China



Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (NATO), Italy



Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI),
United States



HAFRANNSÓKNASTOFNUN, Iceland



Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS), UK



Japan Agency For Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC), Japan



Pontifical Catholic University, Brazil



Korea Research Institute of Ships and Ocean Engineering (KRISO), South Korea



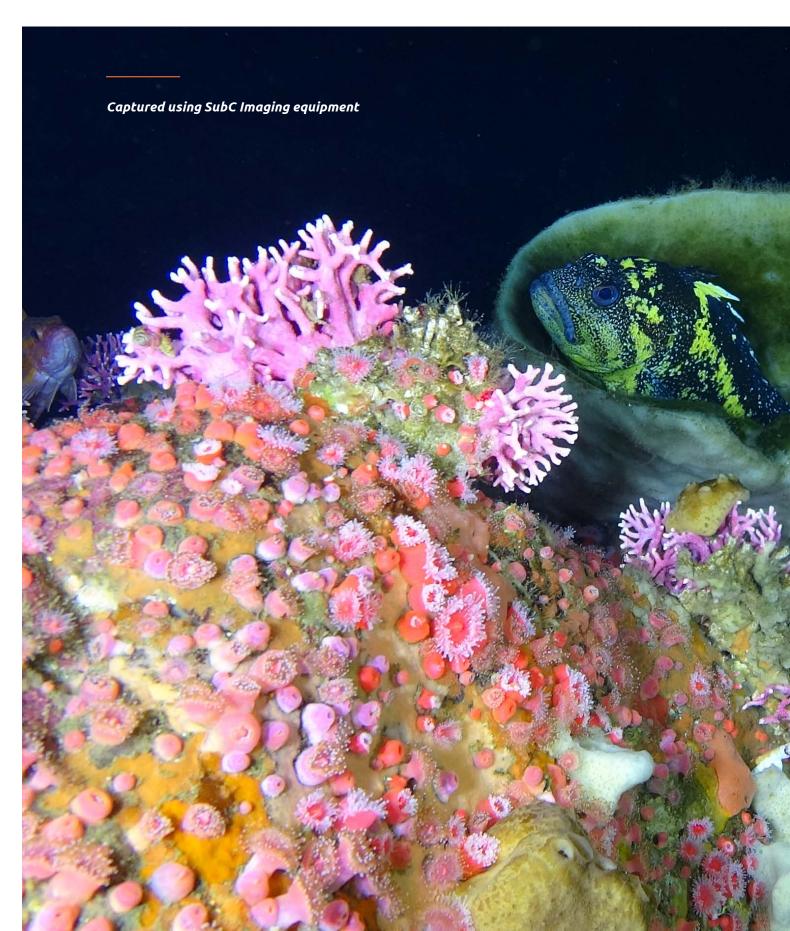
Institut français de recherche pour l'exploitation de la mer (IFREMER), France

# Making Discoveries Possible

Our customers are made up of some of the world's leading ocean science organizations.

Thanks to our advanced technology and hands-on approach to service, we've helped our clients publish ground-breaking research time and time again. But don't take our word for it. We asked a few of our best clients to share their research success stories and why they chose us as their subsea camera system providers.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SUBC IMAGING RAYFIN CAMERA, USED BY MARINE RESEARCHERS AROUND THE WORLD, PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 40



OCEAN NETWORKS CANADA Research Example No. 01

## Neptune Observatory by Ocean Networks Canada



After noticing large, deep sea densities of overwintering calanoid copepods in the Barkley Canyon, researchers investigated the temporal dynamics of their ontogenetic migration cycle.

Using a SubC camera, 20 months of seafloor video was recorded. A total of 33,486 still images were extracted from 1674 × 5-minute segment videos --- captured at two-hour intervals --- and used in a computer-automated image analysis protocol. In conjunction with acoustic Doppler current and backscatter time-series data from the NEPTUNE observatory, the research team successfully tracked their seasonal and interannual migration.

High-frequency observations from a deep-sea

# cabled observatory reveal seasonal overwintering of

Neocalanus spp. in Barkley Canyon, NE Pacific: Insights into particulate organic carbon flux.

