

R/V *Thalassa* middle-life refit





R/V *Thalassa* - Current capabilities





- * Fishery Stock Assessment
- * ROV/AUV deployment
- * Physical Oceanography







R/V Thalassa refit objectives

The Ifremer's oceanographic and fisheries Research Vessel, *Thalassa* (74 m length) has been built in 1995 and is now in her mid-life. The purpose of this mid-life refurbishment is to realize her modernization following this objective:

"provide a reliable and efficient multipurpose platform appropriate to the coming 20 years of marine science"

- replace obsolete scientific equipment by up-to-date scientific equipment,
- add a marine geoscience function,
- assure the remedial and curative maintenance at mid-life of the vessel.
- This modernization shall not modify the current capabilities of the vessel (especially fisheries research capabilities).
- Expected scope of supply by the shipyard:
 - integrate acoustic equipment, in a gondola which will be designed and built for fitting:
 - new equipment (multi beam fishery echo sounder , sub bottom profiler, ultra short base line, acoustic Doppler current profiler)
 - existing equipment's (single and multi beam echo sounders (EM 302 and 2040), fishery echo sounders (# frequencies)).
- sea chests,
- fit a new deck knuckle crane,
- fit a new specific cranes for coring system,
- fit a new propulsion electrical motor drive,
- refit some specific rooms (labs, cafeteria, scientific rooms...),
- replace the four diesel generators by new ones,
- refit the power management system, the alarm and monitoring system, the fire station,
- replace regulated current units,
- several mechanical, piping, metal sheet, electrical, air conditioning, painting works,
- drydock of the vessel.
- These works should be realized during summer 2017, between begging of June to mid September



Project schedule





New Gondola

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New gondola





New deck knuckle crane



Coring function studies

Pont C



Coring function studies

• **Pont D** : crane and/or A-frame for coring,

winch in a 20' container

• **Pont C** : space for prepare and cut the core,

Space for core inspection





Coring and seismic configuration

new specific cranes coring system



Coring function studies

Example of winch into 20'container

- 20' container 20' (winch + capstan) + 10' container (power + control)
- 6000 m of synthetic cable (diam 19 mm, MBL 25 T) with 80 kN @45m/min or 35 kN@100m/min











Thank you

