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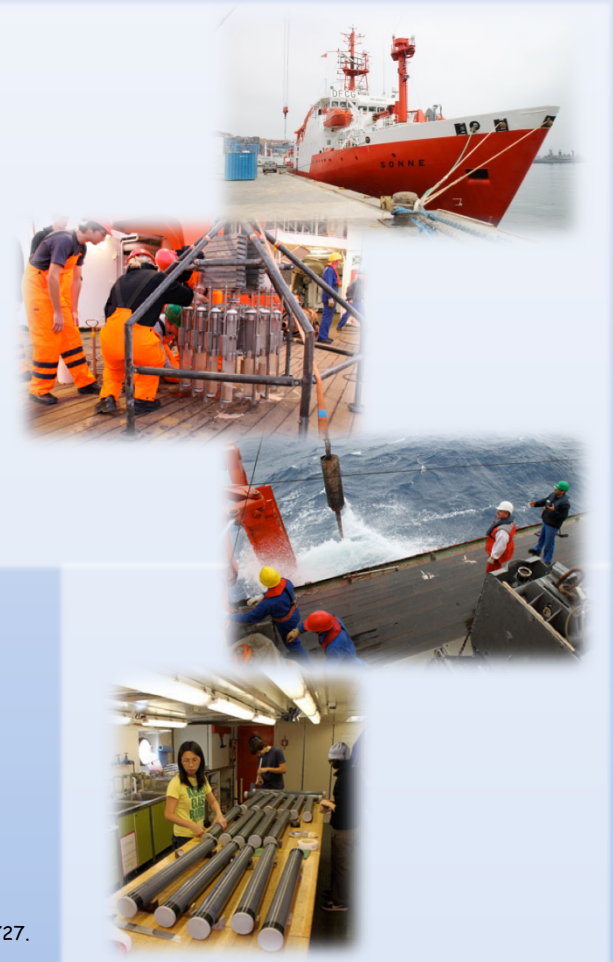
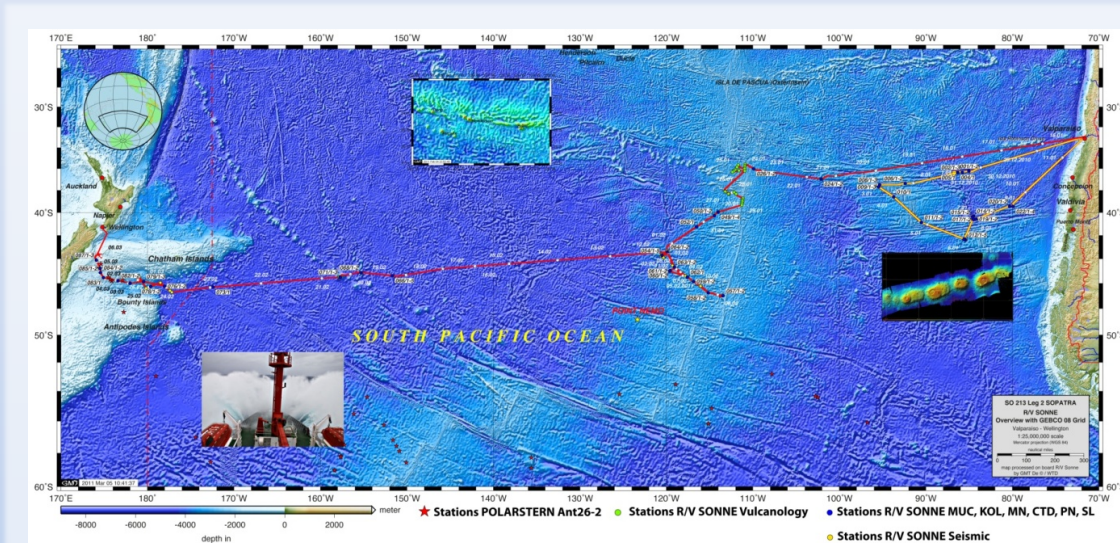
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Although the Southern Ocean represents a key component for understanding the processes of past climate variability, its largest region - the South Pacific - forms a blank spot on our paleoceanographic maps.



The **aim of our project** is to reconstruct changes in atmospheric and oceanic circulation patterns in the South Pacific over the Plio/Pleistocene. The sediment retrieved during the **SOPATRA SO-213** cruise from Chile to New Zealand in 2010/2011 with R/V SONNE enable us to reconstruct changes in temperature, salinity, vertical stratification of water masses as well as changes in plankton productivity.

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