

# Benthic and Biota Monitoring Program Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority Survey Report – 2016

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Natural Energy Lab of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) is a Hawaii state agency that operates an Ocean Science and Technology Park at Kailua-Kona on the West side of Hawaii Island. The purpose of the NELHA facility is to promote research, education, and commercial activities that focus on development of sustainable industries. The nearshore marine environment surrounding NELHA, known as Keahole Point, is known for supporting abundant and diverse benthic and fish communities. The development of NELHA included the installment of pipeline infrastructure on the reef in order to pump deep seawater to the operational facilities. Since installing the underwater pipe components, a comprehensive monitoring program was developed to ensure the NELHA infrastructure and activities do not detrimentally affect the health and productivity of the nearby marine environments. This monitoring program performs annual characterizations of the anchialine habitats, benthic substrate, and nearshore fish assemblages.

Since the monitoring program began in 1989, more than 45 annual surveys of these environments have been conducted and extensive reports have been prepared. The results, findings, summaries, and references for these reports are both publicly available and discussed throughout this report, which presents the results of the 2016 survey.

There are several anchialine pond systems in the vicinity of the NELHA facility. The ponds exist in spatially distinct Northern and Southern systems. The North system supports five unique ponds, and the South system supports ten unique ponds. This report details the faunal census conducted in each pond in April and October, 2016. Physical parameters were measured (e.g., temperature, salinity, conductivity, pH) in conjunction with surveys of flora and fauna in each pond. The surveys were supplemented with digital images to provide a visual record of the pond systems.

The results of the 2016 anchialine pond survey were generally consistent with previous annual surveys. Based on the faunal census performed, almost all anchialine ponds in the vicinity of the NELHA facility that are devoid of introduced fish species supported communities of abundant native organisms, including 'ōpae 'ula (*Halocaridina rubra*). Similar to previous surveys, anchialine ponds with introduced fish present still maintained minimal turbidity levels (visually assessed) and were not overgrown by invasive or opportunistic algae. This suggests that current water quality conditions are consistent with previous conditions, and that *H. rubra* may be still actively grazing in these ponds at night, thus maintaining a cropped algal assemblage.

The marine surveys are conducted at six stations along the coastline adjacent to the NELHA facilities. At each station, transects are conducted at three depth gradients (~15-fsw, ~30fsw, and ~50fsw) for total of 18 transects. Benthic habitat is characterized by surveying all abiotic and biotic feature of the substrate along 50-m transects. The

benthic surveys reported a gradual increase in coral cover for the first 20 years of the study (Ziemann 2010), and corals in the genus *Porites* have been the dominant species among all stations and depths. Data from the last six years have found the coral cover to stabilize in the range of ~40-50%. The overall coral cover for 2016 was 44.6%, which is within this range and shows the benthic communities to have exhibited relatively consistent values of coral cover for the last seven years.

Of the overall percent coral cover among the six stations (44.6%), the most dominant corals were *Porites lobata* (15.6%), *Porites evermanni* (8.32%), *Porites compressa* (9.10%), and *Pocillopora meandrina* (18.2%) These corals were present among all the stations. Other corals present were *Leptastrea purpurea*, *Leptastrea bewickensis*, *Montipora capitata*, *Montipora flabellata*, *Montipora patula*, *Pavona varians*, *Pocillopora eydouxi*, *Porites rus and Fungia scutaria*. These corals accounted for approximately 5% of the relative benthic cover.

Monitoring of the nearshore fish assemblages was conducted at the same six stations and depths as the benthic community. Surveys were performed at the same spatial locations of the benthic surveys, and used a 4 x 25-meter belt transect to record the abundance and size of all fish present in the survey area. Fish data exhibit inherent variability due to high mobility and spatial habitat ranges of the nearshore species. The results from this monitoring program have been variable throughout the 27-year period of this monitoring program. The findings from 2016 show an increase in fish abundance, diversity, and biomass compared to the last five years. Ultimately, data from the duration of the monitoring program shows the nearshore habitats surrounding NELHA support highly diverse and productive fish assemblages.

These results and findings from the surveys of the anchialine ponds, nearshore benthic substrate, and nearshore fish assemblages indicate these environments are not exhibiting any signs of detrimental impacts associated with the NELHA facility.



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# ANCHIALINE POND SURVEY

## INTRODUCTION

Anchialine ponds are a unique ecosystem characterized as nearshore land-locked, brackish bodies of water, influenced by terrestrial groundwater inputs and marine tidal influx. These unique aquatic conditions host a similarly unique array of species. Hawai'i Island is known for its relatively high concentration of these ponds, with numerous examples at Keāhole Point. Interest in these ecosystems, previously described by Holthuis (1973), stemmed from observations of an assemblage of small, red shrimp that appeared to be restricted to this particular habitat. Anchialine systems are reported from over 30 islands within in the Pacific Ocean, the Western Indian Ocean, on Ascension Island in the Atlantic Ocean, as well as inland sites in North America, Mesoamerica, and at Ras Muhammad in the Red Sea (Chace and Manning 1972, Holthuis 1973, Maciolek 1983, Iliffe 1991, Hobbs 1994, Brock and Bailey-Brock 1998). Anchialine ponds are commonly found along the shoreline of West Hawai'i, and also occur on O'ahu, Maui, Moloka'i, and Kaho'olawe (Brock *et al.* 1987, Bailey-Brock and Brock 1993).

