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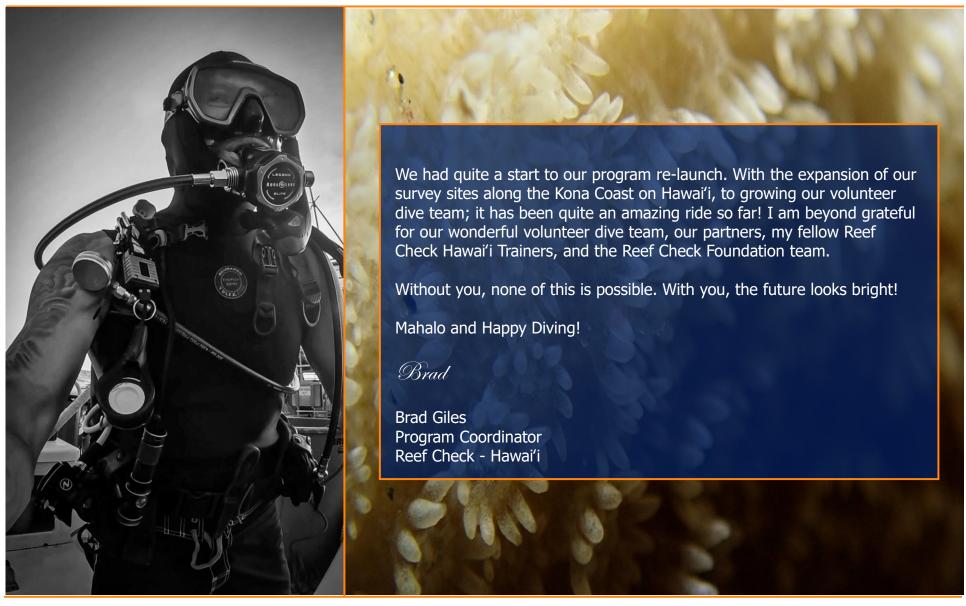
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A Message from Our Program Coordinator





Reef Check Hawai'i 2024 Program Highlights





Executive Summary



This report presents data from coral reef surveys conducted in Hawai'i during 2024 using the Reef Check survey protocol. Reef Check is a coral reef monitoring methodology used to assess the health of coral reefs in 102 countries and territories worldwide. Surveys were carried out by trained volunteers.

A total of 11 sites were surveyed in 2024, all on the island of Hawai'i.

The results indicate that, on average, the coral reefs surveyed had 29% live coral coverage. Yellow Tang were the most abundant indicator fish species observed with 8.40 per 500 m³, while Red Pencil Urchins were the most abundant invertebrate indicator species observed with 30.57 per 100 m².

Two Reef Check EcoDiver courses were conducted with seven EcoDiver Certifications issued.

One Reef Check EcoDiver Trainer course was conducted, producing three new EcoDiver Trainers.





1. Background

Background



Reef Check Hawai'i is part of the world-wide Reef Check network. Established in 1997, Reef Check has conducted over 16,000 surveys in 102 countries and territories. Reef Check was established by a group of scientists who developed a simple, rapid method of surveying coral reefs. Reef Check is both the name of the organization and the survey methodology.

Reef Check takes on the conservation challenge of long-term monitoring of coral reefs and kelp forests globally.

The first-ever survey utilizing the Reef Check protocol was conducted on the island of Kauai, here in Hawai'i. From 1996 to 2023, 114 surveys had been conducted across the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, Oahu, and Kauai. The Hawai'i program was revitalized in September 2024. The information shown highlights information about coral reef health in Hawai'i.



2. Methodology

Methodology Overview



Reef Check surveys are based on the philosophy of "Indicator Species." These are marine organisms that:

- Are widely distributed on coral reefs, regionally or globally,
- · Are easy for non-scientists to identify, and
- Provide information about the health of a coral reef.

Using a standardized methodology, data from surveys in different areas can be compared, whether it be on an island, regional, national, or international basis (see www.reefcheck.org for more information).

The Reef Check monitoring methodology allows scientists, researchers, and managers to track changes to coral reefs over time. By surveying reefs on a regular basis, harmful or damaging changes can be highlighted early, before they become problems. This gives managers the opportunity to intervene, carry out additional more detailed studies and/or initiate management actions to try to reverse the change before permanent damage is done to the reef.

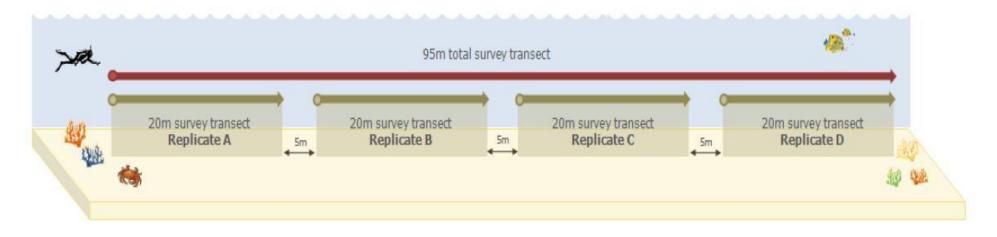
Methodology Overview



A 100-meter transect line is deployed and along it, four 20-meter transects are surveyed. Each separated by five meters, providing four replicates per transect for statistical analysis (see figure below).

Four types of data are collected:

- 1. Fish
- 2. Invertebrate
- 3. Substrate
- 4. Impact



Fish Survey



Divers count the indicator fish along the four 20 m long x 5 m wide x 5 m high corridors.

Megafauna and rare animals including Hawaiian Monk Seals, Manta Rays, Sharks, and Dolphins are also counted.

Reef Check indicator fish species were chosen on the basis of targeted demand for:

Food Parrotfish Jacks Snapper Moray Eel Yellowfin Goatfish



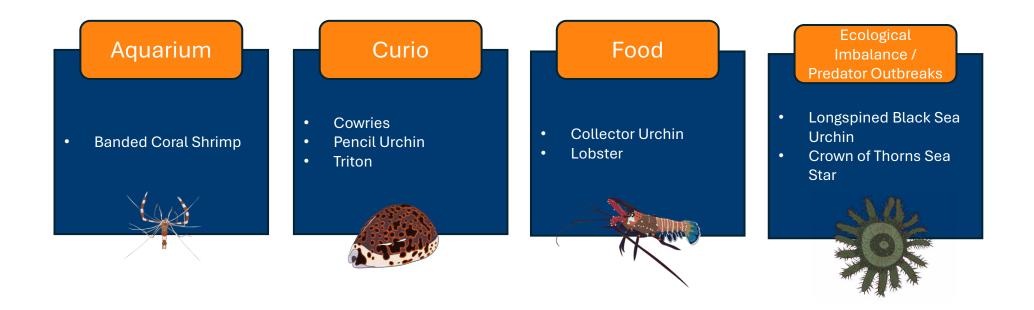


Invertebrates Survey



Divers count the indicator invertebrates along the four 20 m long x 5 m wide belts.

Reef Check indicator invertebrate species were chosen on the basis for:

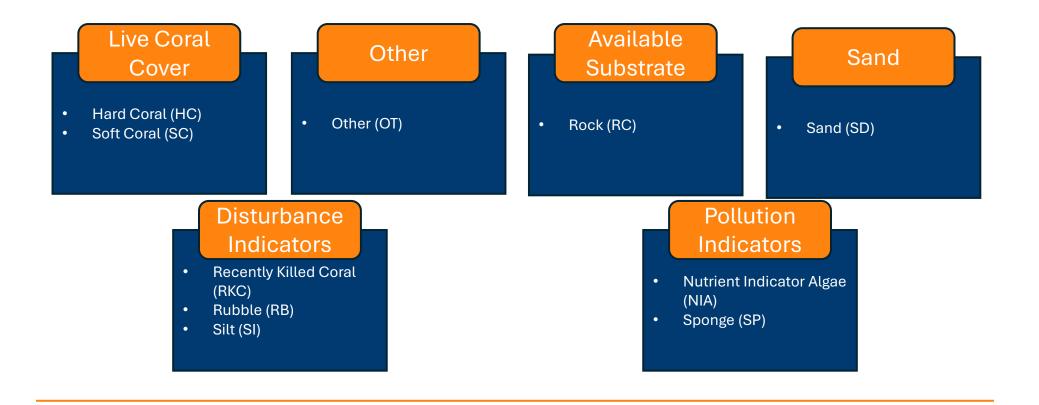


Substrate Survey



Using Point Intercept method, substrate is noted at every 0.5 m along the four 20 m lines.

The substrate types are divided into categories that reflect reef health:

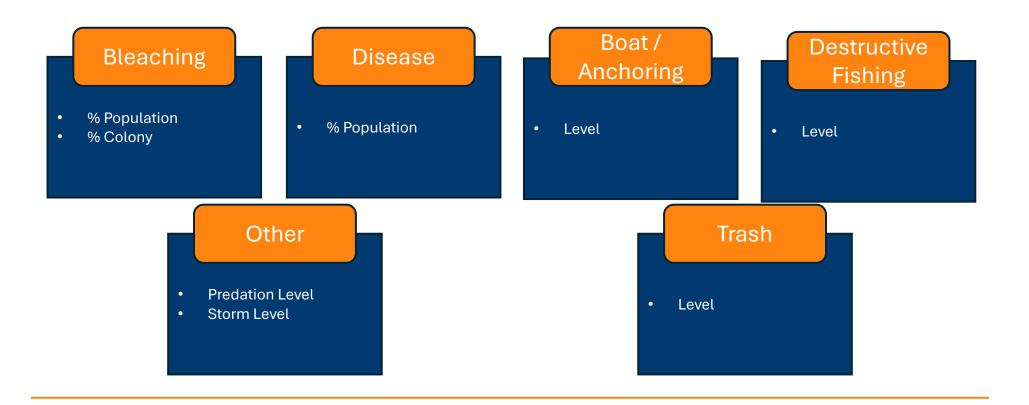


Impact Survey



Assess the damage to coral from bleaching, disease, boat/anchoring, destructive fishing, other (predation, storm) and trash along the four 20 m long x 5 m wide belts.

Impact levels are based on a 0-3 scale, from "0" no impacts observed to "3" high impact.





3. Survey Results

Survey Overview 2024

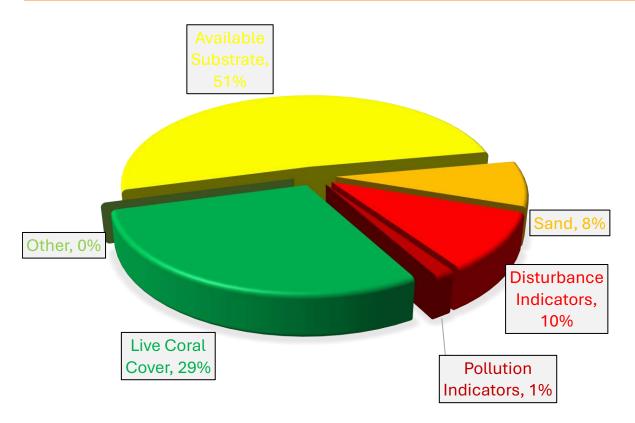


A total of 11 sites were surveyed in 2024, all on the island of Hawai'i. As far as possible, the same sites will be visited each year to provide consistent data over time, while new sites will be added in future years.



