

SAR Operation - Kasaragod murder case

Project Overview

In 2019 October ,team eyerov participated in a search and rescue operation with kerala police related to a murder case, at Kasaragod. According to police, the culprit put the dead body inside a plastic sack and carried it to Thekkil bridge on the National Highway. He tied a large stone to the sack and threw the body into the river from the bridge. An underwater ROV with side scan sonar employed for the search operation and we spotted a few suspected objects.



Site conditions

- A water depth of 5m
- Very Poor water visibility
- Accurate location or coordinates were not available

EyeROV Solution

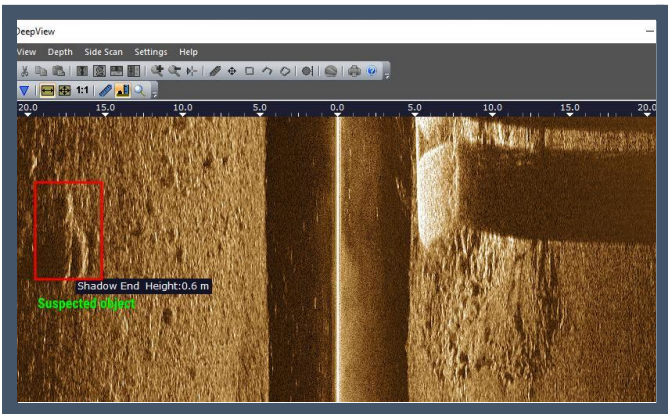
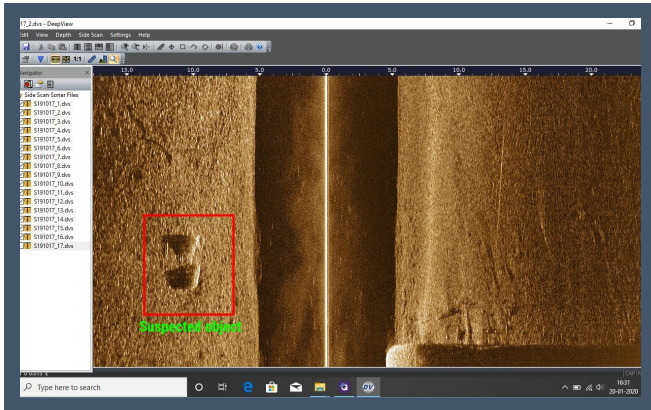
Water visibility was very poor and camera visuals were not useful for this operation. An ROV with a side scan sonar piloted across the river and suspected areas will be informed to the police officials.

Execution Plan

ROV deployed from a boat near to the suspected area and Sidescan sonar was employed to find suspicious objects. ROV was in toing mode and side scan visuals were monitored. A water depth of 5m was found from sonar data and a few suspicious objects were spotted. Dimensions of the objects were very similar to a human body. All the spotted objects were informed to police and their divers did the recovery activities.

Results

Team EyeROV successfully completed the search operation at thekkil river.



Man confesses to murdering wife, dumping body in Kasaragod river

The deceased was identified as Prameela a native of Kundara in Kollam. Seljo, a native of Alakode married her 11 years ago and the couple have two children.

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Police searching for Prameela's body in Thekkil river.



Kasaragod: The husband of a temporary staff at the Collectorate here, who was

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On September 20, 2019, Seljo himself had filed a complaint with Vidyanagar police alleging that his wife was missing. However, once the investigation started, Seljo was called up for questioning and he confessed to have murdered Prameela.

Sejo told police that he strangled Prameela to death at their rented house. He put the body inside a plastic sack and carried it to Thekkil bridge on the National Highway. He tied a large stone to the sack and threw the body into the river from the bridge.

The police brought Seljo to the site on Thursday morning. Police and fire and rescue service personnel searched the river but could not trace the body.