

Bad and good news from Argentina

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Performance of argentine research fleet 2014-2015



Austral ex Sonne (Jan. 2015) Puerto Deseado (Dec. 2014)



Oca Balda (Apr. 2014)



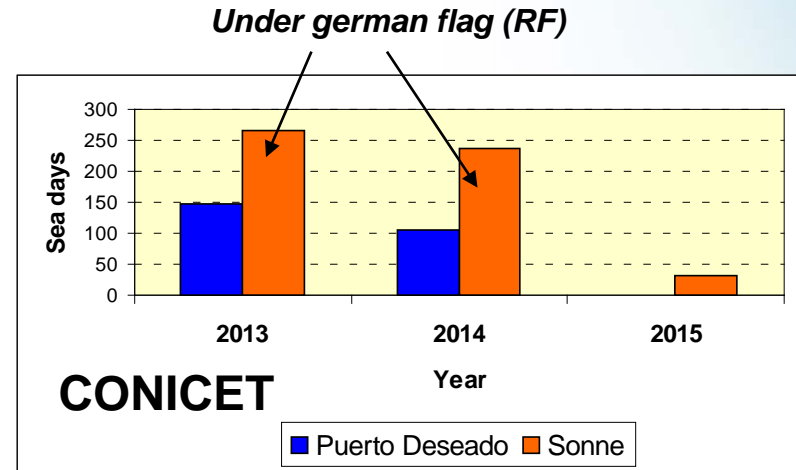
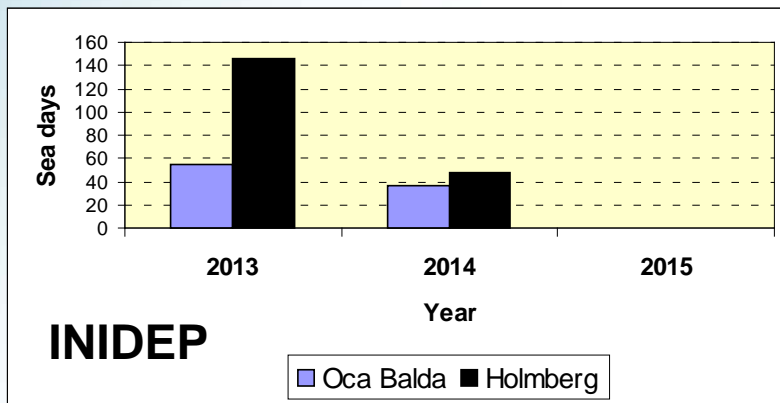
Holmberg (Mar. 2014)



Argentine Research vessels in Mar del Plata harbor

Performance of argentine research fleet 2014-2015

INIDEP's vessels did not sail since April, 2014 due to crew union strikes, with demands that the INIDEP Direction couldn't satisfy. CONICET ships did not realize research cruises in 2015 due to mechanical and administrative problems (eg. change of flag of the RV Sonne, etc.)







To resolve these problems, the Argentine Government would create an Agency (between Ministries of Science and Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries) to manage all scientific vessels. INIDEP would replace house staff management by a commercial ship owner.

Trawl winch for *RV Oca Balda*



The original electric fishing winch (Siemens, Brusselle, 1983) of *RV Oca Balda*, was changed in 1997 by hydraulic one of local manufacturing. But it has never worked properly and limited the fishing activities. So we decided to replace the hydraulic winch with a new electric one with today's technology.