The unusual environmental conditions of anchialine ponds have resulted in the presence of specialized native and endemic species (Peck 1994). As elsewhere, organisms found within the anchialine ponds in Hawai'i are uniquely suited to the changing salinity conditions. Specialized species include crustaceans, mollusks, plants, and other taxa. Table 1 summarizes the species previously reported from the ponds located near Keāhole Point, Hawai'i (Brock 2008, Ziemann and Conquest 2008). Two specialized decapod shrimp species *Halocaridina rubra* ('ōpae 'ula) and *Metabataeus lohena* are common residents in many of the Keāhole Point ponds. Anthropogenic alterations associated with coastal development and other shoreline activities can result in negative impacts to anchialine pond ecosystems. Examples include invasive species introductions, physical/structural alterations, and groundwater reduction/ contamination, all of which can result in pond decline.

Halocaridina rubra preferentially inhabit anchialine ponds throughout the day to feed on microalgae, macroalgae, and detritus (Yamamoto *et al.* 2015). Anchialine ponds are typically connected to one another via lava tubes, rock fissures, and micro-cracks in the surrounding basalt substrate. Reproduction and larval dispersal of *H. rubra* generally occurs within the subterranean (hypogeal) sections of anchialine systems (Yamamoto *et al.* 2015). *H. rubra* also works to maintain a standing crop of plants, bacteria, diatoms, and protozoans through active grazing, and will prevent overgrowth by opportunistic algae under a typical nutrient regime (Bailey-Brock and Brock 1993). This 'gardening' role contributes to the overall health of the anchialine pond ecosystem, allowing other species to reside within the sunlit (epigeal) portion of the ponds. Because of this critical ecosystem function, *H. rubra* ('ōpae 'ula) are thought to be a keystone species (Bailey-Brock and Brock 1993).

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Introduced fish species (e.g. mosquitofish, guppies) can cause declines in *H. rubra* abundance due to increased predation, and can force shifts in foraging behavior, driving higher activity at night (Capps *et al.* 2009). Typically, anchialine ponds with established populations of introduced fish are not able to support *H. rubra* assemblages during the day.

Recent investigations using techniques to examine the DNA of H. rubra have provided a better understanding of population dynamics, and have contributed to effective planning and management of anchialine ponds in Hawai'i (Santos 2006). A study to understand the population structure of *H. rubra* on Hawai'i Island showed that two distinct lineages exist on the east and west coasts. Also, within small geographic areas along each coast, populations were structured with low levels of gene flow, suggesting that local assemblages are genetically unique (Santos 2006). Monitoring of anchialine ecosystems in Hawai'i should therefore be conducted on a local scale, (i.e. at the level of ponds and pond complexes), similar to the methods described in this study for monitoring at Keāhole Point. The two groups of ponds in the vicinity of the NELHA facility have been surveyed for more than 30 years (Brock 1995, Brock 2002, Brock 2008, Oceanic Institute 1997, Oceanic Institute 2007, Ziemann and Conquest 2008, Bybee et al. 2012, Bybee et al. 2013, Bybee et al. 2014). Through the continued monitoring program at these sites, a change in pond communities has been noted during surveys conducted after 1989, with shrimp becoming absent in certain ponds as a result of Poeciliid fish introductions (Brock 2008, Ziemann and Conquest 2008). The findings of the April 2016 survey as part of NELHA's Comprehensive Environmental Monitoring Program (CEMP) are reported herein.

## **METHODS**

The anchialine ponds in the vicinity of the NELHA facility form northern and southern complexes, consist of five ponds in the Northern group and ten in the Southern group (Figures 1 – 3). The northern pond complex, ponds N - 1 to N - 5, was roughly 100 m inland of the cobble beach at Hoʻona Bay (Figure 2), and the southern complex, ponds S – 1 to S– 10, were approximately 200 m to 225 m from the shore at Wawaloli Beach Park, adjacent to Makako Bay Drive (Figure 3). Table 2 describes the location and size of each pond at the NELHA site. A Garmin hand-held GPS unit was used to locate and re-record latitude and longitude coordinates for each pond during the April 2016 survey. Pond size was calculated from measurements reported by Brock 2008 (Table 2), except for pond S-10, which was first surveyed in 2015 (Whale Environmental Services 2015). Pond dimensions and basin characteristics for historically surveyed ponds are included in Appendix 1.1 (Brock 2008).

As anchialine habitats are characterized by tidal influences, the water level and appearance of the NELHA ponds varies with tide level. The effect of tide level is apparent for a Northern pond cluster, including ponds N-2, N-3, N-4 and N-5. At low tide, these ponds were separated by basalt substrate, and at high tide these pools form a single body of water. While the water level in the Southern group ponds were also tidally affected, ponds were never interconnected. Faunal observations for the April 2016 survey were collected at tide levels below the daily maximum to provide sufficient water for organismal observation and photo-quadrat sampling if possible. Sampling of the ponds was conducted at tidal levels ranging from +0.6 to +2.0 feet. For pond "complexes," ponds were surveyed only when physically separated (below the daily maximum tide).

A faunal census of each pond in the vicinity of the NELHA facility was undertaken in April 2016, and October 2016 (Pond S-10 only). Temperature and salinity measurements were taken concurrently employing a hand-held YSI Pro-Series Quatro water quality meter and data logger. Visual observations of organisms within each pond were supplemented by photographs and high-definition video taken with a Nikon Coolpix AW120 1080p digital (waterproof) camera. Images and videos were reviewed in the two weeks following the visual surveys. Randomly selected photo-quadrats ranged in size from 0.02 m² to 0.07 m² (based on feasibility according to pond size and depth). Individual photo-quadrats were isolated from video footage. The number of replicate photo-quadrats analyzed depended on pond area, and ranged from 3 to 6 replicates. An example 2016 photo-quadrat is shown in Figure 5. Photo-quadrats were used to identify organisms and calculate *H. rubra* density. Four ponds with low water levels (S-3, S-4, S-6, S-9) were surveyed visually by noting presence or absence of flora and fauna. All densities were calculated to an area of 0.1 m² to allow for comparisons with previous survey results (Appendices 1.2 and 1.3).

