

SAYA DE MALHA DAILY

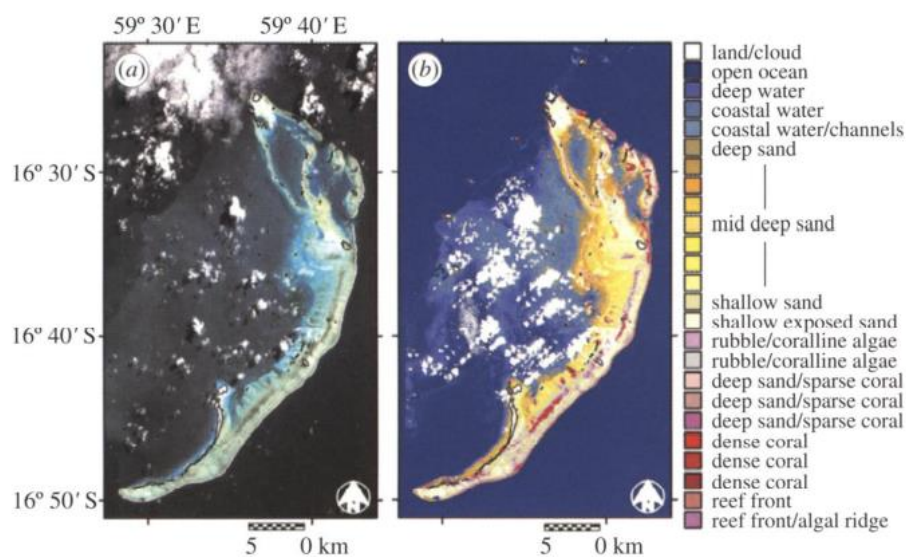
A Newsletter by Dominique and François



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Where are we ?

East of Nazareth Bank
En route for Saint Brandon
13.04° South 61.25° East
Sunny, Calm Seas, Wind 14.2 Knots
Air Temperature 25°7
Water Temperature 27°



Saint Brandon

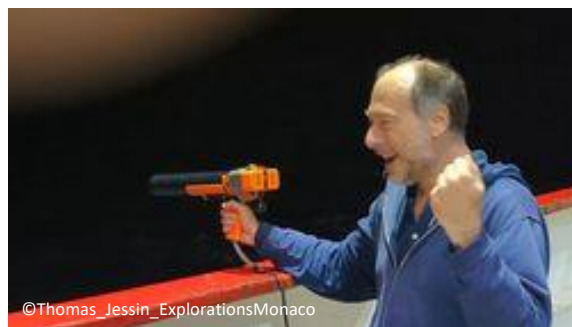
Saint Brandon, also known as the Cargados Carajos Shoals, is an Indian Ocean archipelago about 430 km (270 mi) northeast of Mauritius consisting of a number of sand banks, shoals and islets. Saint Brandon consists of five island groups, with about 28–40 islands and islets in total, depending

on seasonal storms and related sand movements. There are 22 named islands and shoals. It has an aggregate land area estimated variously at 1.3 km² and 2.0 km². The very extensive shallow bank covers approximately 2,300 km² around the islands. The reef measures more than 50 km from north to south, and is 5 km wide, cut by three passes. The reef area is 190 km².

What's on ?

Night-time Activities

During the night when the ship is travelling, work continues on Deck 3. Arshad throws a floating buoy equipped with GPS and records currents' activity. Fabrizio shoots a bullet equipped with a copper wire to record instant temperature from the surface to 900 m depth.



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The Portrait



Abel Sorry, Principal Researcher, Blue Economy, Seychelles

Abel was born in Seychelles in 1982. As a child he always had an interest in marine science and he completed studies in fisheries science at the University of Seychelles. He has been with the Blue Economy Department since 2019. "What interested me is how to implement blue economy in Seychelles, how we use resources and manage our marine environment for future generations, not just fishing and exploitation. The expedition has been a learning experience, engaging with scientists of different nationalities and disciplines. The good collaboration between Seychelles and Mauritius and other scientists is very encouraging for the future planning and management of the JMA".

The Catch of the Day

The Last Trawl

Launched south of the Saya de Malha Bank at 1100m depth, the mission's last trawl collected dark coloured fish species. One in particular has shades of gold and changing coloured eyes.



Life on Board

Happy Birthday

Pretending to be 25 years old, Sundy Ramah turned 32 yesterday, and the party was in full swing on the Deck 7 lounge!

