# **RV SIMON STEVIN**

multidisciplinary coastal research vessel



#### MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

36 m Length 9.4 m □ Beam Draught 3.5 m 12 kn Maximum speed Year of construction 2012 □ Shipbuilder Damen Shipyards Group □ Area of operations Southern Bight of the North Sea & eastern English Channel Scientists 10 7 / 10 □ Crew

## 2013 Report

- First full operational year
- 147 days at sea
- □ 13 days in continuous operation)
- 1423 hrs at sea
- Servicing 24 different research projects and 16 different research groups
- 25 educational trips for basic, secundary & higher ecucational levels



### **ROV Genesis**

The ROV Genesis was deployed during three campaigns.

- April 2013 : RV Pelagia supporting deployment of Launcher of Optical Modules in the Mediterranean
- June 2013 : onboard RV Belgica in the Western Iberian Slope for mapping fishing intensity
- September 2013 : Sampling methane seepage on the Dogger Bank with the RV Pelagia
- New operations container delivered



### 2014 Programme

- Request for shiptime increased from approx. 2000hrs to 2800hrs and 4fold higher demand for multiple day campaigns
- □ Extra 400k€ secured to meet increase in request for shiptime
- Planning includes 186 days at sea

## **RV MTAFITI former RV ZEELEEUW**

- Home port Mombasa, Kenya as RV Mtafiti serving the Kenyan Marine Fisheries and Reseach Institute (KMFRI).
- A VLIZ delegation gave training on instrument operations, sampling protocols & data management.
- Further training and joint sampling planned fall 2014,



41 days in multiple daycampaigns
1900hrs at sea planned

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