In addition, two-minute video segments were recorded at each pond, and later examined to qualitatively assess the biological community. Video surveys were



designed to include less common, cryptic, or highly mobile species. Only the presence or absence of non-native organisms was recorded for this survey.

## **RESULTS**

Water quality measurements and faunal census results from the April and October 2016 survey are summarized in Table 3. Pond characteristics were partially explained by location, with higher species diversity and surrounding vegetation density documented for the Northern ponds compared to the Southern ponds (Figures 4 - 9). Southern ponds tended to be surrounded by un-vegetated basalt, and were more likely to host introduced fish (Figures 8 and 9). Certain Southern ponds also experienced higher visitation rates due to their proximity to Wawaloli Beach Park.

The Southern ponds were cooler and less saline during the April 2016 survey compared to the Northern ponds, suggesting that relatively higher groundwater influence occurs within these ponds. For the Southern ponds, temperature ranged from 21.6 - 22.3 C°, and salinity ranged from 10.6 to 11.2 ppt. For the Northern ponds, temperature and salinity were slightly higher, ranging from 23.2 -25.7 C° and from 12.7 – 14.9 ppt., respectively (Table 3). This pattern matched previous surveys, including 2009 and 2014 measurements (Bybee et al. 2014, Appendix 1.1).

Similar to previous surveys, the majority of the Northern anchialine ponds hosted higher densities of shrimp species, *Halocaridina rubra* and *Metabataeus lohena*, compared to Southern ponds. All Northern ponds had *H. rubra* present, with the exception of N-5. This included N-3, in which *H. rubra* was not observed during the 2014 survey (Bybee *et al.* 2014). Several Northern ponds also hosted assemblages of the aquatic grass, *Ruppia maritima*, and similar to previous surveys, *H. rubra* was typically not found within these grass beds (Figure 6). *M. lohena* was observed in Ponds N-1, N-2, S-9, and S-10 (Table 3). *Macrobrachium grandimanus* was only observed in Pond S-7 (Table 3). Historically and in more recent surveys (excluding this one), *M. grandimanus* had also been observed in ponds S-1, S-5, and S-8 (Bybee *et al.* 2014, Appendix 1.2)

Table 3 lists additional species observed within and around each pond during video surveys and *in-situ* visual observations. Generally, higher species diversity was observed for the Northern area ponds. Thiarid snails (*Melanoides tuberculata* and *Tarebia granifera*) were observed in all five Northern ponds (Figure 7), with a just few individuals observed in Southern pond, S-7. Similar to previous censuses, high densities of Thiarid snails were observed in the Northern pond, N-4 (Table 3, Figure 7) (Bybee *et al.* 2014, Appendix 1.2).

Introduced Poeciliid fish, including *Gambusia affinis* and *Poecilia sp.* were observed in four of the Southern area ponds, including S-1, S-5, S-7, and S-8 (Figure 8, Table 3). Where introduced fish were present, shrimp populations, including *Halocaridina rubra* and/or *Metabataeus lohena*, were dramatically reduced or absent. As of the census date in April 2016, introduced fish were not observed in any of the Northern area ponds (Table 3).



Signs of visitor impacts were observed at four of the surveyed ponds, including Pond N-5 in the Northern area, and Ponds S-3, S-4, and S-5 in the Southern area. These ponds are in close proximity to the Wawaloli Beach Park (S-3, S-4, and S-5) and/or are easily visible from nearby access points (N-5). Modification from visitors included the construction of adjacent rock walls, the addition of rocks to pond basins (leading to increased shading and pond depth reduction), toilet paper additions to ponds (and associated products), and the removal of Poeciliid fish for fishing bait and other uses. For two of the Southern ponds (S-2 and S-4), surrounding rock structures appeared to be shifted, which partially or completely covered the ponds. For pond N-5, signs of visitation included apparent substrate disturbance (algal cover facing down), trampled *R. maritima*, and increased turbidity. On April 22, 2016, dogs were observed swimming within pond N-5, which precluded a full survey on that day.



#### DISCUSSION

The West Hawai'i coastline hosts numerous anchialine ponds, which are unique, tidally influenced brackish ecosystems that host a specialized array of species. Two complexes of ponds adjacent to the NELHA facility have been monitored for multiple decades (Appendix 1.2), providing essential knowledge on status and change in these ecosystems. These datasets can help improve management of the ponds locally and throughout Hawai'i Island by tracking ecosystem changes overtime. The anchialine ponds at NELHA were resurveyed in April 2016, and compared to previous censuses, spanning back to May 1989. The census results from April and October 2016 were similar to recent surveys (Bybee *et al.* 2013, Bybee *et al.* 2014, Whale Environmental Services 2015), and also highlight long term changes in the pond when compared to historical data. The major drivers of pond ecology were: 1) pond location, either Northern or Southern areas (Figures 1-3), 2) groundwater influence, 3) the presence or absence of introduced fish (Figure 8), and 4) the level of human visitation to the ponds.

All Northern ponds had *Halocaridina rubra* ('ōpae 'ula) present, with the exception of N-5 (Figure 5). In 2014, *H. rubra* were not observed in pond N-3, however this year, *H. rubra* were detected at a low density (1.5 ± 2.7 (count/ 0.1 m²)) (Table 3). At high tide, ponds N-2, N-3, N-4 and N-5 were inter-connected, allowing for organismal exchange, which likely allowed for the rapid replenishment of *H. rubra* within pond N-3 since 2014. Similar to 2014, *H. rubra* were not detected in pond N-5, and regular habitat (and algal food source) disturbance may play a role in this absence. As documented in previous years, Poeciliid fish were absent in all Northern ponds (Bybee *et al.* 2014, Appendix 1.2).