#### CITATION

Leo, F. C. D., Ogata, B., Sastri, A. R., Heesemann, M., Mihály, S., Galbraith, M., & Morley, M. G. (2018). High-frequency observations from a deep-sea cabled observatory reveal seasonal overwintering of Neocalanus spp. in Barkley Canyon, NE Pacific: Insights into particulate organic carbon flux. Progress in Oceanography, 169, 120–137. doi: 10.1016/j.pocean.2018.06.001



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October 2016

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The purpose of this scientific experiment was to monitor the changes triggered by the implantation of various organic and inorganic substrates as well as monitor how benthic organisms utilized the sparse food resources available in deep-sea settings.



February 2017



February 2018



June 2017



June 2018



October 2017



October 2018



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Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Pêches et Océans Canada Research Example No. 02

# Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

SubC's autonomous subsea camera system was used in DFO's biophysical and ecological characterization of the Labrador Sea Frontier Area (LSFA). Existing data from the LSFA confirmed that the area supported year-round use by migratory marine mammals and fish. Many of the inhabitants were species of conservation concern while others were very sensitive to anthropogenic disturbance. At the time of this study, existing data was very limited.

SubC's autonomous subsea camera system consisted of a camera recording HD video for time lapse and high-resolution digital stills using LEDs mounted on a bait trap. The camera was programmable and the solution was powered by a battery system drawing very little power. This allowed for long deployments at sea to capture more data without the need for real-time control. Large amounts of data needed to be collected as the area was poorly understood and important ecosystem characterizations had to be observed before conservation objectives could be recommended.



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Overview of the

# biophysical and ecological components of the Labrador Sea Frontier Area

#### CITATION

Coté, D., Heggland, K., Roul, S., Robertson, G., Fifield, D., Wareham, V., Colbourne, E., Maillet, G., Devine, B., Pilgrim, L., Pretty, C., Le Corre, N., Lawson, J.W., Fuentes-Yaco, C. and Mercier, A. 2019. Overview of the biophysical and ecological components of the Labrador Sea Frontier Area. DFO Can. Sci. Advis. Sec. Res. Doc. 2018/067. v + 59 p.

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Deriving quantitative metrics from

# OOI high-definition video data for the purpose of automated QA/QC

#### CITATION

Citation: Knuth, F., Belabassi, L., Garzio, L., Smith, M., Vardaro, M., & Marburg, A. (2016). Automated QA/QC and time series analysis on OOI high-definition video data. OCEANS 2016 MTS/IEEE Monterey. doi: 10.1109/oceans.2016.7761396



Research Example No. 03

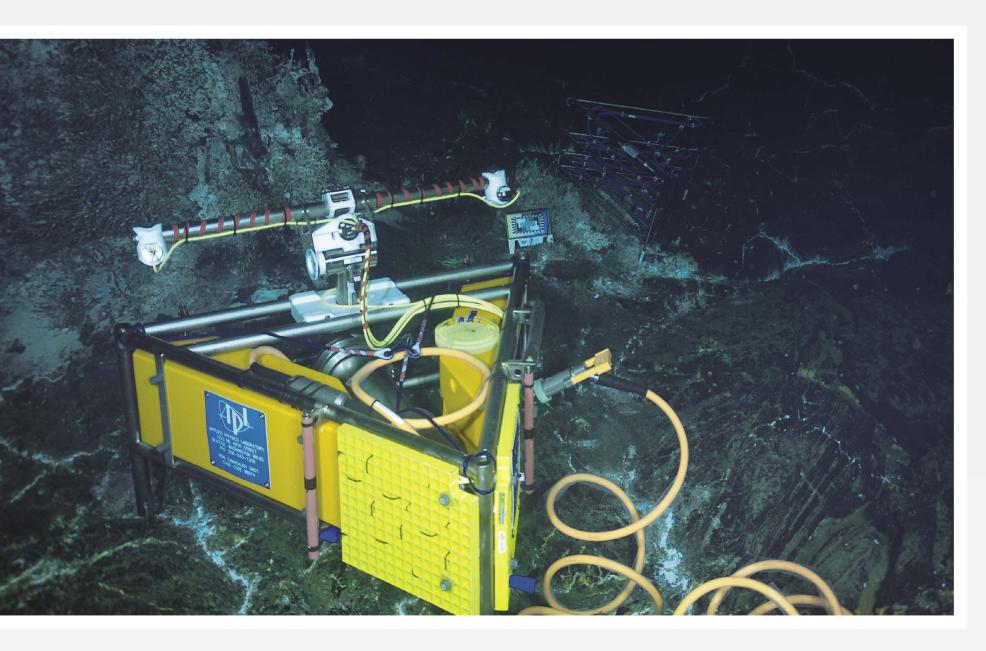
# Ocean Observatories Initiative

Using a SubC high-definition camera, the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) has been collecting real-time data from inside the caldera of Axial Seamount volcano since 2015.

