

Harbor Branch Oceanographic Museum (HBOM)

Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University

Fort Pierce, FL



- **Small collection (~40,000 lots)**
- **Unique due to legacy collections made with the *Johnson-Sea-Link* submersibles, made at otherwise inaccessible locations to depths of 1,000 m**
- **Significant repository for collections from the Indian River Lagoon**

HBOM

- Almost 50 year old, but largely “senescent” for half of that time!
- In the process of renewal:
 - Remediation and enlargement of current space
 - Collections Manager hired in 2019
 - 4 recent/new grants to make the collections more accessible/useful



M. Dennis Hanisak
Curator



Brianne Varnerin
Collections Manager



TBD
Assistant



Tasks for this Digin Project

- **Update nomenclature and georeferencing for the non-mollusk invertebrates in HBOM (mollusks will be addressed as part of the Eastern Seaboard TCN)**
 - **estimated to be ~10,000 lots**
 - **in regards to georeferencing, note that our expedition data are unique to HBOM**
- **Make these data broadly accessible through iDigBio**
- **Participate in iDigBio summits/digital data conferences**

What will be easy, hard, most anxious?