Percentage Substrate Coverage by Category 2024

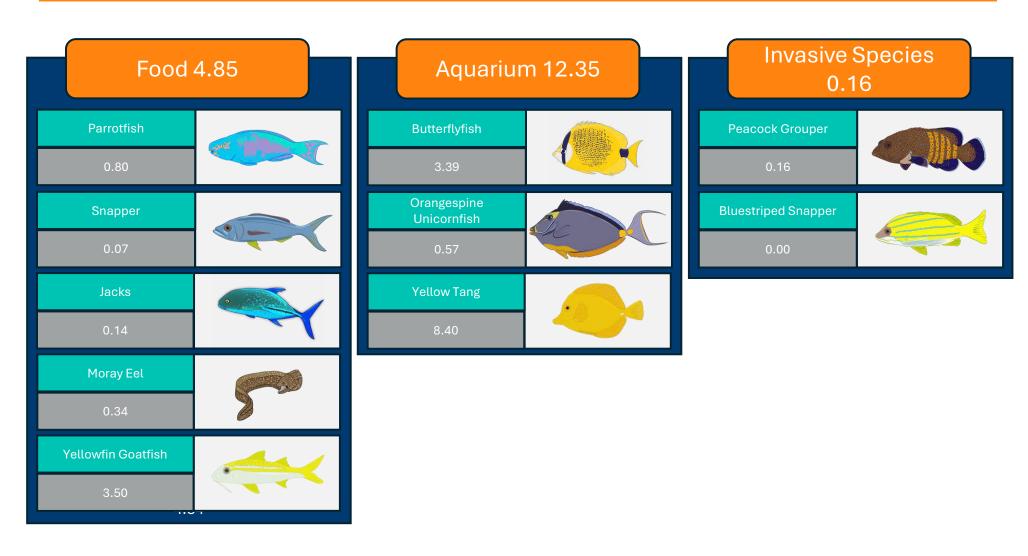




Live Coral Cover	
	20.06%
Hard Coral	28.86%
Soft Coral	0.00%
Other	
Other	0.00%
Available Substrate	
Rock	51.48%
Sand	
Sand	8.18%
Disturbance Indicators	
Recently Killed Coral	1.14%
Rubble	8.98%
Silt	0.17%
Pollution Indicators	
Nutrient Indicator Algae	0.28%
Sponge	0.91%

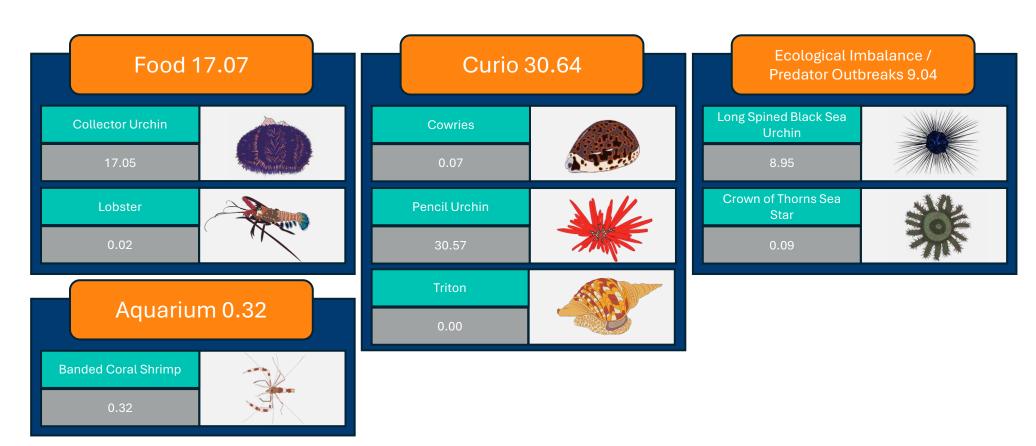
Fish Abundance per 500 m³





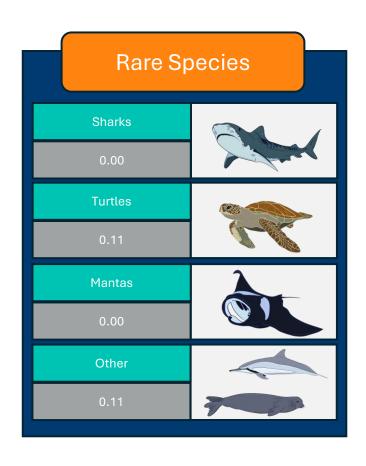
Invertebrate Abundance per 100 m²





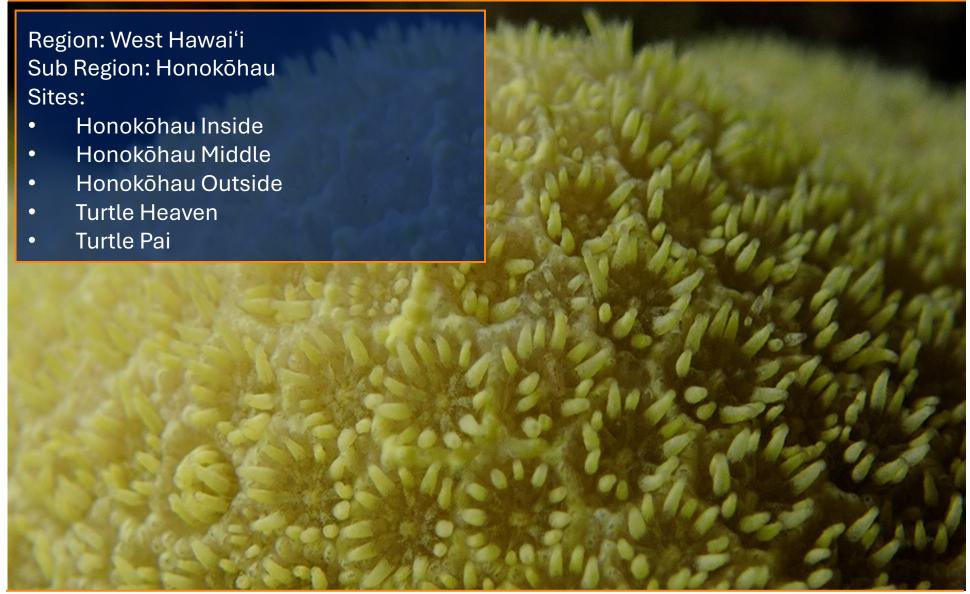
Megafauna / Rare Species per 500 m³





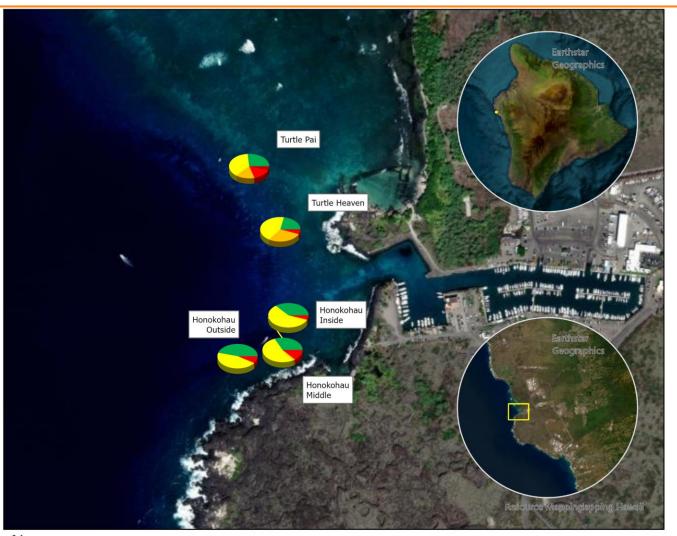
Island: Hawai'i





Year: 2024



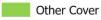


Legend

Substrate



Live Coral Cover



Available Substrate

Sand

Disturbance Indicators

Pollution Indicators

Reef Check substrate surveys are conducted using a Point Sampling method every 50 centimeters along 4 x 20 meter transects.



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Legend

Hard Coral Coverage

Hard Coral (HC)

- Excellent 75.01 100.00%
- Good 50.01% 75.00%
- Fair 25.01% 50.00%
- Poor ≤ 25%

Reef Check substrate surveys are conducted using a Point Sampling method every 50 centimeters along 4 x 20 meter transects.

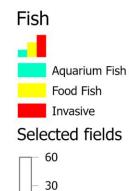


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Legend

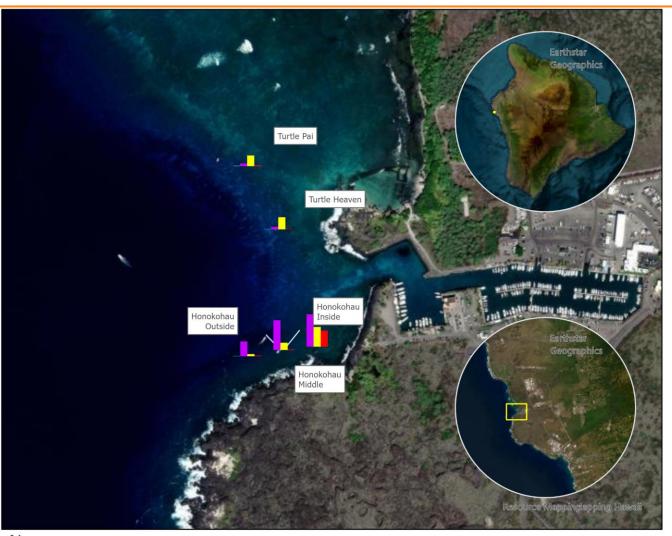


Reef Check fish surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide x 5 meter high corridors.



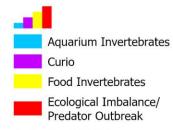
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Legend

Invertebrates



Selected fields



Reef Check invertebrate surveys are conducted along 4 \times 20 meter long \times 5 meter wide belts.



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Legend

Bleaching (% of population)*

- 75.01 100.00%
- 50.00 75.00%
- 25.01 50.00%
- 0.01 25.00%
- No Bleaching Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.



Year: 2024





Legend

Black Band Disease Black Band

No Black Band Disease Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.



Year: 2024





Legend

White Band Disease White Band

No White Band Disease Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.



Year: 2024





Legend

Coral Damage: Boat/Anchor

Coral damage: boat/anchor

- High 2.01 3.00
- Medium 1.01 2.00
- Low 0.01 1.00
- No Damage Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.



Year: 2024





Legend

Coral Damage: Dynamite Coral damage:

dynamite

No Damage Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.



Year: 2024





Legend

Coral Damage: Other

Coral damage: other

- High 2.01 3.00
- Medium 1.01 2.00
- Low 0.01 1.00
- No Damage Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.



Year: 2024





Legend

Trash: Fish Nets
Trash: fish nets
No Trash Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.



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Legend

Trash: General

Trash: general

• High 2.01 - 3.00

Medium 1.01 - 2.00

Low 0.01 - 1.00

No Trash Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.