The historical introduction of Poeciliid fish within anchialine ponds at NELHA has significantly affected pond ecology, and continues to alter pond ecology in four Southern area ponds including, S-1, S-5, S-7, and S-9 (Figure 8). Within these ponds, *H. rubra* and *M. lohena* were not observed in the April 2016, despite the presence of these shrimp in nearby uninvaded ponds. Capps *et al.* (2009) suggests that the *H. rubra* are driven out of fish-invaded ponds due to increased predation. In some cases, *H. rubra* may alter their behavior and only enter invaded ponds at night to feed. Alternatively, *H. rubra* may reside only within protected areas (inaccessible by fish) within an invaded pond. During this survey, ponds were surveyed during daylight hours, and a nocturnal assessment of *H. rubra* was not conducted. While *H. rubra* was the dominant community member in uninvaded ponds, *Metabataeus lohena* and *Macrobrachium grandimanus* were also occasionally observed (Table 3).

Despite the presence of introduced fish in certain ponds, water clarity was high and invasive algae was absent within the invaded ponds, according to visual, qualitative surveys (Table 3). This suggests that water quality has remained consistent, and/or that *H. rubra* has maintained a grazer role within the pond. Because of the subterranean (hypogeal) connections between the Southern area ponds, recolonization by *H. rubra* and other crustacean species would likely be rapid in the event that Poeciliids were removed from invaded ponds.

Video observations of the ponds allowed for documentation of less common, more motile species, and also provided a record of surrounding vegetation. Other species present at each pond are listed in Table 3, and generally, Northern area ponds tended to host a more diverse assemblage of pond inhabitants and surrounding vegetation (Figures 4-7, Table 3). Less common anchialine pond species, *Metabataeus lohena*, and *Macrobrachium grandimanus* were usually detected within video surveys, and were observed in April and October 2016 at ponds N-1, N-2, S-7, S-9, and S-10. Similar to *H. rubra*, *M. lohena* was never observed in ponds with Poeciliids present. A single *M. grandimanus* was observed in pond S-7, and was approximately 10 cm in length. Despite the presence of Poeciliids in Southern Pond S-7, *M. grandimanus* was able to co-exist, perhaps by reaching a size that would be preclude consumption.

Signs of visitor impacts were observed at four of the surveyed ponds, and impacted ponds were generally in close proximity to access points. Modifications included rock wall construction around the ponds, the addition of rocks to pond basins (leading to increased shading and pond depth reduction), toilet paper additions to ponds (and associated products), and the removal of Poeciliid fish for fishing bait and other uses. These structural changes and associated lighting changes likely influenced overall pond ecology, and may alter algal assemblages. For pond N-5, signs of visitation included apparent substrate disturbance (algal cover facing down), trampled *R. maritima*, and increased turbidity. Visitation and substrate disturbance, may influence species presence within Pond N-5, including *H. rubra*, which could easily recolonize at high tide. Also, Thiarid snails were previously observed in pond N-5 (Appendix 1.1), and regular anthropogenic disturbance may also play a role in Thiarid absence.

Water quality is a key indicator in assessing anchialine pond ecosystem health, and measurements collected in April and October 2016 were consistent with previous years (Bybee *et al.* 2014, Whale Environmental Services 2015, Appendix 1.1), suggesting that groundwater influence within the ponds has remained consistent. Although nitrogen and phosphorus level were not specifically measured within in the ponds during this survey, benthic communities had not changed substantially, even when compared to historical surveys, suggesting that water quality has remained consistent within the ponds to date. The Southern ponds were cooler and less saline during the April 2016 survey compared to the Northern ponds, suggesting that relatively higher groundwater influence occurs within these ponds. This finding complemented previous surveys (Appendix 1.1), suggesting that groundwater sources influencing the ponds have remained consistent.

These results, including water quality measurements and faunal surveys support the conclusion that the surveyed anchialine ponds, adjacent to the NELHA facility, are not currently impacted by human-mediated inputs from inputs from local aquaculture facilities.



# **FIGURES**



Figure 1. The study area included northern and southern anchialine pond complexes in the vicinity of the NELHA facilities. (Map generated using Google Earth 7.1.7).





Figure 2. Locations of the northern complex of anchialine ponds (N-1 through N-5) inland of the cobble beach at Ho'ona Bay. (Map generated using Google Earth 7.1.7).





Figure 3. Locations of the southern group of anchialine ponds adjacent to Wawaloli Beach Park. (Map generated using Google Earth 7.1.7).



Figure 4. Northern group Pond, N-1 at a tide level of +1.88' (white slate is facing North). Ponds in the Northern group were typically characterized by diverse surrounding vegetation and high densities of H. rubra. Compared to previous census years, surrounding vegetation had encroached into the pond substantially, as of April 2016.

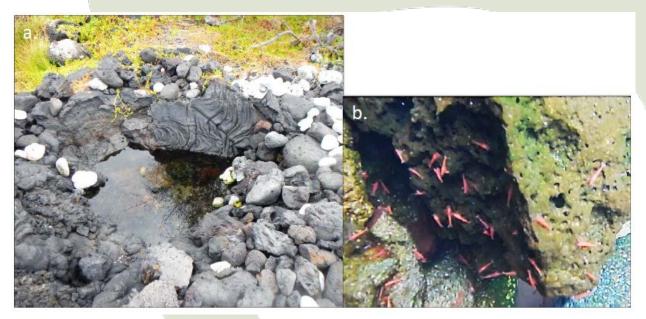


Figure 5. (a) A Northern group pond, N-2, at a tide level of + 1.07' (white slate is facing North), and (b) a typical photo-quadrat within N-2, with a high density of *Halocaridina rubra* ('ōpae 'ula). Introduced fish (Poeciliids) are absent within the Northern ponds, allowing for *H. rubra* presence in the majority of ponds in that area.



