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Potential importance of volcanic emissions on marine biogeochemical cycles and clouds over the North Pacific

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2010 Eruption

Merapi volcano was raised to level 3 alert (out of a maximum 4) due to inflation and volcanic earthquakes on 21st October 2010. Sand miners were asked to stop all activity, and people advised not to climb the volcano. Merapi volcano erupted on 26th October 2010 killing 13 people.







eruption of an underwater volcano in the South Pacific Six miles off Tonga's main island of Tongatapu



Anemometer **Air Inlet GPS** Antenna for Orbcomm **Yellow Lamp** Orbcomm **Pyrheliometer Yellow Lamp Xenon Flash Lamp** Rader **INMARSAT** Antenna **Reflector #1** Web Camera #2 **Rader Reflector #2 GPS** Antenna WideStar ar Pet Engine Surface Water **Communication unit** Sensors & YOYO Cruising unit

GPS Antenna



Web Camera #1 **Weather Station**

Xenon Flash Lamp

Data Logger Air & Aerosol Analyzers





YOYO

Storage Hole



Functional Block Diagram of SCOOP

LAN (TCP/IP)



SCOOP (Self Cruising Ocean Observation Platform) Observation for SCOOP-0101 in 2001





25% of the emission of SO₂ from China and more than 10 times as that from Japan [*Streets et al.*, 2000]



Before Eruption August 1998



After Eruption August 2001



Vertical Profiles at 21N, 151E, July 2000

KH-00-3 Stn BO-07 (22°N, 151°E) 21-23 July 2000



From Preliminary Report of the Hakuho Maru Cruises KH-00-3

High Chlorophyll-a in the surface water stratified during the summer season after the eruption



Uematsu et al., Geophys. Res. Lett., 2004

Simple Estimation of Nitrogen Flux From Miyake Eruption

Mole ratios of N and S in the plume of Miyake eruption: NH₄:SO₄: NH₃: SO₂ = 1: 1: 1: 12

Approx. 15% of SO_2 is equivalent to the amount of reduced Nitrogen (NH₄ + NH₃)

From Sep. 2000 to Aug. 2001 SO_2 emission: $10 \times 10^{12} \text{ g } SO_2 \text{ period}^{-1}$ N emission: $40 \times 10^{10} \text{ g } \text{ N period}^{-1}$

Total Deposition of Reduced Nitrogen over the North Pacific 600 x 10¹⁰ gN yr¹ (Duce et al., 1991)

If all reduced nitrogen emitted from Miyake eruption deposited to the vicinity of Miyake Island, additional 7% of nitrogen deposition to the entire North Pacific may affect to marine biological activity in this limited region.

Sea-surface Chlorophyll a [April 2009]



Light limitation by deep surface mixing may prevent phytoplankton blooming in spring when most of the Asian dust deposition events occur.

10

3

0.01

0.03

0.1

0.3

Sea-surface Chlorophyll *a* [July 2004]



Questions

 How do atmospheric depositions influence dissolved iron distributions in the subarctic western North Pacific during summer?

 How do phytoplankton communities respond to the atmospheric iron depositions in these highnitrate, low-chlorophyll (HNLC) waters?

What needs to be done to address the questions?

Surface water transect surveys

Spatial variability of trace metals, nutrients, phytoplankton activity and community composition in large regions encompassing gradients of atmospheric deposition and water properties.



Epoxy-coated fish (10.2 cmφ×120 cm, 75 kg)







R/V Hakuho-maru 13 knots Surface water (~1 m)

Surface transect surveys in the subarctic NW Pacific



R/V Hakuho-maru KH-08-2 cruise Leg.1 July 29 -August 19, 2008



101 samples

Dissolved iron (<0.22 µm, pH<1.7) Nutrients, Chlorophyll *a* Algal photosynthetic activity (Fv/Fm) Community composition (HPLC pigments)

Iron-containing Aerosols (D > 700 nm) measured by Aerosol Time-Of-Flight Mass Spectrometry: ATOFMS

Volcanic ash particles (Sea Salt + Al-Si-P-Li-Sulfate) were detected in August 8, 2008; 4-5 days before the bloom observation



(Courtesy of Furutani et al., 2010, JOS Fall Meeting)

Source of Volcanic ash particles



Mt. Okmok (1073 m) Eruption August 2-3, 2008



(Courtesy of the AVO/UAF-GI)

Iron-release experiments with hotspot volcanic ash and seawater (1:400)

35–107 nmol Fe/g ash (in 1 hr) (Olgun et al., 2010)



Phytoplankton could increase their chlorophyll *a* biomass within a few days if sufficient iron was available.

Widespread bloom conditions in the subarctic North Pacific in 2008



August 2007

Courtesy of NASA/Aqua MODIS

Volcanic eruptions in August 2008

Kamchatka Peninsula

Aleutian Islands



Mt. Karymsky (continued through June-September)



(Courtesy of the AVO/UAF-GI)

Mt. Kasatochi (August 7-9)



Mt. Okmok (July 12-August 19)



August 2008

Courtesy of NASA/Aqua MODIS

Cruise track of KH-08-2 (Leg 1 and Leg 2) July 29, 2008 – September 17, 2008 (51 days)





Aerosol distributions over the North Pacific downwind of the Hawaii Islands



Smaller cloud droplets make cloud whiter and its life longer over the North Pacific





Impacts of volcanic eruption on the marine biogeochemical cycles

From Volcanoes

- Volcanic ashes: Fe, Si, P, Al, Ca
- Gases: H₂O, CO₂, H₂S, SO₂, HCl, HF, H₂, N₂, Ar, CH₄, CO, NH₃

In the atmosphere

- Increase of gases warming
- Increase of aerosols cooling (direct and indirect)

In the ocean

- Ballast effect
- Fe supply
- N compounds supply
- Acidification by H₂SO₄, HCl vs Ca



Don't give up, Japan Don't give up, Tohoku A nation's rallying call