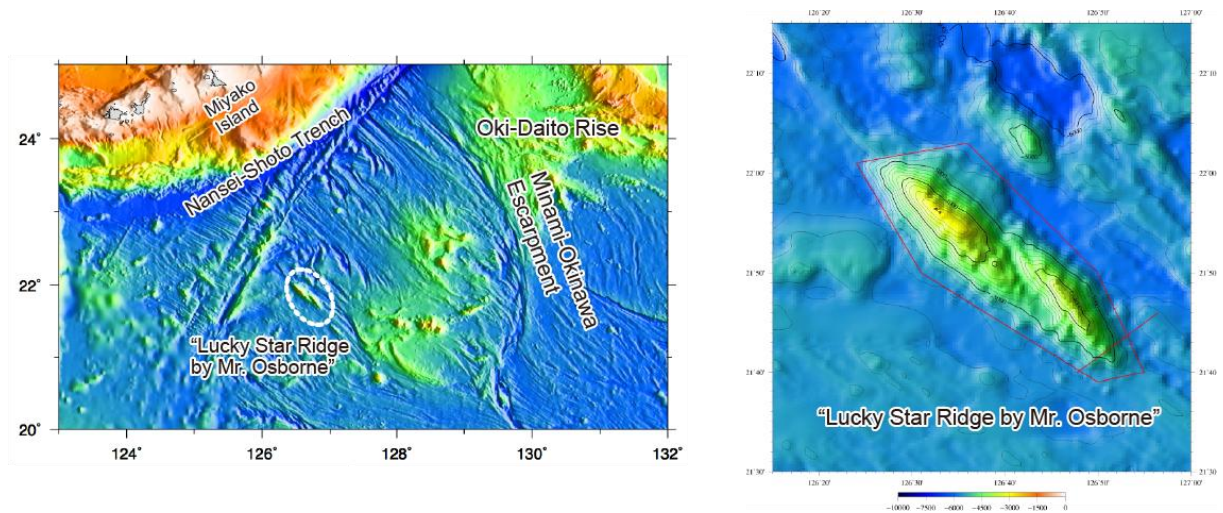


Re: Action SCUFN 23/12 (on the Lucky Star Ridge)

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JCFUN examined the bathymetry of the region around the “Lucky Star Ridge”, initially proposed by Mr. Thomas J. Osborne.



The ridge is located in the Philippine Sea, about 180 nm south of Miyako Island (a Japanese land territory). The region around the “Lucky Star Ridge” is extensively mapped with multi-beam sonar by the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department of Japan. As shown in the map on the left, however, it turns out that only larger bathymetric features are named, e.g., Oki-Daito Rise, Minami-Okinawa Escarpment, and Nansei-Shoto Trench.

Since it is obvious that there are many significant bathymetric features (including the “Lucky Star Ridge”) that deserve to be named, JCFUN reached a conclusion that it needed more time to work on naming these features. Accordingly, it does not propose an alternative name for the “Lucky Star Ridge”, nor propose any names for the remaining significant features to be considered during SCUFN-24.