Figure 6. (a) A Northern group pond, N-3, at a tide level of + 1.22' (white slate is facing North), and (b) an area of cover of the aquatic grass, *Ruppia maritima*, within the pond.

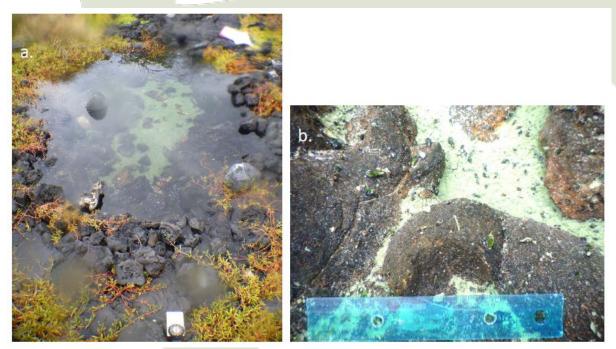


Figure 7. (a) A Northern group pond, N-4, at a tide level of + 1.41' (white slate is facing North), and (b) a typical photo-quadrat within N-4 with a high density of Thiarid snails (*Melanoides tuberculata and Tarebia granifera*) and remnant shells.





Figure 8. (a) Southern group pond, S-5, at a tide level of + 1.41' (white slate is facing North), and (b) introduced Poeciliids within Southern group pond S-5. Numerous ponds in the Southern group had populations of introduced fish, which was generally associated with dramatically reduced or absent *H. rubra* populations.

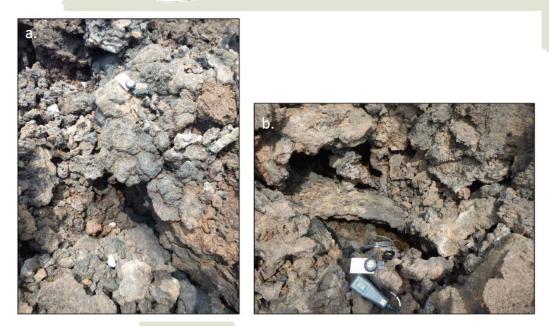


Figure 9. Southern group ponds, (a) S-6 (tide level: 1.07') and (b) S-9 (tide level: 0.91'), both of which have a very small basin, and are located within ground-water fed, crack-like basalt features. Introduced Poeciliids were not observed in these ponds, and both hosted *H. rubra* populations.



# **TABLES**

Table 1. List of species previously reported from anchialine ponds and surrounding areas adjacent to the NELHA facility. (Compiled from Brock 2008, Ziemann and Conquest 2008).

	TAXON	COMMON (HAWAIIAN) NAME	CLASSIFICATION				
	Halocaridina rubra Metabataeus lohena Macrobrachium	Ōpae 'ula/ Ōpae hiki	Shrimp (Decapoda) Shrimp (Decapoda)				
	grandimanus	Ōpae 'oeha'a	Shrimp (Decapoda)				
	Lyngbya sp.	Cyanophyte mat	Cyanobacteria (Cyanophyta)				
	Schizothrix clacicola	Cyanophyte crust	Cyanobacteria (Cyanophyta)				
	Ruppia maritima	Widgeon grass	Monocot plant				
	Assiminea sp.	Snail	Aquatic Snail (Gastropoda)				
Anchialine	Theodoxus cariosa	Hihiwai	Limpet (Gastopoda)				
pond: Native	Trichocorixa reticulata	Water boatman	Aquatic insect				
pond. Native	Oligochaeta sp.	Worm	Aquatic worm				
1	Palaemon debilis	'Ōpae huna, Glass shrimp	Shrimp (Decapoda)				
	Metopograspus messor	Kūkūau	Crab (Decapoda)				
	Graspsus tenuicrustatus	A 'ama	Crab (Decapoda)				
	Cladophora sp.	Limu hulu'ilio	Green algae (Chlorophyta)				
	Enteromorpha sp.	Limu 'ele 'ele	Green algae (Chlorophyta)				
	Rhizoclonium sp.	Limu	Green algae (Chlorophyta)				
	Lyngbya sp.	Cyanophyte mat	Cyanobacteria (Cyanophyta)				
	Schizothrix clacicola	Cyanophyte crust	Cyanobacteria (Cyanophyta)				
	Melanoides tuberculata	Red-rimmed Melania snail, Thiarid	Thiarid Snail (Gastropoda)				
Anchialine	Tarebia granifera	Quilted Melania snail, Thiarid	Thiarid Snail (Gastropoda)				
pond:	Poecilia sp.	Guppy (Topminnow)	Fish (Poeciliidae)				
Introduced	Gambusia affinis	Mosquitofish (Topminnow)	Fish (Poeciliidae)				
	Macrobrachium lar	Tahitian Prawn	Prawn (Decapoda)				
	Sesuvium	_					
	portulacastrum	'Ākulikuli, Pickleweed	Aizoaceae				
	Bacopa sp.	Pickleweed (Invasive)	Plantaginaceae				
	Morinda citrifolia	Noni	Rubiaceae				
	Ipomoea pes-caprae	Pōhuehue, Beach morning glory	Convolvulaceae				
Terrestrial	Scaevola taccada	Naupaka	Goodeniaceae				
plants	Prosopis pallida	Kiawe, mesquite tree	Mimoseae				
<b>F</b>	Tournefortia argentea	Beach heliotrope	Boraginaceae				
	Thespesia populnea	Milo	Malvaceae				
	Pluchea odorata	Pluchea	Asteraceae				
	Cladium sp.	Sedge	Cyperaceae				
	Pennisetum setaceum	Fountrain grass (Invasive)	Poaceae				
	Schinus terebinthifolius	Christmas berry (Invasive)	Anacardiaceae				



Table 2. Site locations and sizes anchialine ponds in the vicinity of the NELHA facility (calculated from measurements reported in Brock 2008\*, and Whale Environmental Group 2015\*\*).