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Island: Hawai'i



Region: West Hawaiʻi Sub Region: Honokōhau Sites:

- Honokōhau Inside
- Honokōhau Middle
- Honokōhau Outside
- Turtle Heaven
- Turtle Pai

Survey Date: 9/29/2024

Latitude: 19.66793

Longitude: -156.029

Depth (m): 3

Substrate		
Live Coral Cover	38.12%	
Hard Coral	38.12%	
Soft Coral	0.00%	
Other	0.00%	
Other	0.00%	
Available Substrate	56.87%	
Rock	56.87%	
Sand	0.63%	
Sand	0.63%	
Disturbance Indicators	4.38%	
Recently Killed Coral	0.00%	
Rubble	4.38%	
Silt	0.00%	
Pollution Indicators	0.00%	
Nutrient Indicator Algae	0.00%	
Sponge	0.00%	

Fish per 500m ³	
Aquarium Fish	6.50
Butterfly Fish	2.75
Orangespine Unicornfish	0.00
Yellow Tang	3.75
Food Fish	38.25
Jacks	0.00
Yellowfin Goatfish	37.50
Parrotfish	0.50
Snapper	0.00
Moray Eel	0.25
Invasive	0.00
Blueline Snapper	0.00
Peacock Grouper	0.00

Invertebrates per 100m	2	
Aquarium Invertebrates	0.00	
Banded Coral Shrimp	0.00	
Curio	88.00	
Cowries	0.00	
Pencil Urchin	88.00	
Triton	0.00	
Food Invertebrates	53.50	
Collector Urchin	53.50	
Lobster	0.00	
Ecological Imbalance / Predator		
Outbreak	43.50	
Long Spined Black Sea Urchin	43.50	
Crown of Thorns Sea Star	0.00	

Impacts	
Coral Bleaching % Population	0.00%
Coral Bleaching % Colony	0.00%
Black Band Disease % Population	0.00%
White Band Disease % Population	0.00%
Coral Damage: Boat / Anchor	0.00
Coral Damage: Dyanmite	0.00
Coral Damage: Other	0.00
Trash: Fish Nets	0.25
Trash: General	0.00

Megafauna / Rare Species per 500m ³	
Sharks	0.00
Turtles	0.00
Manta Rays	0.00
Other Megafauna	0.00

Island: Hawai'i



Region: West Hawaiʻi Sub Region: Honokōhau Sites:

- Honokōhau Inside
- Honokōhau Middle
- Honokōhau Outside
- Turtle Heaven
- Turtle Pai

Survey Date: 9/25/2024

Latitude: 19.66786

Longitude: -156.0291

Depth (m):

Substrate	Substrate	
Live Coral Cover	33.12%	
Hard Coral	33.12%	
Soft Coral	0.00%	
Other	0.00%	
Other	0.00%	
Available Substrate	52.50%	
Rock	52.50%	
Sand	1.88%	
Sand	1.88%	
Disturbance Indicators	11.87%	
Recently Killed Coral	0.00%	
Rubble	11.87%	
Silt	0.00%	
Pollution Indicators	0.63%	
Nutrient Indicator Algae	0.00%	
Sponge	0.63%	

Fish per 500m ³	
Aquarium Fish	24.00
Butterfly Fish	3.75
Orangespine Unicornfish	0.25
Yellow Tang	20.00
Food Fish	3.25
Jacks	0.25
Yellowfin Goatfish	1.00
Parrotfish	1.25
Snapper	0.25
Moray Eel	0.50
Invasive	0.00
Blueline Snapper	0.00
Peacock Grouper	0.00

Invertebrates per 100m ²		
Aquarium Invertebrates	0.00	
Banded Coral Shrimp	0.00	
Curio	81.00	
Cowries	0.25	
Pencil Urchin	80.75	
Triton	0.00	
Food Invertebrates	19.75	
Collector Urchin	19.75	
Lobster	0.00	
Ecological Imbalance / Predator		
Outbreak	1.75	
Long Spined Black Sea Urchin	1.75	
Crown of Thorns Sea Star	0.00	

Impacts	
Coral Bleaching % Population	0.00%
Coral Bleaching % Colony	0.00%
Black Band Disease % Population	0.00%
White Band Disease % Population	0.00%
Coral Damage: Boat / Anchor	0.00
Coral Damage: Dyanmite	0.00
Coral Damage: Other	0.00
Trash: Fish Nets	0.50
Trash: General	0.00

Megafauna / Rare Species per 500m ³	
Sharks	0.00
Turtles	0.00
Manta Rays	0.00
Other Megafauna	0.00



Region: West Hawaiʻi Sub Region: Honokōhau Sites:

- Honokōhau Inside
- Honokōhau Middle
- Honokōhau Outside
- Turtle Heaven
- Turtle Pai

Survey Date: 9/29/2024

Latitude: 19.66773

Longitude: -156.0295

Substrate	
Live Coral Cover	46.87%
Hard Coral	46.87%
Soft Coral	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Available Substrate	46.25%
Rock	46.25%
Sand	0.00%
Sand	0.00%
Disturbance Indicators	6.88%
Recently Killed Coral	0.63%
Rubble	6.25%
Silt	0.00%
Pollution Indicators	0.00%
Nutrient Indicator Algae	0.00%
Sponge	0.00%

Fish per 500m ³		
Aquarium Fish	39.25	
Butterfly Fish	5.75	
Orangespine Unicornfish	0.25	
Yellow Tang	33.25	
Food Fish	2.00	
Jacks	0.00	
Yellowfin Goatfish	0.00	
Parrotfish	1.75	
Snapper	0.00	
Moray Eel	0.25	
Invasive	0.25	
Blueline Snapper	0.00	
Peacock Grouper	0.25	

Invertebrates per 100m ²		
Aquarium Invertebrates	0.50	
Banded Coral Shrimp	0.50	
Curio	40.25	
Cowries	0.25	
Pencil Urchin	40.00	
Triton	0.00	
Food Invertebrates	5.50	
Collector Urchin	5.50	
Lobster	0.00	
Ecological Imbalance / Predator		
Outbreak	1.75	
Long Spined Black Sea Urchin	1.75	
Crown of Thorns Sea Star	0.00	

Impacts	
Coral Bleaching % Population	0.00%
Coral Bleaching % Colony	0.00%
Black Band Disease % Population	0.00%
White Band Disease % Population	0.00%
Coral Damage: Boat / Anchor	0.00
Coral Damage: Dyanmite	0.00
Coral Damage: Other	0.00
Trash: Fish Nets	0.25
Trash: General	0.00

Megafauna / Rare Species per 500m ³	
Sharks	0.00
Turtles	0.00
Manta Rays	0.00
Other Megafauna	0.00



Region: West Hawaiʻi Sub Region: Honokōhau Sites:

- Honokōhau Inside
- Honokōhau Middle
- Honokōhau Outside
- Turtle Heaven
- Turtle Pai

Survey Date: 9/30/2024

Latitude: 19.67038

Longitude: -156.0292

Substrate	
Live Coral Cover	21.25%
Hard Coral	21.25%
Soft Coral	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Available Substrate	42.50%
Rock	42.50%
Sand	31.88%
Sand	31.88%
Disturbance Indicators	3.75%
Recently Killed Coral	0.62%
Rubble	3.13%
Silt	0.00%
Pollution Indicators	0.62%
Nutrient Indicator Algae	0.62%
Sponge	0.00%

Fish per 500m ³	
Aquarium Fish	12.25
Butterfly Fish	2.75
Orangespine Unicornfish	1.00
Yellow Tang	8.50
Food Fish	2.00
Jacks	0.00
Yellowfin Goatfish	0.00
Parrotfish	1.00
Snapper	0.25
Moray Eel	0.75
Invasive	0.25
Blueline Snapper	0.00
Peacock Grouper	0.25

Invertebrates per 100m ²		
Aquarium Invertebrates	0.75	
Banded Coral Shrimp	0.75	
Curio	6.50	
Cowries	0.00	
Pencil Urchin	6.50	
Triton	0.00	
Food Invertebrates	33.00	
Collector Urchin	33.00	
Lobster	0.00	
Ecological Imbalance / Predator		
Outbreak	1.25	
Long Spined Black Sea Urchin	1.25	
Crown of Thorns Sea Star	0.00	

Impacts	
Coral Bleaching % Population	0.00%
Coral Bleaching % Colony	0.00%
Black Band Disease % Population	0.00%
White Band Disease % Population	0.00%
Coral Damage: Boat / Anchor	0.00
Coral Damage: Dyanmite	0.00
Coral Damage: Other	0.00
Trash: Fish Nets	0.75
Trash: General	0.00

Megafauna / Rare Species per 500m ³	
Sharks	0.00
Turtles	1.00
Manta Rays	0.00
Other Megafauna	1.00



Region: West Hawaiʻi Sub Region: Honokōhau Sites:

- Honokōhau Inside
- Honokōhau Middle
- Honokōhau Outside
- Turtle Heaven
- Turtle Pai

Survey Date: 10/2/2024

Latitude: 19.6717

Longitude: -156.0299

Substrate	
Live Coral Cover	27.50%
Hard Coral	27.50%
Soft Coral	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Available Substrate	36.25%
Rock	36.25%
Sand	19.37%
Sand	19.37%
Disturbance Indicators	15.63%
Recently Killed Coral	3.13%
Rubble	12.50%
Silt	0.00%
Pollution Indicators	1.25%
Nutrient Indicator Algae	1.25%
Sponge	0.00%

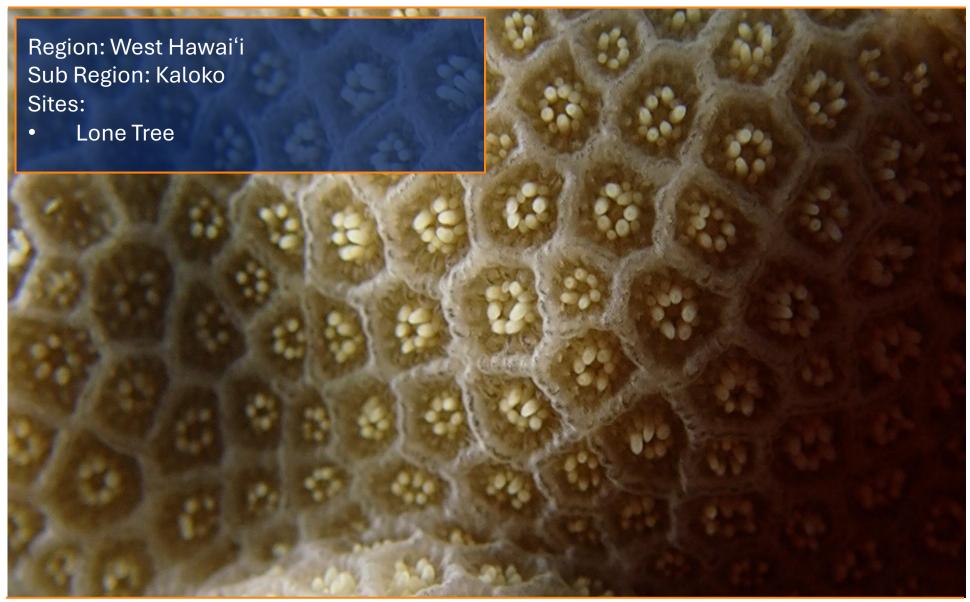
Fish per 500m ³	
Aquarium Fish	3.25
Butterfly Fish	2.00
Orangespine Unicornfish	0.25
Yellow Tang	1.00
Food Fish	2.25
Jacks	0.00
Yellowfin Goatfish	0.00
Parrotfish	1.75
Snapper	0.00
Moray Eel	0.50
Invasive	0.25
Blueline Snapper	0.00
Peacock Grouper	0.25

Invertebrates per 100m	2	
Aquarium Invertebrates	1.25	
Banded Coral Shrimp	1.25	
Curio	7.25	
Cowries	0.25	
Pencil Urchin	7.00	
Triton	0.00	
Food Invertebrates	29.00	
Collector Urchin	29.00	
Lobster	0.00	
Ecological Imbalance / Predator		
Dutbreak	2.00	
Long Spined Black Sea Urchin	1.75	
Crown of Thorns Sea Star	0.25	

Impacts	
Coral Bleaching % Population	0.00%
Coral Bleaching % Colony	0.00%
Black Band Disease % Population	0.00%
White Band Disease % Population	0.00%
Coral Damage: Boat / Anchor	0.00
Coral Damage: Dyanmite	0.00
Coral Damage: Other	0.00
Trash: Fish Nets	0.50
Trash: General	0.00

Megafauna / Rare Species per 500m ³	
Sharks	0.00
Turtles	0.00
Manta Rays	0.00
Other Megafauna	0.00





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Legend

Substrate



Live Coral Cover
Other Cover

Other Cover

Available Substrate

Sand

Disturbance Indicators

Pollution Indicators

Reef Check substrate surveys are conducted using a Point Sampling method every 50 centimeters along 4 x 20 meter transects.