By leveraging community-made tools and automated video data quality assurance, OOI were able to collect a high volume of video data, despite the large file sizes and limited abilities of their HTTP endpoint. This success illustrates how tools like CamHD Motion Analysis and the CamHD Compute Engine can be used for automated QA/QC on marine video datasets through a regular and standardized sampling protocol.



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The Axial Seamount study is part of the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI), which is funded by the National Science Foundation. The OOI is a networked infrastructure of science-driven sensor systems that measure the physical, chemical, geological, and biological variables in the ocean and seafloor.

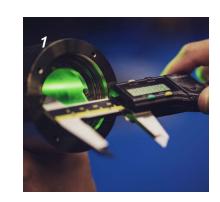
SubC's cameras are focused on a 14-foot tall actively hydrothermal venting hot spring deposit called "Mushroom" on the Axial Seamount for observation. Residing on an old lava flow, Mushroom is a metal sulfide chimney populated by communities of tube worms, palm worms, scale worms, limpets, and chemosynthetic microbes. The vent's hot spring fluids can reach temperatures as high as 260°C (500°F).

SubC's camera systems provide unprecedented insight into the evolution of the chimney and how these macro and microfaunal communities respond to changes in fluid flow, temperature, and chemistry associated with broadscale seismic and volcanic activity in the region. Video data from SubC cameras flow from the instrument via a fiber optic cable to a primary node and from there to the shore station in Pacific City, Oregon. While the feed from the camera continuously streams data, the LED lights are only turned on for 14 minutes every three hours. The 14-minute raw video sequence, that streams eight times a day, gets processed via the Elemental Server into a live video feed that is available on the main OOI website.

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Why SubC?

# Our clients don't choose their partners lightly



With years of experience in our field, we're able to easily navigate the meticulous evaluation processes that researchers must adhere to when choosing which companies to work with.

TEAM PLAYERS

1, 2 - SubC team at work



#### **FOCUS**



As specialists in the ocean science market, serving the research community is our number one job. With over a decade of experience, our attention has been focused on supporting and growing the industry since day one.

SubC frequently works with marine researchers to gather product and system design input. We also consistently support marine science conferences through sponsorship and exhibiting.

#### **OPTICS**



Trusted by researchers around the world, our SubC camera systems are well-known for their industry-leading optics. Quality research relies on capturing the best images possible and our cameras go above and beyond, especially in deep-water and low-light environments.

SubC has designed LiquidOptics for its Rayfin camera, correcting for distortion, field of view, and chromatic aberration caused by water. Sapphire construction makes it extremely durable and impact-resistant.

#### RELIABILITY



Our camera systems are purposely built with the harsh ocean environment in mind. This focus on rugged design ensures there will be no need for maintenance for a number of years.

SubC cameras deployed in the Barkley Canyon (ONC) are currently running without maintenance since 2014.

#### **CAPABILITY**



Built using a modular design, our systems are like Swiss Army knives. The Aquorea LED product functions as a lamp for video recording or as a strobe when taking stills. From ROVs to AUVs and ocean observatories, the Rayfin can be easily incorporated on any platform and powered by battery for remote monitoring.

Our Rayfin product line can record video of up to 4K resolution, as well as capture ultra-high resolution digital stills. It's specifically designed to house lighting and/or lasers that can be powered and controlled through the camera itself. Plus, our Aquorea LED product functions as a lamp for video recording or as a strobe when taking stills. From ROVs to AUVs and ocean observatories, the Rayfin can be easily incorporated on any platform and powered by battery for remote monitoring.



Our camera systems are backed by a powerful API that allows them to be easily combined with other devices and software. This makes it easier for our clients to tailor their systems for special operations like time-lapse recordings and automated data collection.

The University of Washington Rayfin camera systems are running internal custom scripts that execute API commands to turn on LEDs, lasers and other sensors, as well as collect images and videos over long periods.

#### **CONVENIENCE**



The modular design of our camera systems allows them to be tailored to meet our client's exact needs. You'll find that gathering data is easier when you have the right tools for the job.