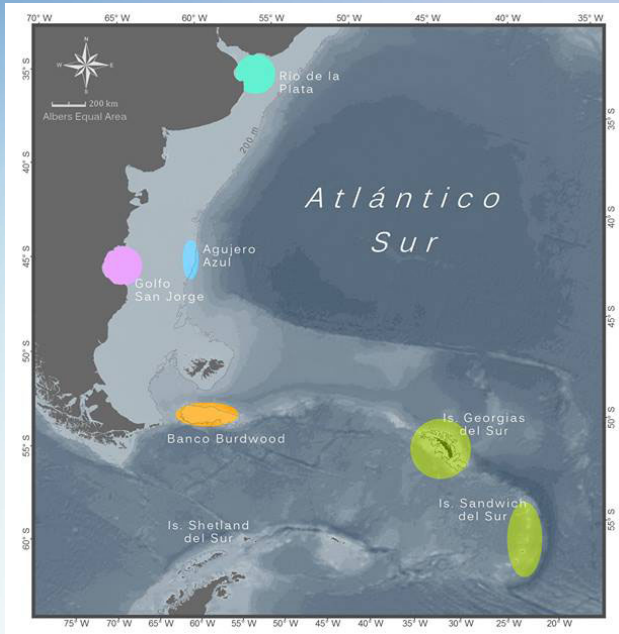
With the kind assistance of Mr. Per Nieuwejaar from IMR a specification was prepared to request the quotation of a new electric trawl winch.

| <i>Company</i> | <i>Country</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Value</i> | <i>Currency</i> |
|---|----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
|  * | Island | 13/04/2015 | 958,200 | Euros |
|  | Norway | 12/01/2015 | 975,000 | Euros |
|  | Spain | 11/03/2015 | 797,000 | Euros |
|  * | Canada | 23/03/2015 | 3,143,000 | Dol. Can |

* Visited the vessel

Acquisition of *RV Sonne*

In order to investigate strategic areas of the Argentinian Sea, the government decided to buy the german *RV Sonne*. CONICET acquired the ship in December 2014 by a value of 5,150,000 euros.



The *RV Sonne* arrived to Mar del Plata on 31-01-15

The vessel is manned by the Navy. She was renamed as *Austral*. Till now she did not sail.



Law to finance marine research

Argentine created the National Research Program and Productive Innovation in Maritime Argentine Zones (*Promar*), by law, to hierarchize the scientific knowledge for the sustainable management of natural marine resources.

This law provides the creation of the National Fund for the Investigation and Productive Innovation of the Argentine Marine Zones (*Fonipromar*), with more than 250 millions arg. pesos (25 million U\$) allocated to recruit specialised personnel, infrastructure and technology.

**Sanción de la Honorable Cámara
de Diputados de la Nación**

(12 de noviembre de 2014)

PROYECTO DE LEY

El Senado y Cámara de Diputados,...

Art. 6° – Créase el Fondo Nacional para la Investigación e Innovación Productiva de los Espacios Marítimos Argentinos –Fonipromar– integrado por:

- a) Las partidas que al efecto destine en forma anual el presupuesto general de la administración Pública, o con la afectación del crédito presupuestario de las partidas que reasigne el Poder Ejecutivo de entrar en vigencia la presente ley durante el ejercicio presupuestario en curso. En cualquier caso, el monto inicial no podrá ser inferior a los pesos doscientos cincuenta millones (\$ 250.000.000);