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Legend

Hard Coral (HC)

- Excellent 75.01 100.00%
- Good 50.01% 75.00%
- Fair 25.01% 50.00%
- Poor ≤ 25%

Reef Check substrate surveys are conducted using a Point Sampling method every 50 centimeters along 4 x 20 meter transects.

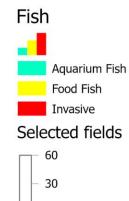


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Legend



Reef Check fish surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide x 5 meter high corridors.

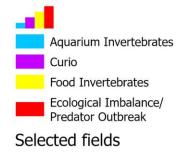
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Legend





Reef Check invertebrate surveys are conducted along 4 \times 20 meter long \times 5 meter wide belts.



Year: 2024





Legend

Bleaching (% of population)*

- 75.01 100.00%
- 50.00 75.00%
- 25.01 50.00%
- 0.01 25.00%
- No Bleaching Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.

N

Year: 2024





Legend

Black Band

No Black Band Disease Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.

N

Year: 2024





Legend

White Band Disease White Band

No White Band Disease Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.

N

Year: 2024





Legend

Coral Damage: Boat/Anchor

Coral damage: boat/

anchor

- High 2.01 3.00
- Medium 1.01 2.00
- Low 0.01 1.00
- No Damage Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.

N

Year: 2024





Legend

Coral Damage: Dynamite Coral damage:

dynamite

No Damage Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.

N

Year: 2024





Legend

Coral Damage: Other

Coral damage: other

- High 2.01 3.00
- Medium 1.01 2.00
- Low 0.01 1.00
- No Damage Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.

N

Year: 2024





Legend

Trash: Fish Nets
Trash: fish nets
No Trash Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.



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Legend

Trash: General

Trash: general

• High 2.01 - 3.00

Medium 1.01 - 2.00

Low 0.01 - 1.00

No Trash Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.





Region: West Hawaiʻi Sub Region: Kaloko

Sites:

Lone Tree

Survey Date: 9/27/2024

Latitude: 19.69113

Longitude: -156.0408

Substrate	
Live Coral Cover	11.88%
Hard Coral	11.88%
Soft Coral	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Available Substrate	59.37%
Rock	59.37%
Sand	6.25%
Sand	6.25%
Disturbance Indicators	20.62%
Recently Killed Coral	0.00%
Rubble	20.62%
Silt	0.00%
Pollution Indicators	1.88%
Nutrient Indicator Algae	0.00%
Sponge	1.88%

Fish per 500m ³	
Aquarium Fish	6.25
Butterfly Fish	3.50
Orangespine Unicornfish	0.75
Yellow Tang	2.00
Food Fish	1.50
Jacks	0.25
Yellowfin Goatfish	0.00
Parrotfish	0.75
Snapper	0.00
Moray Eel	0.50
Invasive	0.25
Blueline Snapper	0.00
Peacock Grouper	0.25

Invertebrates per 100m ²	
Aquarium Invertebrates	1.00
Banded Coral Shrimp	1.00
Curio	0.25
Cowries	0.00
Pencil Urchin	0.25
Triton	0.00
Food Invertebrates	1.50
Collector Urchin	1.50
Lobster	0.00
Ecological Imbalance / Predator	
Outbreak	14.50
Long Spined Black Sea Urchin	14.50
Crown of Thorns Sea Star	0.00

Impacts	
Coral Bleaching % Population	0.00%
Coral Bleaching % Colony	0.00%
Black Band Disease % Population	0.00%
White Band Disease % Population	0.00%
Coral Damage: Boat / Anchor	0.00
Coral Damage: Dyanmite	0.00
Coral Damage: Other	0.00
Trash: Fish Nets	0.50
Trash: General	0.00

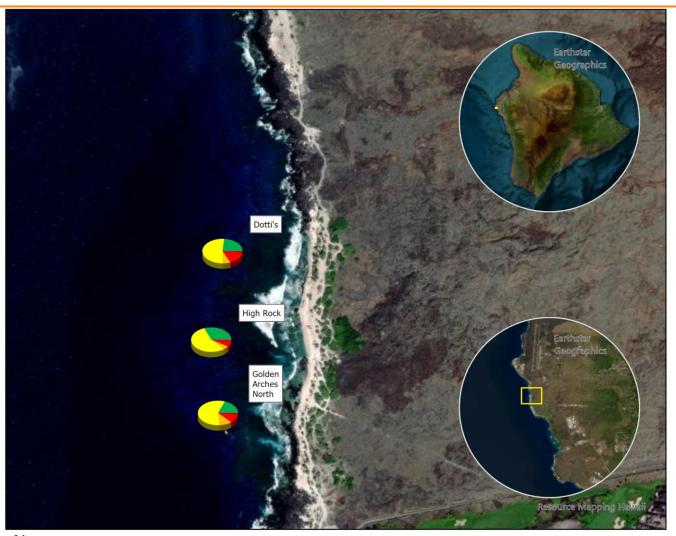
Megafauna / Rare Species per 500m³	
Sharks	0.00
Turtles	0.00
Manta Rays	0.00
Other Megafauna	0.00





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Legend

Substrate



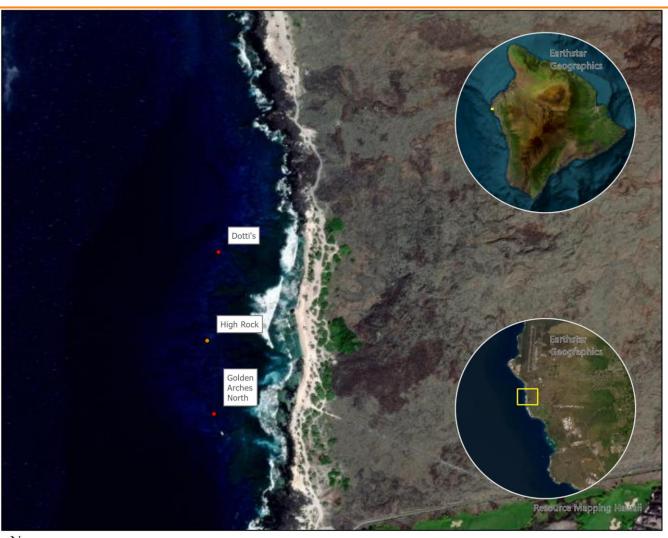
Pollution Indicators

Reef Check substrate surveys are conducted using a Point Sampling method every 50 centimeters along 4 x 20 meter transects.



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Legend

Hard Coral (HC)

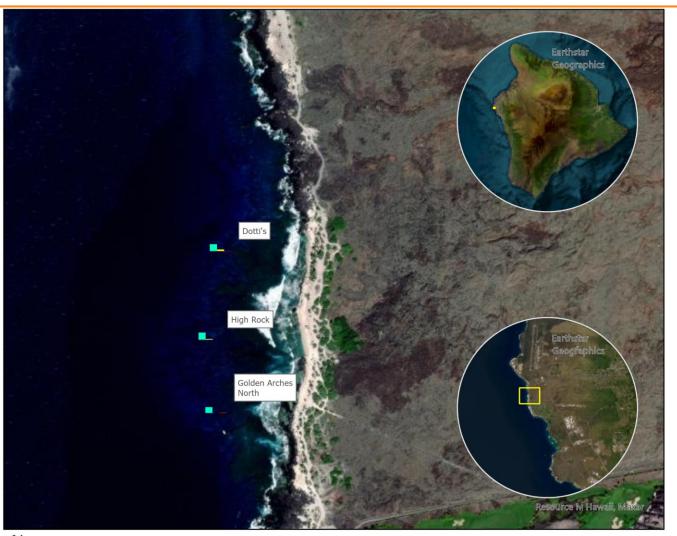
- Excellent 75.01 100.00%
- Good 50.01% 75.00%
- Fair 25.01% 50.00%
- Poor ≤ 25%

Reef Check substrate surveys are conducted using a Point Sampling method every 50 centimeters along 4 x 20 meter transects.

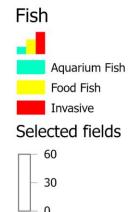


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Legend

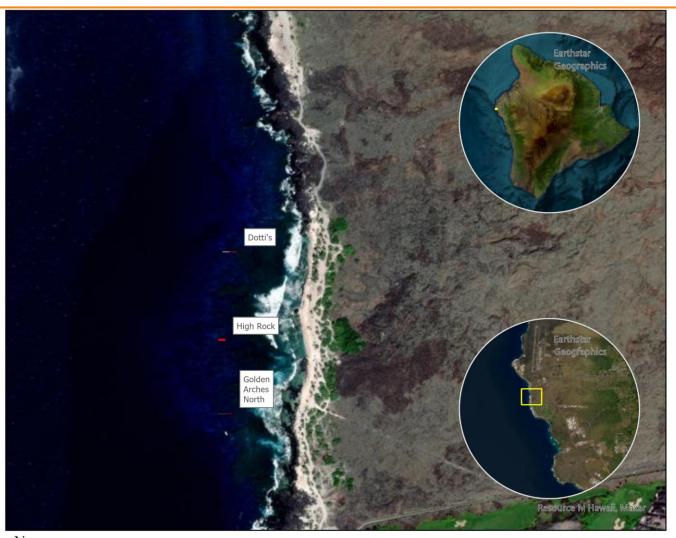


Reef Check fish surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide x 5 meter high corridors.

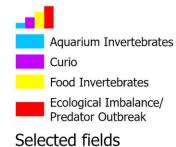


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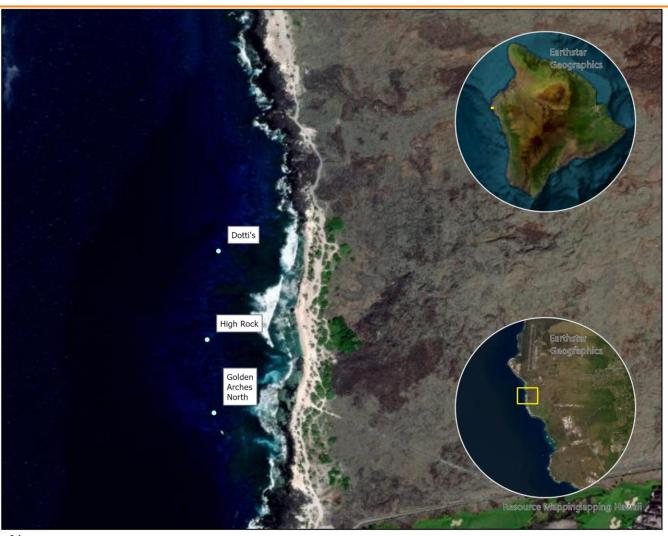


Reef Check invertebrate surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.



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Legend

Bleaching (% of population)*

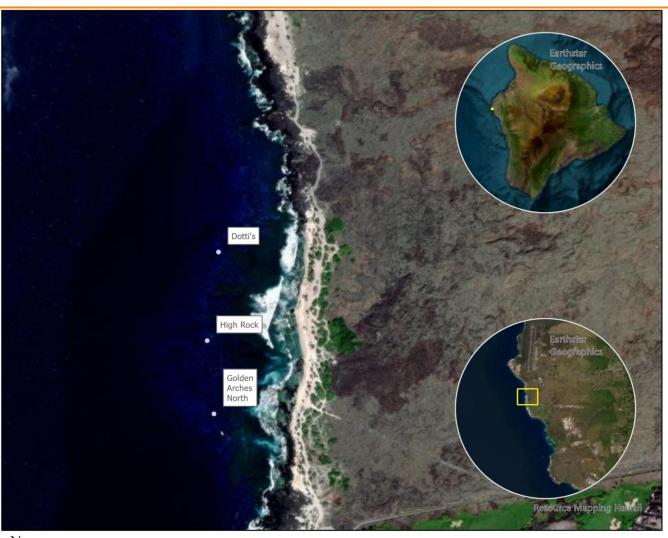
- 75.01 100.00%
- 50.00 75.00%
- 25.01 50.00%
- 0.01 25.00%
- No Bleaching Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.