	Area	Pond number	Latitude (Decimal degrees)	Longitude (Decimal degrees)	Size (m²)*		
		N-1	19.7313	-156.0568	93.0		
	N	N-2	19.7314	-156.0566	1.0		
	Northern Ponds	N-3	19.7315	-156.0566	22.5		
	Polius	N-4	19.7316	-156.0566	4.0		
		N-5	19.7315	-156.0567	22.5		
		S-1	19.7168	-156.0490	1.7		
		S-2	19.7167	-156.0489	1.0		
		S-3	19.7168	-156.0487	1.0		
	Southern	S-4	19.7168	-156.0487	0.01		
	Ponds	S-5	19.7168	-156.0487	5.0		
	ronus	S-6	19.7169	-156.0482	0.01		
		S-7	19.7166	-156.0481	1.4		
1		S-8	19.7165	-156.0481	1.0		
		S-9	19.7168	-156.0481	0.01		
		S-10	19.7138	-156.0482	0.9**		

Table 3. Faunal census data collected from northern and southern groups of anchialine ponds sampled in April 2016 at a tide level above a +1.0 ft. Poeciliid fish and *Ruppia maritima* were recorded as present or absent, and other organisms in the observed in each pond were noted in the comments. *Halocaridina rubra* densities are reported as mean individuals per 0.1 square meters (± one standard deviation). If the water level was too shallow for the photo-quadrat placement, presence or absence was noted with a density estimate based on visual surveys.

		***************************************		Water	Quality		Faunal Surveys			
Area	Pond number	Survey Date	Survey Time	Temp (C°)	Salinty (ppt)	Substrate	H. rubra (Count/0.1m²) (Mean <u>+</u> SD)	Poeciliids	Ruppia maritima	Comments/ Other Species
	N-1	4/23/2016	16:45	23.2	14.9	Water-worn (rounded) basalt cobble, some silt and sand	137 <u>+</u> 48	absent	present	Also observed: M. lohena, Thiarid snails, Scaevola taccada, Prosopis pallida, Tournefortia argentea, Thespesia populnea
	N-2	4/22/2016	13:30	25.7	12.9	Basalt rubble, with light silt, pahoehoe surroundings	235 <u>+</u> 65	absent	absent	Also observed: M. Iohena, Thiarid snails, Pantala flavescens, Sesuviu portulacastrum, Prosopis pallida
Northern Ponds	N-3	4/22/2016	13:50	25.0	12.7	Ruppia dominant, underlying cobble, pahoehoe surroundings	1.5 <u>+</u> 2.7	absent	present	Also observed: Thiarid snails (low density), Pantala flavescens, Lyngbya sp., Sesuvium portulacastrum, Scaevola taccada, Prosopis pallida, Cladium sp.
	N-4	4/22/2026	14:15	24.1	13.0	Silt bottom with cobble, pahoehoe surroundings	present (not detected in photoquadrats)	absent	absent	Also observed: Thiarid snails (high density), Sesuvium portulacastrur. Cladium sp.
	N-5	4/23/2016	16:10	24.6	14.0	Water-worn (rounded) basalt cobble and coral rock	absent (0 <u>+</u> 0)	absent	present	Also observed: Orange cyanobacterial mat (~5% cover), Sesuvium portulacastrum, Anax junius, Thiarid snails shells (not live). Signs of usage.
	S-1	4/23/2016	15:10	22.3	11.1	Basalt rubble/ pebbles, pahoehoe surroundings	absent (0 <u>+</u> 0)	present	absent	Also observed: Pennisetum setaceum, Schinus terebinthifolius, oranę cyanobacterial mat (low cover).
	S-2	4/23/2016	15:25	-	-	-	-	-	-	Pond filled in with rocks
	S-3	4/23/2016	14:35	22.2	11.2	Basalt rubble/ pebbles, pahoehoe surroundings	present ( <i>In-situ</i> = 130 <u>+</u> 36)	absent	absent	Too shallow for photoquadrats. <i>In-situ</i> visual survey estimate = 130 36 (count/0.1m <sup>2</sup> ). No surrounding vegetation. Toilet paper observe adjacent to pond.
	S-4	4/23/2016	14:45	22.1	11.2	Basalt rubble, pahoehoe surroundings	present ( <i>In-situ</i> = 52 <u>+</u> 32)	absent	absent	Too shallow for photoquadrats. <i>In-situ</i> visual surveys used. No surrounding vegetation. New rocks added to pond (?)
Southern Ponds	S-5	4/23/2016	14:15	22.3	11.2	Basalt rubble, pahoehoe surroundings	absent (0 <u>+</u> 0)	present (abundan t)	absent	Also observed: orange cyanobacterial mat (low cover). Both <i>Poecilic</i> sp. and <i>Gambusia affinis</i> observed. Boys observed fishing for Poeciliids in pond.
	S-6	4/23/2016	14:00	21.6	11.0	Very narrow basalt crack, a'a surroundings.	present ( <i>In-situ</i> = 130 <u>+</u> 42)	absent	absent	Too shallow for photoquadrats. <i>In-situ</i> visual surveys used. Also observed: Cane spider molt. No surrounding vegetation.
	S-7	4/23/2016	12:50	22.1	11.1	Basalt rubble (some rounded), pahoehoe surroundings	absent (0 <u>+</u> 0)	present (abundan t)	absent	Also observed: Macrobrachium grandimanus, Thiarid snails, Ipomoe pes-caprae, Pennisetum setaceum, orange cyanobacterial mat (low cover). Both Poecilia sp. (occasional) and Gambusia affinis (abundar observed.
	S-8	4/23/2016	13:15	21.6	11.0	Basalt rubble with a few white coral pieces, pahoehoe surroundings	absent (0 <u>+</u> 0)	present (abundan t)	absent	Also observed: Pennisetum setaceum, orange cyanobacterial mat (lc cover). Only Gambusia affinis observed (abundant). Rock wall surrounding pond.
	S-9	4/23/2016	13:40	21.9	10.6	Basalt crack, a'a surroundings.	present ( <i>In-situ</i> = 97 <u>+</u> 21)	absent	absent	Too shallow for photoquadrats. <i>In-situ</i> visual survey used. Also observed: <i>M. lohena</i> . No surrounding vegetation.
	S-10	10/13/2016	17:28	25.1	12.4	Pahoehoe with light organic material, small basalt pebbles	96 <u>+</u> 41	absent	absent	Also observed: M. Iohena, Schinus terebinthifolius, Pennisetum setaceum, mongoose feces, large opihi shell in pond

