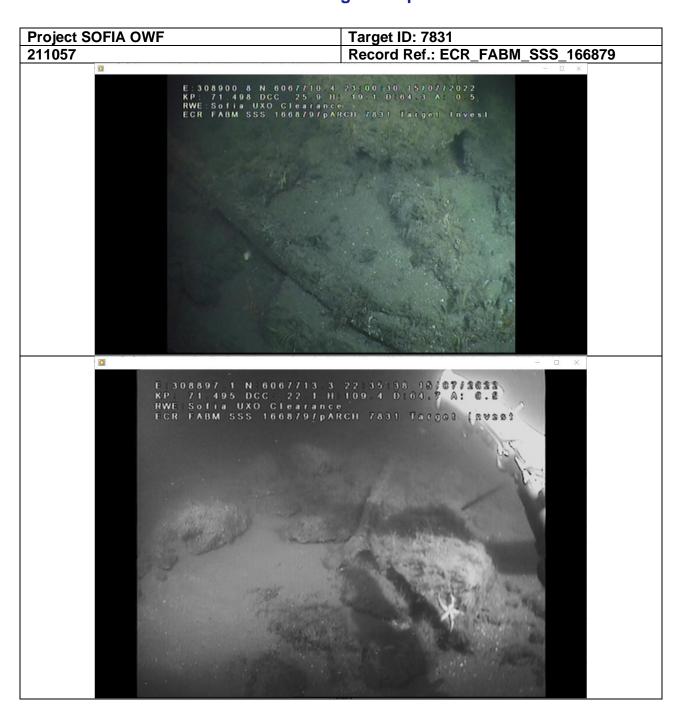


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## **Discovery information**

#### Date discovered:

Anomaly 7831 was identified from assessment of geophysical data by Wessex Archaeology in 2020.

ROV inspection was conducted on 15 July 2022

## Circumstances of discovery:

ROV inspection of pARCH target

Position of discovery: 308898.55 E 6067712.87 N (WGS84 UTM31N)

## **Description**

Large, distinct magnetic dipole with peak and trough on two survey lines. No associated SSS or MBES contacts. Located along the edge of a distinct sand wave and may be related. However, amplitude suggests potential ferrous debris buried on the edge of the sand wave. Retained as a precaution. (Archaeological Method Statement. Doc. Ref. 003552692; 211051.04).

Target was located amongst boulders and described as being metallic and / or wooden debris, possibly with associated rigging. Target has a magnetic signature and measures 2.0 m long and 0.2 m across. Target left *in situ*.

Subsequent archaeological review of images taken from the ROV inspection video footage shows a long linear ferrous object, with visible marine growth, and a U-shaped feature attached at one end to the linear object.

## Interpretation and advice

Probably anchor with a short shank and curved arms. Not possible to determine whether a stock is present and therefore of Admiralty pattern type. Unknown archaeological value.

No further action required.

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