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Year: 2024





Legend

Black Band

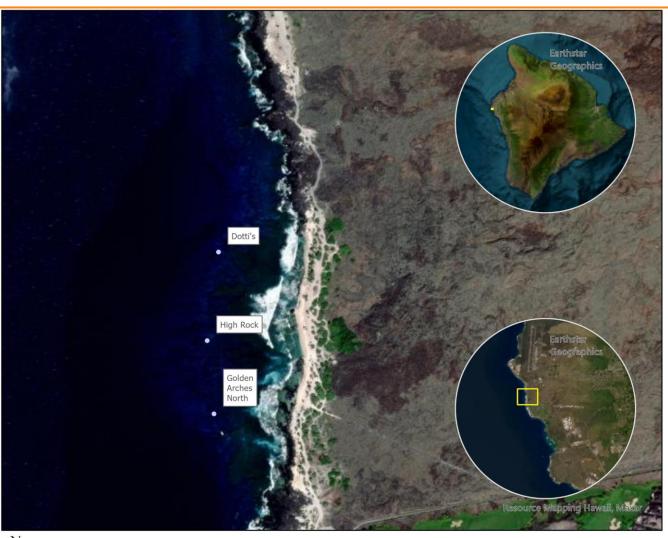
No Black Band Disease Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.

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Legend

White Band Disease White Band

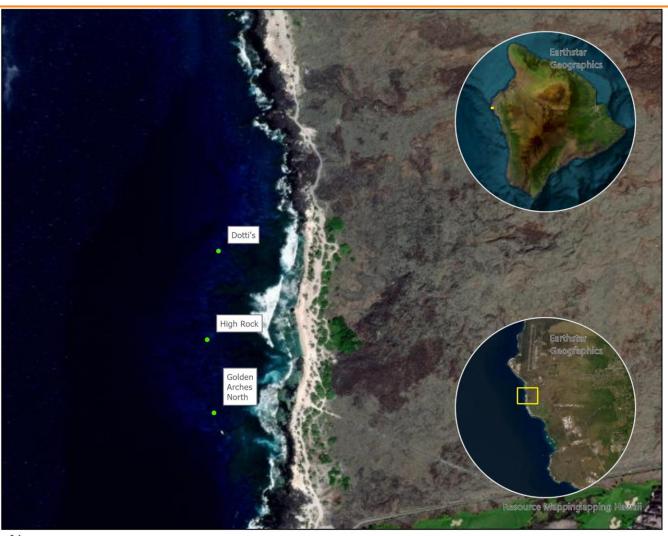
No White Band Disease Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.



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Legend

Coral Damage: Boat/Anchor

Coral damage: boat/

anchor

• High 2.01 - 3.00

Medium 1.01 - 2.00

• Low 0.01 - 1.00

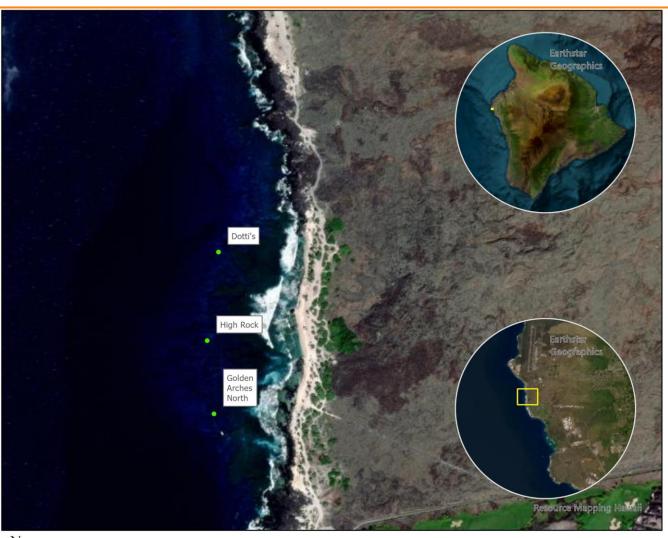
No Damage Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.

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Legend

Coral Damage: Dynamite Coral damage: dynamite

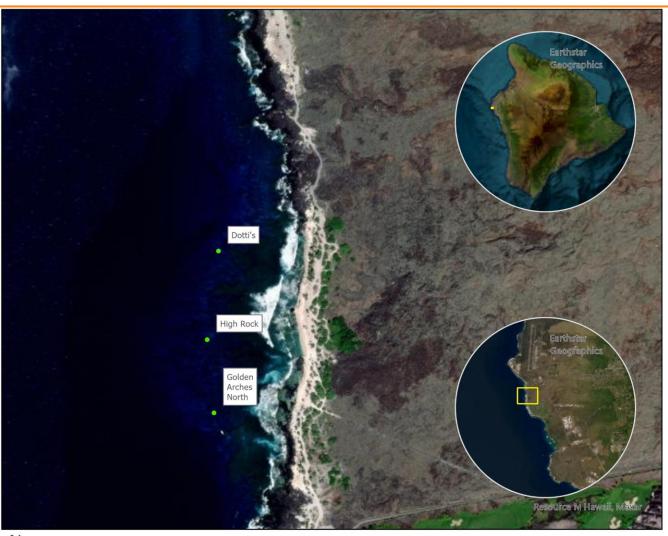
No Damage Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.

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Legend

Coral Damage: Other

Coral damage: other

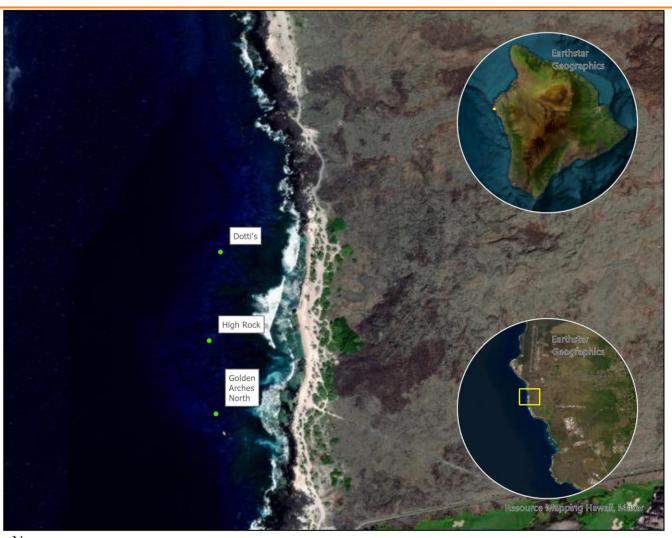
- High 2.01 3.00
- Medium 1.01 2.00
- Low 0.01 1.00
- No Damage Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.



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Legend

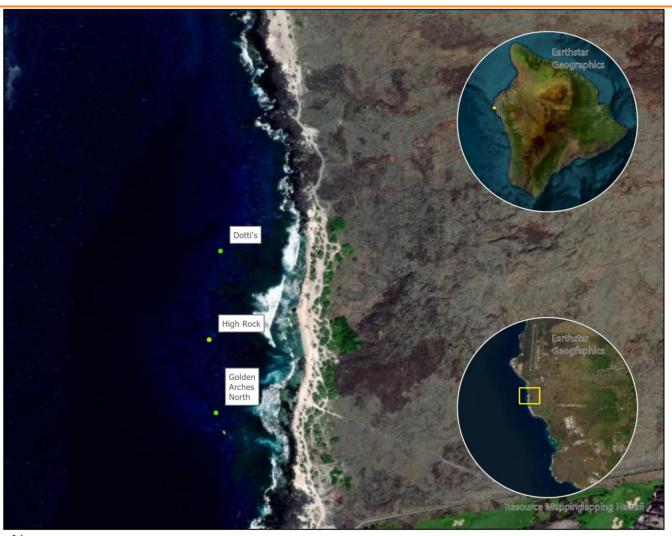
Trash: Fish Nets
Trash: fish nets
No Trash Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.



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Legend

Trash: General

Trash: general

• High 2.01 - 3.00

Medium 1.01 - 2.00

Low 0.01 - 1.00

No Trash Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.





Region: West Hawai'i Sub Region: Pine Trees Sites:

Dotti's

High Rock

Golden Arches North

Survey Date: 9/30/2024

Latitude: 19.70676

Longitude: -156.05

Substrate	
Live Coral Cover	22.50%
Hard Coral	22.50%
Soft Coral	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Available Substrate	50.63%
Rock	50.63%
Sand	7.50%
Sand	7.50%
Disturbance Indicators	14.38%
Recently Killed Coral	0.63%
Rubble	13.75%
Silt	0.00%
Pollution Indicators	5.00%
Nutrient Indicator Algae	1.25%
Sponge	3.75%

Fish per 500m ³	
Aquarium Fish	7.25
Butterfly Fish	1.50
Orangespine Unicornfish	1.50
Yellow Tang	4.25
Food Fish	1.75
Jacks	1.00
Yellowfin Goatfish	0.00
Parrotfish	0.50
Snapper	0.00
Moray Eel	0.25
Invasive	0.25
Blueline Snapper	0.00
Peacock Grouper	0.25

Invertebrates per 100m ²	
Aquarium Invertebrates	0.00
Banded Coral Shrimp	0.00
Curio	0.00
Cowries	0.00
Pencil Urchin	0.00
Triton	0.00
Food Invertebrates	1.50
Collector Urchin	1.25
Lobster	0.25
Ecological Imbalance / Predator	
Outbreak	1.25
Long Spined Black Sea Urchin	0.75
Crown of Thorns Sea Star	0.50

Impacts	
Coral Bleaching % Population	0.00%
Coral Bleaching % Colony	0.00%
Black Band Disease % Population	0.00%
White Band Disease % Population	0.00%
Coral Damage: Boat / Anchor	0.00
Coral Damage: Dyanmite	0.00
Coral Damage: Other	0.00
Trash: Fish Nets	0.25
Trash: General	0.00

Megafauna / Rare Species per 500m ³	
Sharks	0.00
Turtles	0.25
Manta Rays	0.00
Other Megafauna	0.25



Region: West Hawai'i Sub Region: Pine Trees Sites:

Dotti's

High Rock

Golden Arches North

Survey Date: 9/27/2024

Latitude: 19.70491

Longitude: -156.0503

Substrate	
Live Coral Cover	32.50%
Hard Coral	32.50%
Soft Coral	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Available Substrate	56.25%
Rock	56.25%
Sand	4.37%
Sand	4.37%
Disturbance Indicators	6.25%
Recently Killed Coral	1.25%
Rubble	5.00%
Silt	0.00%
Pollution Indicators	0.63%
Nutrient Indicator Algae	0.00%
Sponge	0.63%

Fish per 500m ³	
Aquarium Fish	7.50
Butterfly Fish	0.50
Orangespine Unicornfish	0.75
Yellow Tang	6.25
Food Fish	0.75
Jacks	0.00
Yellowfin Goatfish	0.00
Parrotfish	0.50
Snapper	0.00
Moray Eel	0.25
Invasive	0.00
Blueline Snapper	0.00
Peacock Grouper	0.00

Invertebrates per 100m ²	
Aquarium Invertebrates	0.00
Banded Coral Shrimp	0.00
Curio	0.00
Cowries	0.00
Pencil Urchin	0.00
Triton	0.00
Food Invertebrates	0.00
Collector Urchin	0.00
Lobster	0.00
Ecological Imbalance / Predator	
Outbreak	4.75
Long Spined Black Sea Urchin	4.50
Crown of Thorns Sea Star	0.25