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Annual monitoring was initiated in 1989, and since then more than 45 surveys have been conducted to assess the ecological characteristics of both the nearshore and marine benthic communities adjacent to NELHA. Extensive reports were prepared that detail the results and findings of each survey, which are all publicly archived by NELHA. Results and summaries of the reports can be found in the following references: Surveys conducted from 1991-1995 are summarized by Marine Research Consultants (Marine Research Consultants 1995). Surveys conducted from 1995 and 1997 are summarized by Oceanic Institute (Oceanic Institute 1997). Surveys conducted from 1997-2002 are summarized by Marine Research Consultants (Marine Research Consultants 2002). Surveys conducted 2007-2008 surveys are summarized by Marine Research Consultants (Marine Research Consultants 2008). Surveys conducted from October 2008-2010 are summarized by Ziemann (Ziemann 2008, Ziemann 2009, and Ziemann 2010). The 2012-2014 surveys are summarized by Bybee and colleagues (Bybee and Barrett 2012, Bybee et al. 2013, Bybee et al. 2014). The 2015 surveys are summarized by WHALE Environmental (WHALE Environmental 2015). The results and findings for the May 2016 surveys are reported here.

#### **METHODS**

Benthic surveys were conducted using SCUBA at six stations located along the NELHA coastline. Three 50-m transect surveys were completed for each station at deep (~50-fsw), moderate (~35-fsw), and shallow (~15-fsw) depths (Figure 10). This amounted to three surveys at each of the 6 stations, for a total of 18 transects. 10 quadrats, each 1.0 m x 0.6 m, were placed at pre-determined random locations along each of the surveyed transects. All abiotic and sessile biotic organisms within the quadrat boundaries were enumerated by divers and recorded as a measure of percent cover of the benthic substrate. Sessile organisms were taxonomically identified to the species level. Mobile invertebrates were also surveyed, and measured in terms of counts of individuals present within the quadrat boundary. All mobile invertebrates were taxonomically identified to the species level.

Photographs were taken of each quadrat using an underwater camera with a wide-angle lens adaptor. The images were utilized for subsequent point count analysis to analyze benthic cover, and provide an archival of images of the substrate. Each photograph was labeled, and taken in succession with a picture of the enumerated datasheet so the photos can be properly linked to each quadrat location (Appendix 4) and in-situ data recorded by the diver (Appendix 2). Estimates of the benthic composition, in terms of percent cover, were validated using the software CoralNet (Beijbom et al. 2015). Each photographed was cropped, and 100 points were randomly assigned within the quadrat area. The points were manually annotated to and assigned to the biotic or abiotic features they were digitized upon. Values for benthic cover were averaged among the quadrats, and one mean value was computed for each transect in order to avoid pseudo-replication. The data were statistically analyzed using the software package, R. If data met the assumptions necessary for parametric statistical tests (normality, independence, and equal variance), then one-way ANOVA and Tukey pairwise comparisons were used to compare values of benthic cover among the transects at different stations and depths. If the data violated the assumptions for parametric statistical tests, then non-parametric alternatives were used (Kruskal-Wallis). The alpha for statistical significance was 0.05, and this was used to determine if any significant differences exist among sites and depths in terms of benthic substrate characteristics (percent cover, species richness, and species diversity).



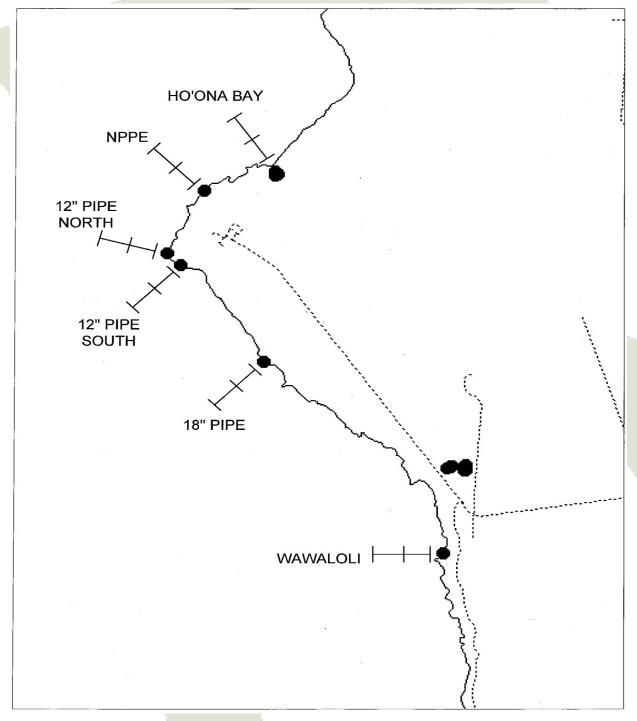


Figure 10. Six stations with three transects per station at deep (~50-fsw), moderate (~35-fsw), and shallow (~15-fsw) depths along the NELHA coastline. A total of 18 transects are completed for both the benthic monitoring and fish assemblage monitoring.