SubC provided an Ethernet connection in the camera systems for GEOMAR. This enabled them to download videos while their ROV was still in the water, saving them time and speeding up their research collection.





The other great
thing about SubC is
that they are very
collaborative.

DR. FRIEDRICH ABEGG ROV-TEAM LEITUNG, GEOMAR

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SubC's Product Portfolio



#### **SUBC'S PRODUCT PORTFOLIO**

This section includes:

### **Camera Systems**

**Cameras** 

**LEDs** 

Lasers

DVR + Overlay

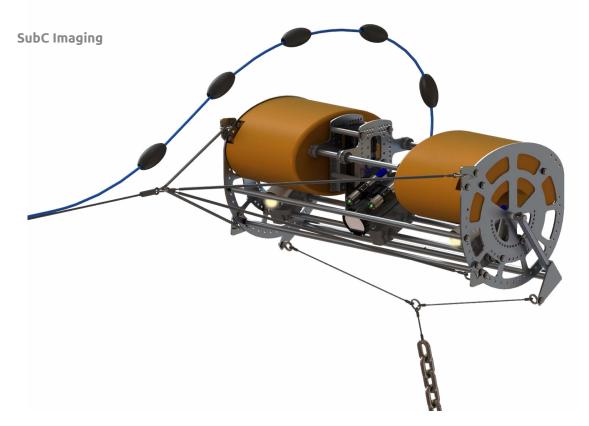
From all-in-one systems consisting of cameras, LEDs and lasers to the purchase of individual components, absolutely everything that comes out of our lab is purpose-built. We're here to walk you through the entire process, be it assembling a fully integrated system that perfectly fits your needs or adding a camera, LED, laser, or DVRO to your current system.

SubC Imaging equipment in use

## PURPOSE-BUILT SYSTEMS TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

With a number of unique and highly capable imaging systems to choose from, we cover a broad range of Ocean Science research applications. Each system has been designed with the needs of marine researchers in mind. We are constantly improving and upgrading our products using the feedback we receive from the researchers who use it on a daily basis.





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**CAMERA SYSTEMS** 

## **Drop/Towed Camera**

Our Drop/Towed camera system is optimally built for smaller vessels working in a shallow-water depth of under 470 meters.

To reduce components and costs, the camera is also a data-logger and includes built in depth, tilt and roll sensors. Additional sensors can be connected to the Aux ports and logged in sync with the system time stamp.

Please contact us for a quote





#### **Features**

Powerline Ethernet (PLE) enables low-cost simplification of cables and deployment setup for transmission of video and data

Depth and IMU (tilt and roll) sensors built in to reduce complexity

GPS and other sensor data injected from topside

HD, 4K and digital stills sync with connected LEDs

Plug-and-play parallel, line or grid lasers

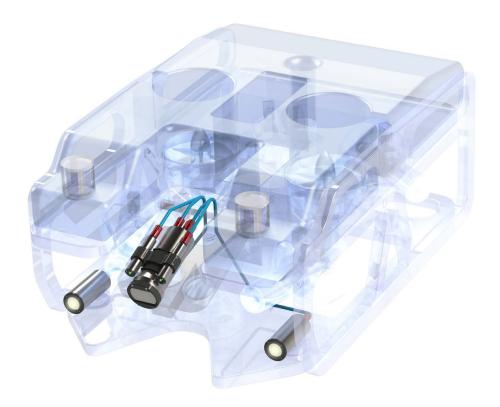
Continuous photos up to 4Hz with strobe sync

512GB storage space





1 - SubC's Towed Camera system with line laser 2 - Captured using SubC Imaging equipment



CAMERA SYSTEMS

### **Subsea Digital Stills**

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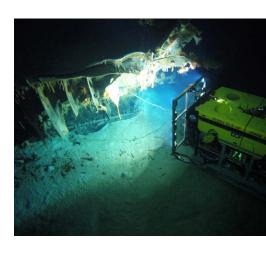
Years of working closely with our clients was pivotal in the design process and development of our easy-to-use subsea systems.

This system can be easily deployed using an ROV to collect 4K or HD subsea digital stills. The system combines a high-resolution subsea IP camera with LED strobes and parallel point or line lasers to collect high-quality subsea data for purposes like photogrammetry, 3D modeling, scripting, among others.

