Threatened by mining, polymetallic nodules are required to preserve abyssal epifauna

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Supplementary Materials

Table S1-1. Transect data. The nodule coverage is presented in percentage. The age of the experimental mining simulations and trawl tracks is indicated between brackets for the transects marked with *.

Station	License area	Length (m)	Image width (m)	Nodule coverage % (mean ± sd)
S0239_041	BGR	320	4	15.0 ± 2.6
S0239_064	BGR	870	4	0.3 ± 0.1
S0239_082	IOM	320	2	41.3 ± 5.3
S0239_082	IOM	410	2	44.3 ± 3.6
S0239_101	IOM	380	2	0.5 ± 0.2
S0239_101 *	IOM	250	2.9	0 (20 yr)
S0239_131	GSR	420	2	24.4 ± 2.7
S0239_141	GSR	450	2	21.9 ± 5.6
S0239_141 *	GSR	200	2.6	0 (0.7 yr)
S0239_157	IFREMER	400	2	29.5 ± 2.9
S0239_157 *	IFREMER	200	2.5	0 (37 yr)
S0239_161	IFREMER	450	2	0.6 ± 0.2
S0239_161 *	IFREMER	200	2.2	0 (3 yr)
S0239_189	APEI	400	2	41.6 ± 3.4
S0239_189	APEI	350	2	43.5 ± 5.2
S0239_200	APEI	400	2	85.4 ± 5.0
S0239_200	APEI	400	2	92.1 1.5

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