Impacts	
Coral Bleaching % Population	0.00%
Coral Bleaching % Colony	0.00%
Black Band Disease % Population	0.00%
White Band Disease % Population	0.00%
Coral Damage: Boat / Anchor	0.00
Coral Damage: Dyanmite	0.00
Coral Damage: Other	0.00
Trash: Fish Nets	0.25
Trash: General	0.25

Megafauna / Rare Species per 500m ³	
Sharks	0.00
Turtles	0.00
Manta Rays	0.00
Other Megafauna	0.00



Region: West Hawai'i Sub Region: Pine Trees Sites:

Dotti's

High Rock

Golden Arches North

Survey Date: 10/2/2024

Latitude: 19.70338

Longitude: -156.0501

Substrate	
Live Coral Cover	17.50%
Hard Coral	17.50%
Soft Coral	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Available Substrate	58.12%
Rock	58.12%
Sand	11.88%
Sand	11.88%
Disturbance Indicators	9.38%
Recently Killed Coral	1.88%
Rubble	7.50%
Silt	0.00%
Pollution Indicators	3.12%
Nutrient Indicator Algae	0.00%
Sponge	3.12%

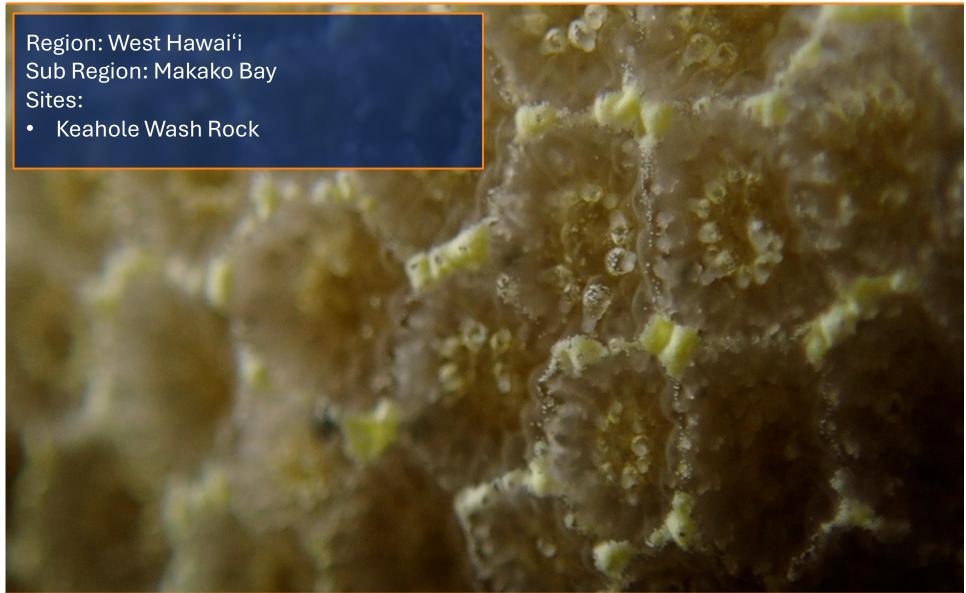
Fish per 500m ³	
Aquarium Fish	6.11
Butterfly Fish	5.75
Orangespine Unicornfish	0.25
Yellow Tang	0.11
Food Fish	0.03
Jacks	0.00
Yellowfin Goatfish	0.00
Parrotfish	0.02
Snapper	0.00
Moray Eel	0.01
Invasive	0.50
Blueline Snapper	0.00
Peacock Grouper	0.50

Invertebrates per 100m ²		
Aquarium Invertebrates	0.00	
Banded Coral Shrimp	0.00	
Curio	0.00	
Cowries	0.00	
Pencil Urchin	0.00	
Triton	0.00	
Food Invertebrates	0.50	
Collector Urchin	0.50	
Lobster	0.00	
Ecological Imbalance / Predator		
Outbreak	1.00	
Long Spined Black Sea Urchin	1.00	
Crown of Thorns Sea Star	0.00	
Crown of Thorns Sea Star	0.00	

Impacts	
Coral Bleaching % Population	0.00%
Coral Bleaching % Colony	0.00%
Black Band Disease % Population	0.00%
White Band Disease % Population	0.00%
Coral Damage: Boat / Anchor	0.00
Coral Damage: Dyanmite	0.00
Coral Damage: Other	0.00
Trash: Fish Nets	0.01
Trash: General	0.00

Megafauna / Rare Species per 500m ³	
Sharks	0.00
Turtles	0.00
Manta Rays	0.00
Other Megafauna	0.00

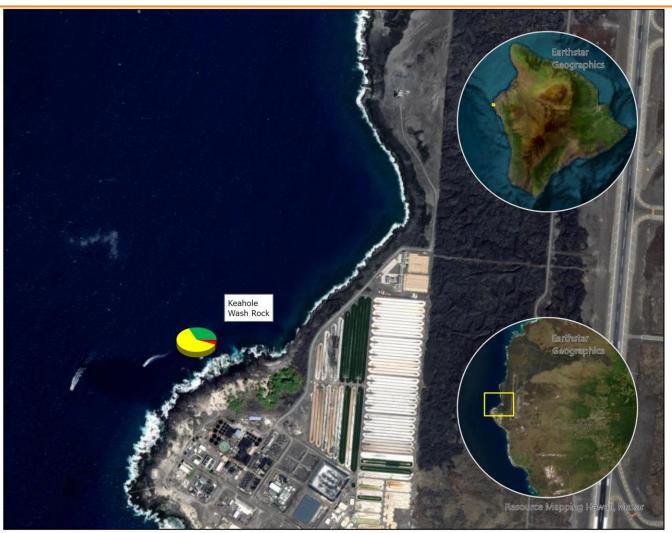




Makako Bay

Year: 2024





Legend

Substrate



Reef Check substrate surveys are conducted using a Point Sampling method every 50 centimeters along 4 x 20 meter transects.



Makako Bay

Year: 2024





Legend

Hard Coral (HC)

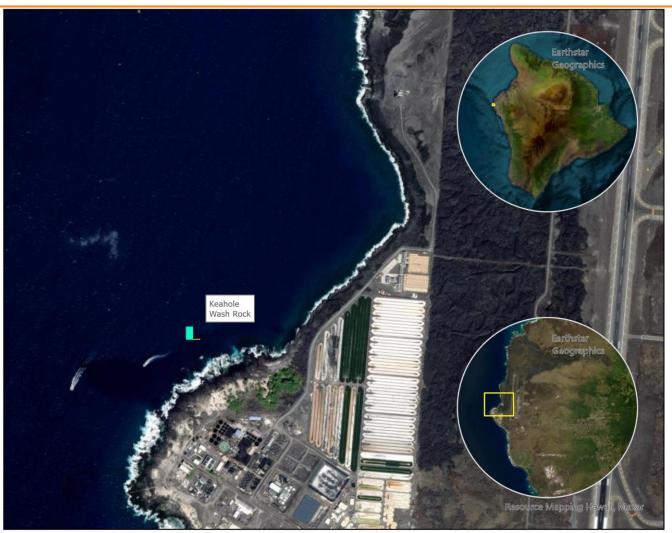
- Excellent 75.01 100.00%
- Good 50.01% 75.00%
- Fair 25.01% 50.00%
- Poor ≤ 25%

Reef Check substrate surveys are conducted using a Point Sampling method every 50 centimeters along 4 x 20 meter transects.

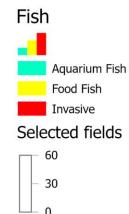


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Legend



Reef Check fish surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide x 5 meter high corridors.

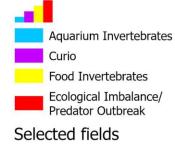


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Legend



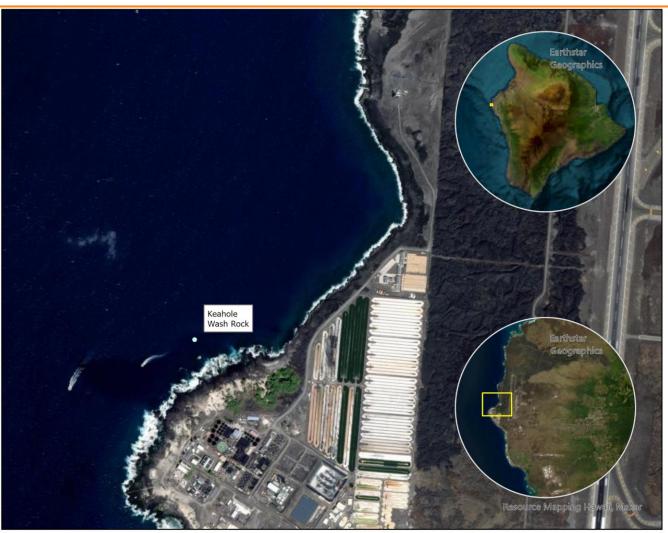


Reef Check invertebrate surveys are conducted along 4 \times 20 meter long \times 5 meter wide belts.



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Legend

Bleaching (% of population)*

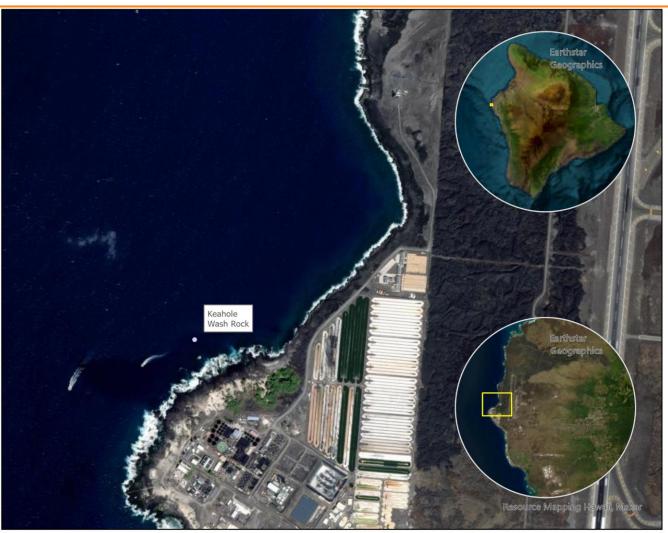
- 75.01 100.00%
- 50.00 75.00%
- 25.01 50.00%
- 0.01 25.00%
- No Bleaching Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.



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Legend

Black Band

No Black Band Disease Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.

N

Year: 2024





Legend

White Band Disease White Band

No White Band Disease Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.

N

Year: 2024





Legend

Coral Damage: Boat/Anchor

Coral damage: boat/anchor

• High 2.01 - 3.00

Medium 1.01 - 2.00

Low 0.01 - 1.00

No Damage Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.

N

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Legend

Coral Damage: Dynamite Coral damage: dynamite

No Damage Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.

N

Year: 2024





Legend

Coral Damage: Other

Coral damage: other

- High 2.01 3.00
- Medium 1.01 2.00
- Low 0.01 1.00
- No Damage Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4×20 meter long $\times 5$ meter wide belts.

N

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Legend

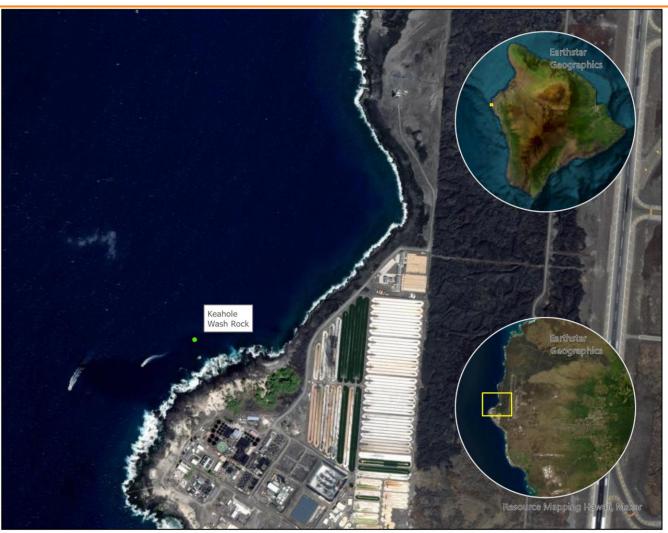
Trash: Fish Nets
Trash: fish nets
No Trash Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.