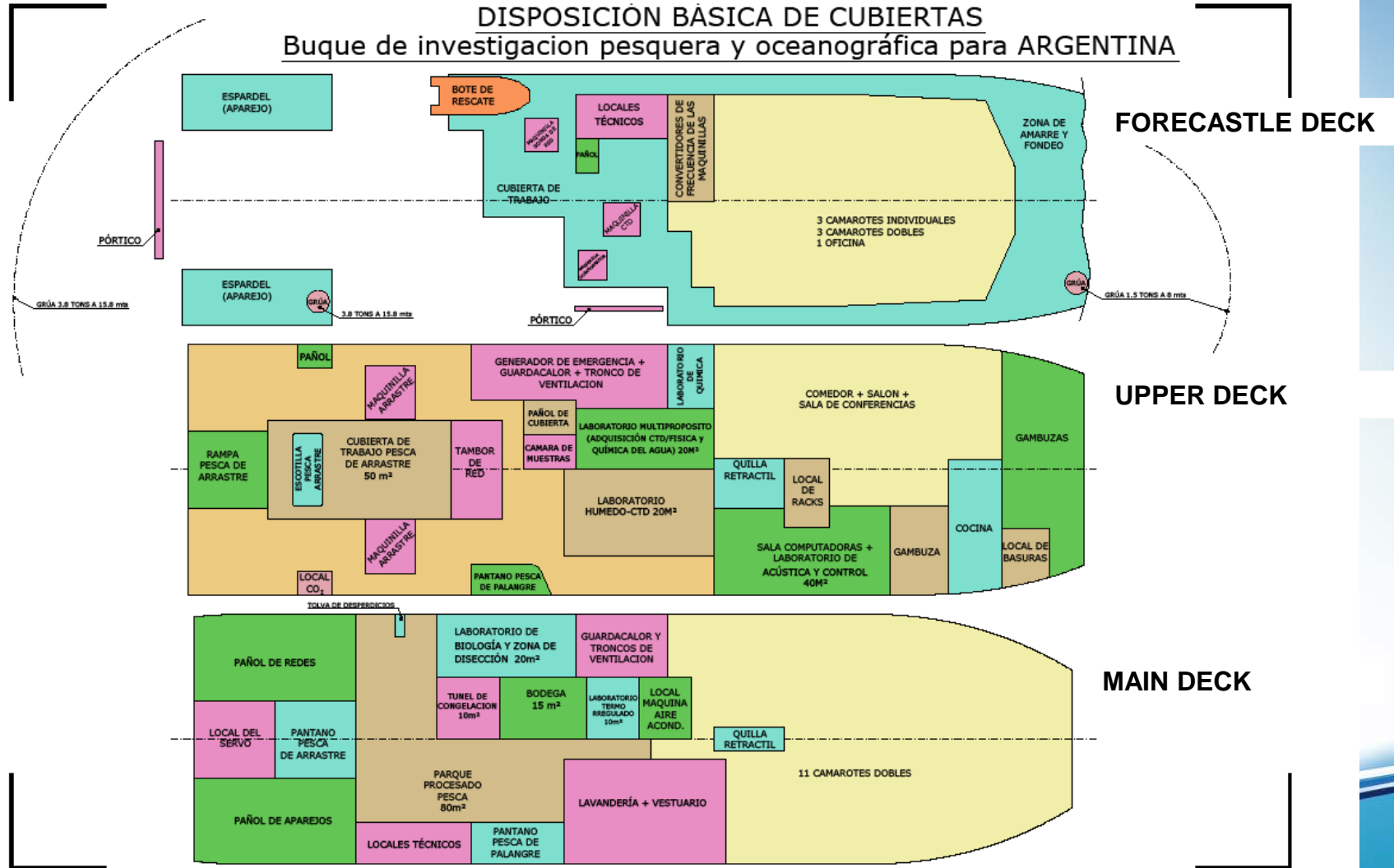
New research vessels for INIDEP

- **09-12-14:** the International Development Bank (IDB) gave a loan to the Argentine Government of about 40 million dollars for a sustainable aquaculture and fisheries development program. 33 million will be allocated for the construction of two fishing and oceanographic research vessels of 52 and 25 m respectively.
- **January:** an INIDEP staff members Commission was formed to define the operational requirements of both vessels.
- **February:** trip to visit the mexican research vessel built by similar purchasing procedure (credit IDB).
- **February-March:** selection of an external consultant to develop the specifications of the 52 m vessel, according to guidelines of IDB. In *April* the same consultant involved in the Mexico's Project was hired. Also, a local consultant was hired for the coastal vessel.
- **May-June:** meetings in the INIDEP between consultants and the scientific staff to define the project and to prepare the final specifications.

| VESSEL | DATES | |
|--------|---|--------------------|
| | Publication of the international tender | Opening of tenders |
| 52 m | 30-07-15 | 01-09-15 |
| 25 m | 19-09-15 | 30-10-15 |

New research vessels for INIDEP

DISPOSICIÓN BÁSICA DE CUBIERTAS Buque de investigación pesquera y oceanográfica para ARGENTINA



Regional fishing and oceanographic research vessel, 53 m length, offered by Armon Vigo, Shipyard, 28.500.000 U\$S

