



Figure 4. Small tripod frame used to make near-bottom measurements and to obtain time-series photographs of the sea floor at Site C during the MBIWE. The camera is mounted approximately 0.6 m above the sea floor. The strobe provides sidelight for the photographs. Other instrument cases on the frame house electronics and battery power for current, temperature, conductivity, light transmission, and pressure measurements. The tripod is recovered by an acoustic release that pulls a recovery line to the surface from the rope canister. This picture shows the tripod on the deck of the RV *Argo Maine* after recovery.