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Legend

Trash: General

Trash: general

• High 2.01 - 3.00

Medium 1.01 - 2.00

Low 0.01 - 1.00

No Trash Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.



Island: Hawai'i



Region: West Hawai'i Sub Region: Makako Bay Sites:

Keahole Wash Rock

Survey Date: 9/26/2024

Latitude: 19.73223

Longitude: -156.0596

Depth (m): 10

Substrate	
Live Coral Cover	33.75%
Hard Coral	33.75%
Soft Coral	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Other	0.00%
Available Substrate	63.12%
Rock	63.12%
Sand	0.00%
Sand	0.00%
Disturbance Indicators	3.13%
Recently Killed Coral	1.88%
Rubble	1.25%
Silt	0.00%
Pollution Indicators	0.00%
Nutrient Indicator Algae	0.00%
Sponge	0.00%

Fish per 500m ³	
Aquarium Fish	13.75
Butterfly Fish	4.75
Orangespine Unicornfish	0.25
Yellow Tang	8.75
Food Fish	0.75
Jacks	0.00
Yellowfin Goatfish	0.00
Parrotfish	0.75
Snapper	0.00
Moray Eel	0.00
Invasive	0.00
Blueline Snapper	0.00
Peacock Grouper	0.00

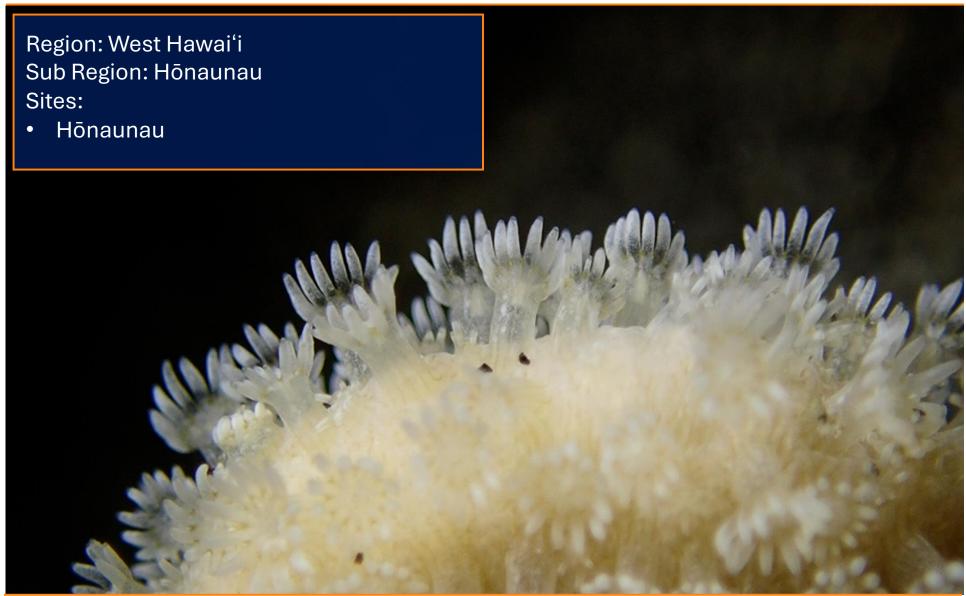
Invertebrates per 100m ²		
Aquarium Invertebrates	0.00	
Banded Coral Shrimp	0.00	
Curio	0.00	
Cowries	0.00	
Pencil Urchin	0.00	
Triton	0.00	
Food Invertebrates	1.50	
Collector Urchin	1.50	
Lobster	0.00	
Ecological Imbalance / Predator		
Outbreak	8.75	
Long Spined Black Sea Urchin	8.75	
Crown of Thorns Sea Star	0.00	

Impacts	
Coral Bleaching % Population	0.00%
Coral Bleaching % Colony	0.00%
Black Band Disease % Population	0.00%
White Band Disease % Population	0.00%
Coral Damage: Boat / Anchor	0.00
Coral Damage: Dyanmite	0.00
Coral Damage: Other	0.00
Trash: Fish Nets	0.00
Trash: General	0.00

Megafauna / Rare Species per 500m ³	
Sharks	0.00
Turtles	0.00
Manta Rays	0.00
Other Megafauna	0.00

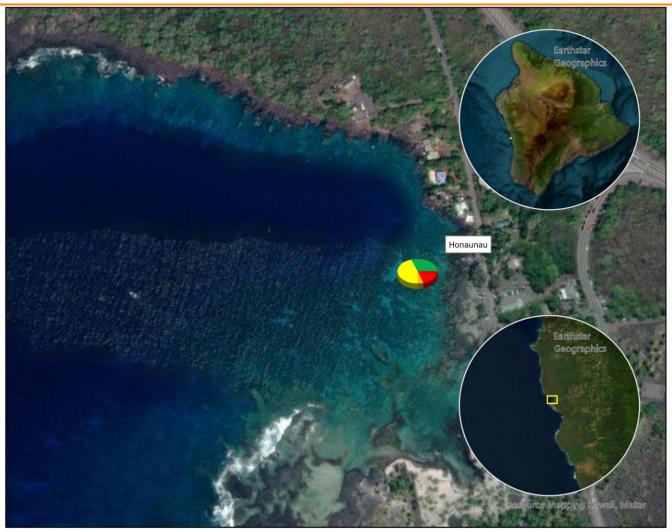
Island: Hawai'i





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Legend

Substrate

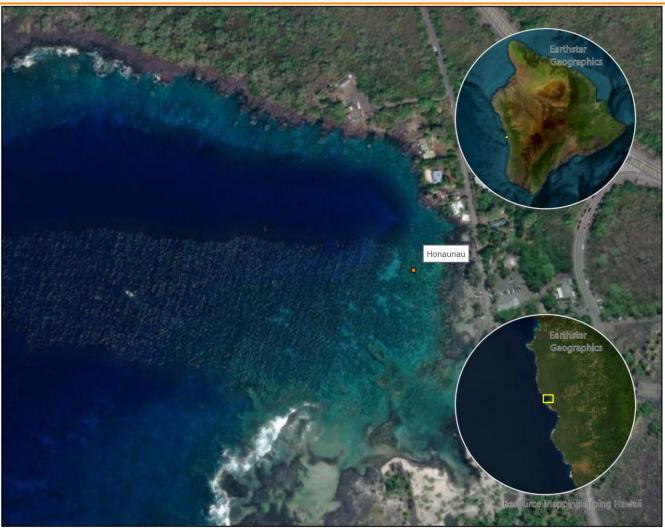


Reef Check substrate surveys are conducted using a Point Sampling method every 50 centimeters along 4 x 20 meter transects.



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Legend

Hard Coral (HC)

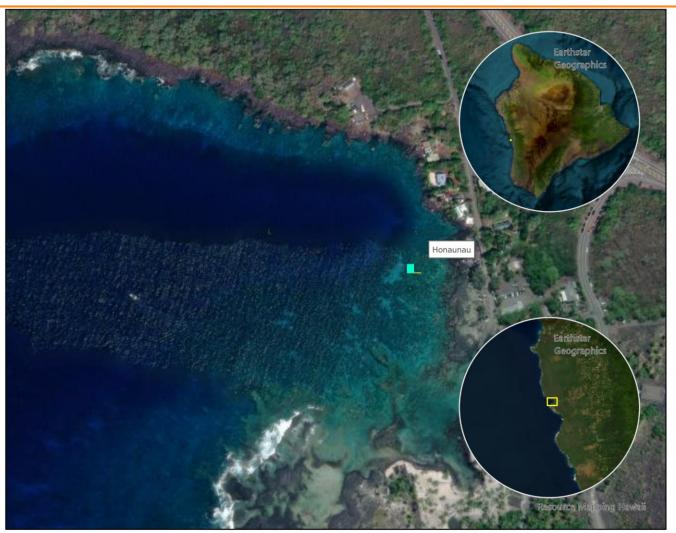
- Excellent 75.01 100.00%
- Good 50.01% 75.00%
- Fair 25.01% 50.00%
- Poor ≤ 25%

Reef Check substrate surveys are conducted using a Point Sampling method every 50 centimeters along 4 x 20 meter transects.

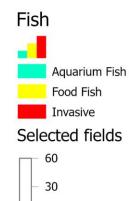


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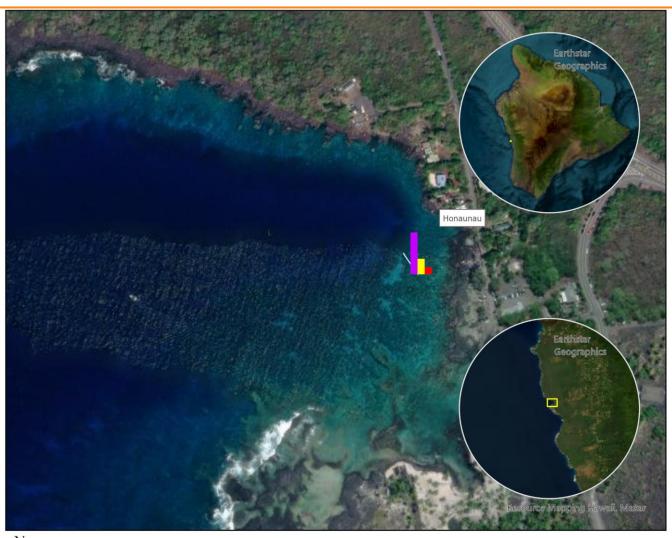


Reef Check fish surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide x 5 meter high corridors.

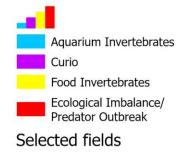


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Legend



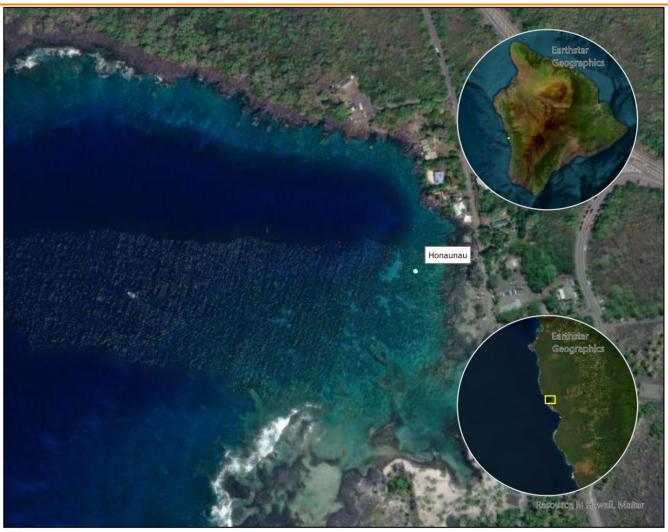


Reef Check invertebrate surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.



