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# THE OCEAN LAND

**This is the spectacular story of challenges and efforts made to create bridges between art and science – 4500 meters below sea level. A team of scientists from 16 nations - and a Norwegian painter, went on an expedition to the ocean depths of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.**

The faunas and ecosystems of the enormous mountain range in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, part of the global mid-ocean ridge system, have only to a limited extent been investigated. Researchers hope to acquire new fundamental knowledge on the ecosystem along the ridge, together with until now unknown species from a depth range extending from surface waters to 4500 m.

MAR-ECO is one of the larger marine research projects of modern times. Scientists from 16 nations around the northern Atlantic Ocean are participating in this great expedition, onboard one of the world's most advanced ships custom-built for scientific research.

Ørnulf Opdahl (59) faces one of his largest challenges as an artist: to interpret the animal life of the ocean depths. He is considered one of the great Nordic romantic painters of contemporary art. His career as an artist is associated with the very spirit of living by the sea: The forces, rhythms and changes of the dramatic landscape on the coast of Norway. For the first time as an artist he will enter totally different ocean depths.

With lots of spectacular footage, this great documentary tells the story about art and science melting together in the middle of the vast Atlantic ocean.