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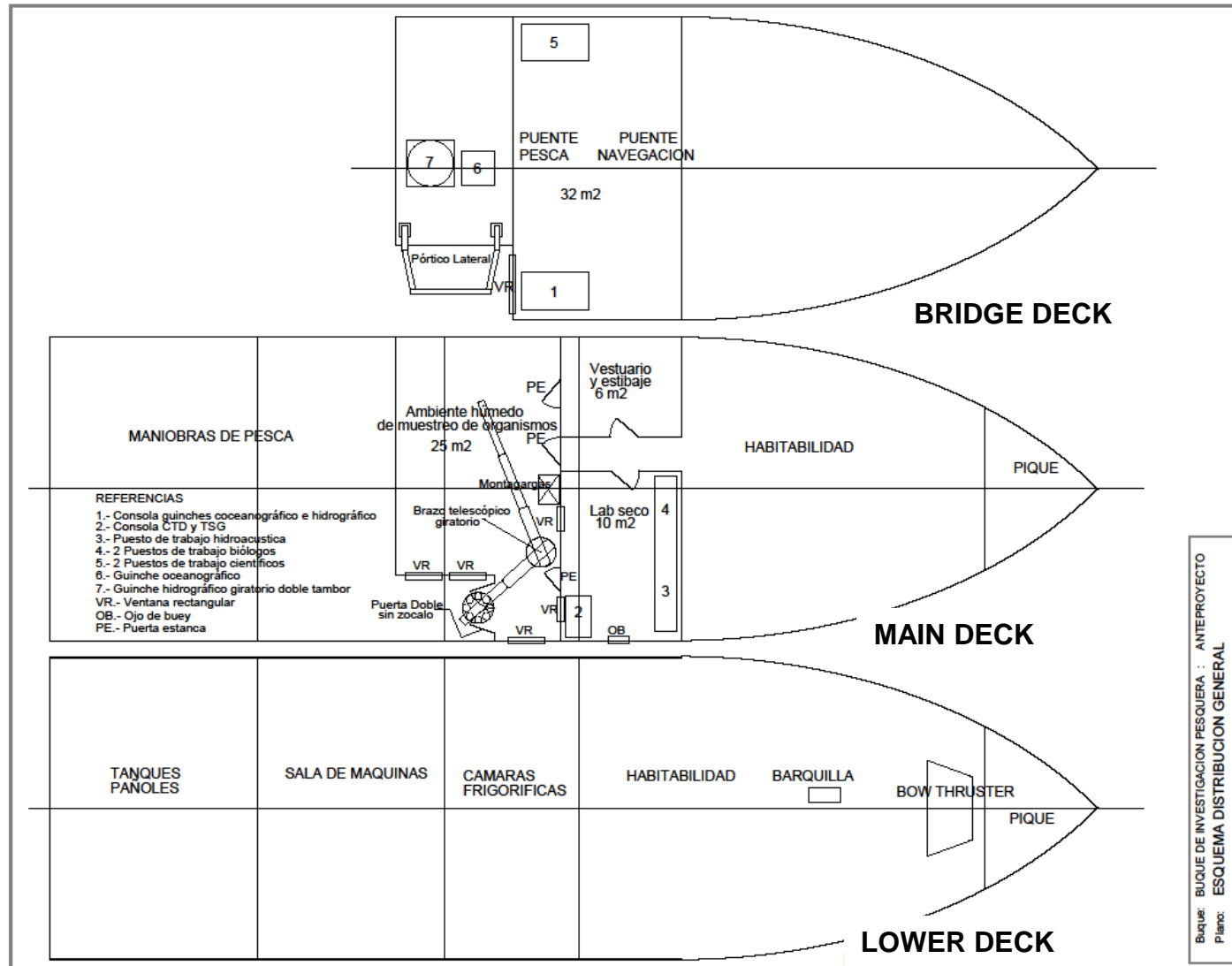


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BUQUE DE INVESTIGACIÓN PESQUERA Y OCEANOGRÁFICA







Coastal fishing and oceanographic research vessel, 25 m length. The offers will be opened on 30-10-15

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?