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## News from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

January 2016

### IMAGE OF THE DAY

#### Deep Partners

The submersibles DeepRover2 (pictured) and *Nadir* survey a field of soft corals and sponges off Santiago Island in the Galapagos Archipelago. During a [three-week expedition](#) in August, an international team led by WHOI scientists, in partnership with the Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Islands and in close collaboration with the Galapagos National Park Directorate, worked from the *M/V Alucia* to make the first scientific surveys that mapped the seamounts on the Galapagos platform and cataloged the diverse marine life that these underwater mountains support. (Adam Soule, WHOI, WHOI-MISO Facility, Nadir submersible, Dalio Explore Fund, ©Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)

### OCEANUS MAGAZINE

#### How did Earth Get its Ocean?

One student came to WHOI to learn the origin of Earth's ocean.

### NEWS RELEASE

#### Study Measures Drag from Fishing Gear on North Atlantic Right Whales

Entanglement is the leading cause of death for the endangered whales.

### WHOI IN THE NEWS

#### The humpback microbiome

*XX Files*

A Woods Hole scientist attempts to drill through the earth's crust  
*Boston Globe*

More Fukushima radiation near West Coast, scientists say  
*USA Today*

Woods Hole scientists sign letter to Presidential candidates  
*Falmouth Enterprise*

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Can we mobilize an armada of scuba divers as citizen scientists?

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Fridays at noon  
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**Laboratory Rite of Passage**

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