TO REVIEW THE DATASHEET, PLEASE VISIT:

SUBC DIGITAL STILLS SYSTEM

Staying on top of current trends in the marine research market has also led to even more significant innovations such as image enhancement and offshore real-time video and audio streaming capabilities.



Our Subsea Digital Still system in use



#### **Features**

HD, 4K and high resolution digital stills with the same sensor RTSP Ethernet, 1080p@30fps, low latency, full HD video streaming

RTSP Ethernet, 1080p@30fps, low latency, full HD video streaming

Aux ports on the camera save integration time and cabling cost by directly powering additional sensors:

LED hybrid strobe and lamp functionality

Parallel point, line, and grid lasers

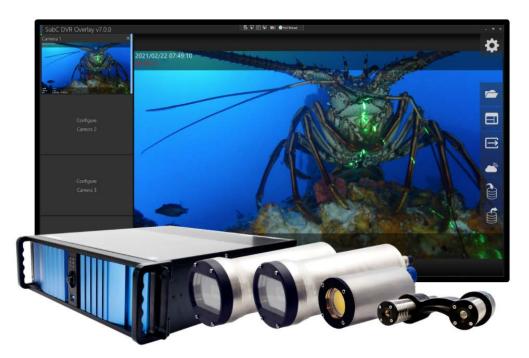
Pan-tilt units and more!

Continuous photos up to 4Hz with strobe sync

Water-corrected Ivanoff optics design
- high sharpness and low distortion

NTP time server synchronization

512GB storage



**CAMERA SYSTEMS** 

# Subsea 4K and HD Video Survey

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ROVs are complex machines that host a wide array of sensors and require a large team to operate.

Pulling from our comprehensive background in ROV operations, we've designed this system to reduce complexity by combining all video management functions into one suite. This system provides you with all of the software and hardware required for an effective survey without the additional costs and is capable of multiple channels of video recording and overlay, LAN video streaming, blackbox, event logging, and more.



#### **Features**

6 channels of 4K, HD, IP and SD video

Recording and Blackboxing of all camera feeds

Dynamic overlay of all camera feeds

Intuitive - operational in less than 1 hour

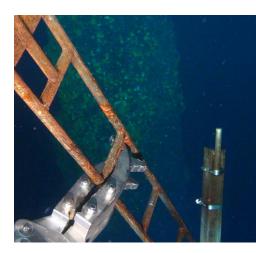
Compatible with all common video standards up to 4K

Built-in secure real-time video streaming

Data logging with time-sync events

Budget-friendly SubC DVR software licence options

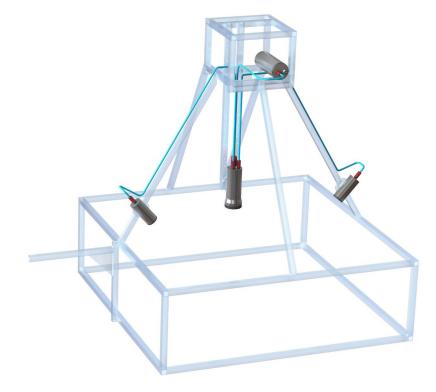
Camera controls for zoom, focus, and exposure



SubC Imaging equipment in use

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SUBC LIVE HD AND 4K SURVEY



**CAMERA SYSTEMS** 

### **Autonomous**

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Our autonomous camera systems are designed for deployments where live video is not possible or required.

For years, our customers have been deploying systems up to 6000m on simple wire winches, eliminating the need for expensive cabling and infrastructure. In these deployments, they collect time-lapse images and videos of a specific area.



#### **Features**

Open-source API and scripting

Record time-lapse footage over long periods of time

Compatible with custom triggers such as magnetic reed switches to start custom events

Compatible with sensors such as depth to trigger custom events

Compatible with various underwater batteries and power systems from 18–32VDC

Custom-designed optics for water — high sharpness and low distortion

HD, 4K and digital stills with the same sensor

Scripted LED lamp/strobe and laser control

512GB storage space

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<u>SUBC AUTONOMOUS SYSTEM</u>



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Our observatory system is purposely made for researchers looking to collect optical data of locations over an extremely long duration.

Able to allow live viewing via Ethernet and capture 4K/HD video and digital stills, this all-in-one system provides the highest quality footage while reducing cost and complexity.



