plunging into the deep sea, where they can observe and collect reef fish in waters from 10 - 110 meters. "The Apalachee is well equipped to safely and effectively use diving as a tool to conduct marine research," said Dr. Dean Grubbs, FSUCML's Director. Recent trips include four missions for FWC, four for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC), and two for the University of South Florida (USF). The R/V Apalachee has been extremely busy. Since May, our flagship research vessel has been running missions almost every other week, with a focus on exploring the diversity of marine life in the Gulf of Mexico.

About the FSUCML:

The FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory (FSUCML) is excited to announce its involvement in several exciting projects that highlight the importance of protecting our oceans and coastlines. One such project is the "Waves & Weather" exhibit, which features a showing of Saving Sawfish, an episode of the Changing Seas public television series.

This gallery also highlights the research being conducted on the Mississippi Canyon 207 (MC207) site, located in the Gulf of Mexico. Scientists and students from FSUCML have been studying the impacts of human activities on the marine environment, with a focus on understanding the role of the deep sea in sequestering carbon and supporting critical ecosystems.

The FSUCML is also collaborating with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) to develop a new navigation system for the FWC's research vessels. This system will not only improve the safety and efficiency of the FWC's operations but also enhance the agency's ability to conduct marine research in the Gulf of Mexico.

Through these collaborations and partnerships, the FSUCML is working to restore resiliency and protect Florida's oceans and coastlines. Join us in our mission to understand and preserve these important ecosystems for future generations.