New forms of marine life found off east coast

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A team of Canadian and Spanish scientists have discovered new forms of marine life previously unknown to science, some of which are more than 1,000 years old and hold the secrets to ancient underwater ecosystems. DFO and scientists from three Canadian universities and the Spanish Institute of Oceanography made this discovery on a 20-day expedition, using a robot to take pictures and to grab samples of coral and sponges located up to three kilometres deep in the waters off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador — that's twice as deep as BP's crippled Deepwater Horizon oil well in the Gulf of Mexico. More here See an array of photos of new species at National Geographic

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