#### **Features**

The camera can directly power and control LEDs, lasers, and other sensors through its auxiliary ports

Aux device fault detection and circuit breaker control ensure that if external devices and cables fail, the camera system remains operational

Full Titanium builds for corrosion prevention

Live H.264 video, comms, and data over Ethernet

Custom-designed optics for water — high sharpness and low distortion

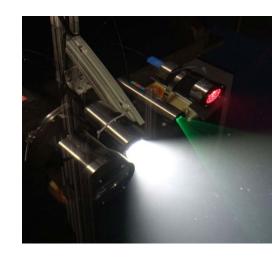
Open-source API and scripting

HD, 4K and digital stills with the same sensor

Hybrid LED lamp and strobe control

Plug-and-play lasers

Continuous photos up to 4Hz with strobe sync



SubC Imaging Observatory
Camera solution in use

### **SubC Cameras**

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Our flagship cameras are used by marine research organizations and teams around the world.

Thanks to their modular design, rugged build, and diverse features, SubC cameras provide industry-leading optics at an exceptional value. This attention to detail ensures that our cameras surpass the highest requirements of ROV, towed, drop, observatory, and autonomous systems.

TO REVIEW THE DATASHEET, PLEASE VISIT:

<u>SUBC CAMERAS</u>





#### **Rayfin Camera Features**

Optics: 70° water-corrected LiquidOptics

Digital stills: 21MP

Recording: 4K or HD

NMEA data logging: Ethernet, RS232, or RS485

Low latency HD Ethernet video

Media download: Live over 10/100 and GigE

Depth rating: Up to 6000m all Titanium

Live video feed: 4K over Fiber, HD over HD-SDI, or SD over Composite

System integration: Open-source API available

Custom bulkheads to match your system

Thanks to our modular design, we can add in a variety of special features to any sytem. One such feature is built-in autonomous controls. These allow the camera to be programmed for offline battery or AUV operation. In this mode, the camera can sleep to conserve power and then wake to capture images or record videos at predetermined times. We have also added in-line optical cut filters, custom input event triggers and smart aux device fault detection. We'll work with you to build a feature package that meets the needs of your study.



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SubC's Product Portfolio

### **SubC LEDs**

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The SubC LEDs can be used on their own or can be easily connected to cameras.

The LED can operate as a strobe by automatically synchronizing the camera exposure time to freeze the stills taken so that objects photographed can be captured in the highest detail. For easy compatibility with system power supplies, the LEDs have built-in charge control to limit the current draw.

TO REVIEW THE DATASHEET, PLEASE VISIT:

<u>SUBC LEDS</u>



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Imaging equipment





#### **Features**

Light: White, 734nm Red, 457nm Blue and custom wavelengths

Output flexibility: Continuous and strobing

Compatible with all underwater systems

Plug and play with SubC Cameras

Lamp Output: Up to 15,000 Lumens

Strobe Output: +32,000 Lumens

Beam Angle: 80°

Control: RS485 and TTL strobe enable

Depth rating: 6000m all Titanium

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### **SubC Lasers**

SubC Lasers can operate as a stand-alone product with serial control and TTL or can be easily integrated with cameras.

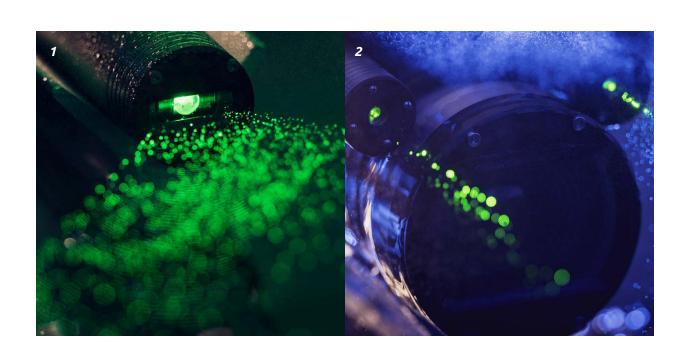
Our lasers are designed to support different needs such as 3D modeling applications that require a very narrow and uniform beam width, or to project two parallel beams that appear as green dots in images and are used to get distance and scale of underwater objects.