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Legend

Bleaching (% of population)*

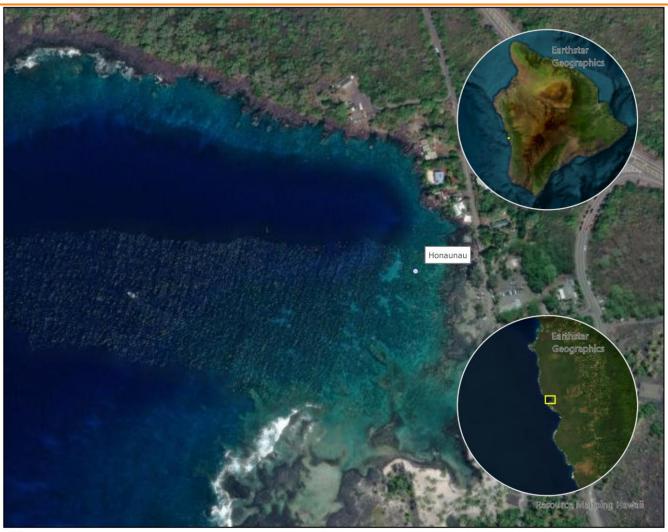
- 75.01 100.00%
- 50.00 75.00%
- 25.01 50.00%
- 0.01 25.00%
- No Bleaching Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.

N

Year: 2024





Legend

Black Band

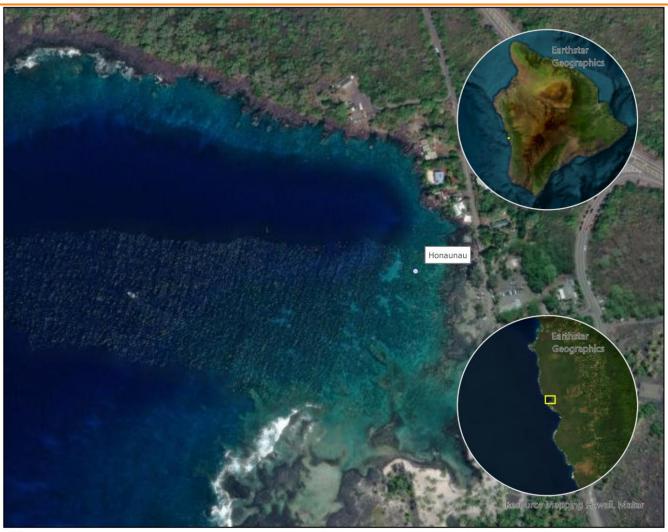
No Black Band Disease Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.



Year: 2024





Legend

White Band Disease White Band

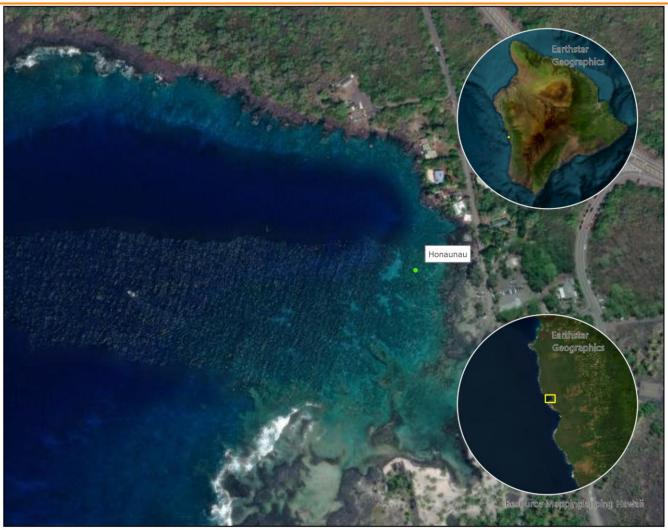
No White Band Disease Observed

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Year: 2024





Legend

Coral Damage: Boat/Anchor

Coral damage: boat/anchor

• High 2.01 - 3.00

Medium 1.01 - 2.00

Low 0.01 - 1.00

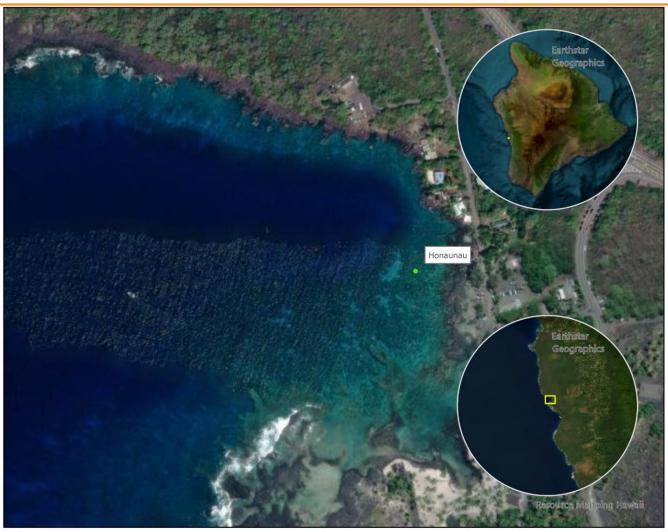
No Damage Observed

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Legend

Coral Damage: Dynamite Coral damage: dynamite

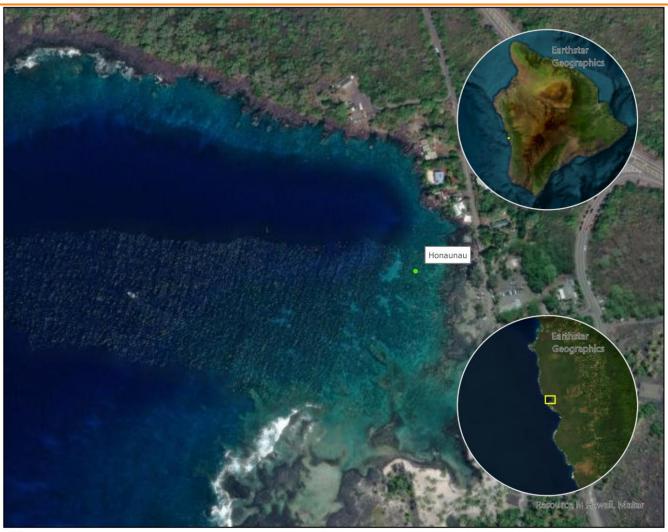
No Damage Observed

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Legend

Coral Damage: Other

Coral damage: other

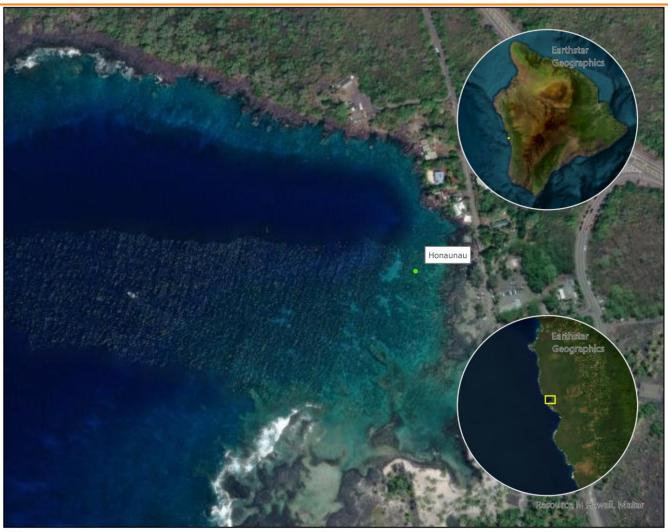
- High 2.01 3.00
- Medium 1.01 2.00
- Low 0.01 1.00
- No Damage Observed

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Year: 2024





Legend

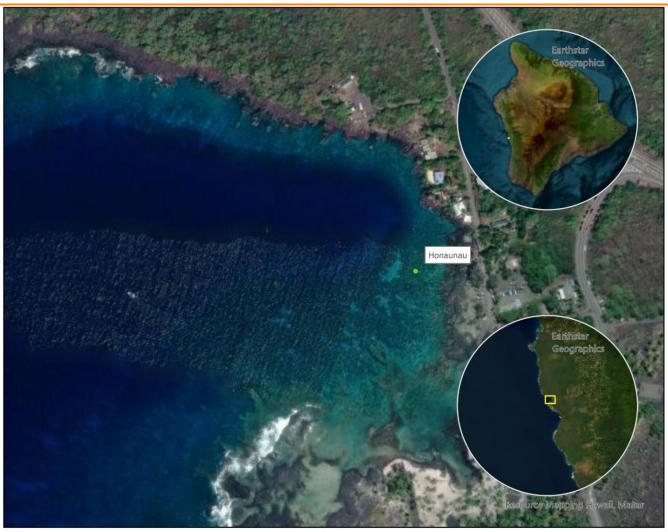
Trash: Fish Nets
Trash: fish nets
No Trash Observed

Reef Check impact surveys are conducted along 4 x 20 meter long x 5 meter wide belts.



Year: 2024





Legend

Trash: General

Trash: general

• High 2.01 - 3.00

Medium 1.01 - 2.00

Low 0.01 - 1.00

No Trash Observed

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Island: Hawai'i



Region: West Hawaiʻi Sub Region: Hōnaunau

Sites:

Hōnaunau

Survey Date: 12/13/2024

Latitude: 19.42361

Longitude: -155.9119

Depth (m):

Substrate	Substrate	
Live Coral Cover	32.50%	
Hard Coral	32.50%	
Soft Coral	0.00%	
Other	0.00%	
Other	0.00%	
Available Substrate	44.37%	
Rock	44.37%	
Sand	6.25%	
Sand	6.25%	
Disturbance Indicators	16.88%	
Recently Killed Coral	2.50%	
Rubble	12.50%	
Silt	1.88%	
Pollution Indicators	0.00%	
Nutrient Indicator Algae	0.00%	
Sponge	0.00%	

Fish per 500m ³	
Aquarium Fish	9.75
Butterfly Fish	4.25
Orangespine Unicornfish	1.00
Yellow Tang	4.50
Food Fish	0.75
Jacks	0.00
Yellowfin Goatfish	0.00
Parrotfish	0.00
Snapper	0.25
Moray Eel	0.50
Invasive	0.00
Blueline Snapper	0.00
Peacock Grouper	0.00

Invertebrates per 100m ²		
Aquarium Invertebrates	0.00	
Banded Coral Shrimp	0.00	
Curio	113.75	
Cowries	0.00	
Pencil Urchin	113.75	
Triton	0.00	
Food Invertebrates	42.00	
Collector Urchin	42.00	
Lobster	0.00	
Ecological Imbalance / Predator		
Outbreak	19.00	
Long Spined Black Sea Urchin	19.00	
Crown of Thorns Sea Star	0.00	

Impacts	
Coral Bleaching % Population	0.00%
Coral Bleaching % Colony	0.00%
Black Band Disease % Population	0.00%
White Band Disease % Population	0.00%
Coral Damage: Boat / Anchor	0.00
Coral Damage: Dyanmite	0.00
Coral Damage: Other	0.00
Trash: Fish Nets	0.50
Trash: General	0.00

Megafauna / Rare Species per 500m ³	
Sharks	0.00
Turtles	0.00
Manta Rays	0.00
Other Megafauna	0.00

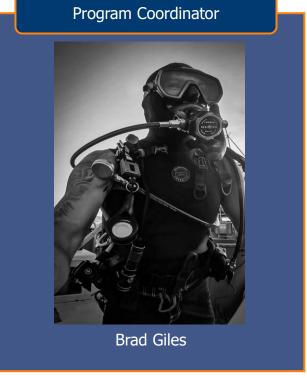


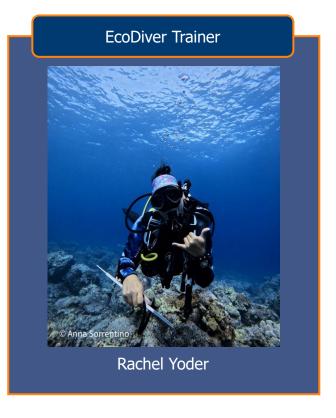
4. Team

Reef Check Hawai'i Team











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