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- 1 Skate Mk2 Laser
- 2 MantaRay Parallel Lasers

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SUBC LASERS





#### **Features**

Options: Solid line beam or dotted grid or Parallel (calibrated and accurate to 5m)

Compatible with all underwater systems

Plug and play with SubC Cameras

Wavelength: 532nm Green

Depth rating: 6000m Titanium and Sapphire

Designed for precision machine vision applications



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3 - Line laser and lionfish captured using a SubC camera

# DVR + O Digital Video Recorder with Overlay

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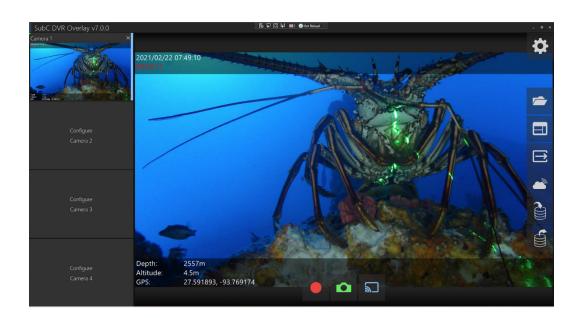
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Recording your next big discovery or survey is made possible with the SubC Digital Video Recorder with Overlay.

This high-performance system is supported by powerful software that allows for unrivaled undersea video recording, annotation and streaming. You'll also have us in your corner when it comes to storage, management, and organization of your data.

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<u>SUBC OFFSHORE DVR + OVERLAY</u>



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#### **Features**

Recording capacity: Up to 6 channels of HD video

Recording capacity: Up to 2 channels of 4K video

Recording capacity: Up to 4 channels of IP video

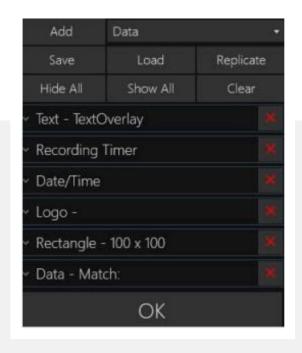
Each channel has an input and an output

IP Ethernet and SD Composite channels are input only

Graphics card HDMI and DVI channels can be selected as video output

Budget-friendly SubC DVR software licence options

Built-in secure Real-time video streaming



HD-SDI channels can output the IP Ethernet and SD Composite feeds with overlay

Data-loss protection

Blackboxing all channels

Data logging: Overlay and dive event logging

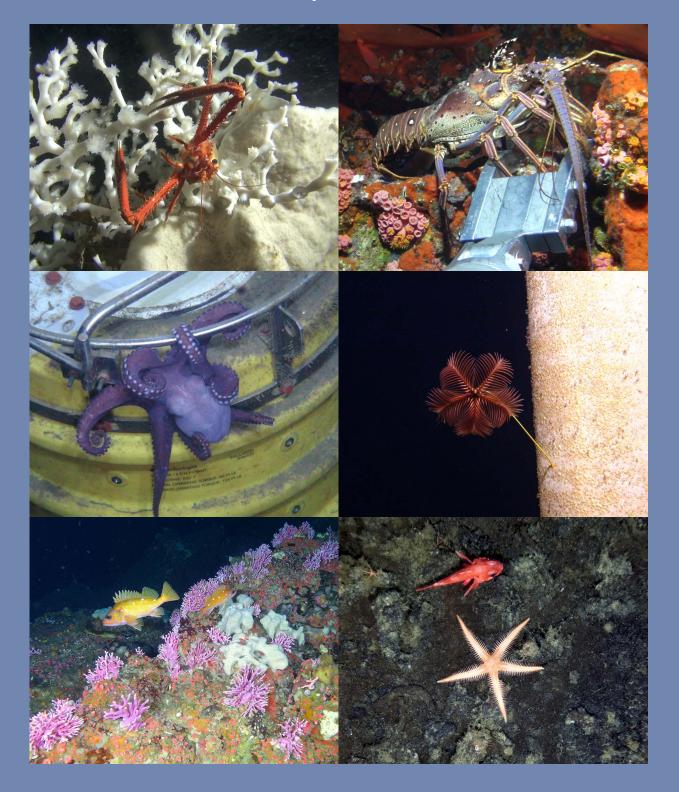
Image enhancement: For low light or turbid water conditions

Storage: 3x Soild State Drive Bays

Record Format: H.264, H.263, MPEG2

# Digital Stills

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#### **Contact SubC**

At SubC Imaging, we work directly with marine researchers to build one-of-a-kind imaging systems. Our first step is always a simple conversation about the nature of your project and how our solutions can help you achieve success.

If you're interested in learning more about our products and services, please reach out via the contact details below.

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