#### **RESULTS**

#### Benthic substrate characterization

The biotic benthic features observed in this study included scleractinian stony corals, crustose coralline algae, fleshy macroalgae algae, echinoderms (sea urchins and sea cucumbers), and gastropod molluscs. The scleractinian stony corals comprised the majority of the benthic substrate among all stations. Abiotic features recorded along the transect surveys included sand and coral rubble. Percent cover, species richness, and species diversity of corals and other benthic biota, as well as abiotic substrate, are presented in detail in Appendix 2 and summarized in Table 4.

Overall percent coral cover among the six stations was 44.6%. The most dominant corals, in terms of percent cover, were *Porites lobata* (15.6%), *Porites evermanni* (8.32%), *Porites compressa* (9.10%), and *Pocillopora meandrina* (18.2%) These corals were present among all the stations. Other corals present were *Leptastrea purpurea*, *Leptastrea bewickensis*, *Montipora capitata*, *Montipora flabellata*, *Montipora patula*, *Pavona varians*, *Pocillopora eydouxi*, *Porites rus* and *Fungia scutaria*. These corals accounted for approximately 5% of the relative benthic cover. Values of percent cover for the dominant coral species at each station and depth are provided in Table 4.

*P. lobata* was the most dominant coral in the shallow depths (~15-fsw) among all six stations. *P. lobata*, *P. evermanni*, and *P. meandrina* were the dominant corals in the moderate depths (~35-fsw) among the six stations. *P. meandrina* was most abundant at the 12" Pipe South station, and *P. evermanni* was most abundant at the Wawaloli station. *P. compressa* and *P. lobata* were the most dominant corals at the deep depths (~50-fsw) among the six stations. *P. compressa* had the highest levels of coral cover at 12" Pipe South and Hoona Bay, while *P. lobata* had the highest levels of coral cover at the other stations. The distribution, abundance, and percent cover of the corals among all stations in 2016 were similar to previous years. Photographs of each photographed quadrat are included in Appendix 4.

Table 4 provides a detailed comparison of the percent cover, species richness, and species diversity of corals among all stations and survey depths. The 12" Pipe South and NPPE sites exhibited the highest levels of coral cover (67.64% and 66.02% respectively). Coral cover at these two sites was dominated by *P. lobata*, *P. compressa*, and *P. meandrina*. Species richness and species diversity was highest at 12" Pipe North. The benthic substrate at this site was also predominantly occupied by *P. lobata* (12.2%), and also had high values of coral cover for *P. eydouxi* (10.0%), *M. patula* (7.2%), and *P. evermanni* (6.0%).

Values of coral cover were highest at the moderate and deep depths (44.98% and 39.16% respectively) compared to the shallow depths (36.08%). Among the deep stations, coral was most abundant at NPPE and Ho'ona Bay sites (57.25% and 66.90%)



followed by 12" Pipe South (32.69%). These patterns in coral cover among the surveyed depths are similar to previous years.

The differences among the data discussed above were measurable, however, no statistically significant differences were found when comparing all metrics pertaining to the benthic substrate among the six stations and different survey depths (Table 4).

## Mobile Benthic Invertebrates

Several mobile invertebrates were observed among all stations. Gastropod molluscs (*Conus spp.*), several species of sea urchins (e.g. *Diadema spp., Echinometra spp., Tripnuestes spp., Acanthaster spp.*), and sea cucumbers (*Holothurian spp.*) were observed among the study sites. Counts of the all observed individual invertebrates that were within the survey quadrats were recorded and taxonomically identified to the species level. All data pertaining to the mobile invertebrates are provided in Appendix 2.

Table 4: Summary of benthic substrate data and comparative analyses from surveys conducted in May 2015

Station	Julillary	Wawaloli	<u> </u>	ata ana comp	arauve a	18" Pipe		Jys coriuuc	12" Pipe South			
Depth	Shallow	Moderate	Deep		Shallow	Moderate	Deep		Shallow	Moderate	Deep	
Overall coral cover	28.00	36.00	28.63		40.58	29.18	22.82		40.63	51.05	32.69	
P. lobata	11.00	8.00	16.38		12.70	12.10	9.22		15.33	13.80	9.44	
P. evermanni	0.00	15.00	0.00									
P. compressa			8.00				3.00			2.00	10.00	
P. meandrina			1.50			2.00	4.00			25.00		
P. eydouxi					8.00							
M. capitata	5.00	3.00	1.75		3.00	8.20	1.60		7.80	3.75	9.00	
M. patula	12.00	5.00	0.00		7.90	4.88	5.00	1	8.00	3.50	4.25	
Species count	5.00	6.00	5.00		6.00	5.00	5.00	p <sup>e</sup>	5.00	7.00	6.00	
Species diversity (H)	1.15	0.96	1.14		1.10	1.19	1.20	A Property of the Control of the Con	1.18	0.95	1.10	
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Station	1	2" Pipe No	rth			NPPE			ŀ	loona Bay	!	
Depth	Shallow	Moderate	Deep	_	Shallow	Moderate	Deep		Shallow	Moderate	Deep	
Overall coral cover	37.50	56.00	26.68		44.20	47.60	57.25		25.58	50.03	66.90	
P. lobata	18.40	13.00	14.00		16.50	18.80	25.00		16.00	22.80	27.90	
P. evermanni		6.00			10.00				2.00	7.50	6.00	
P. compressa	2.00	6.00	2.00			8.30	16.67			8.40	30.50	
P. meandrina	4.00					3.00						
P. eydouxi		10.00						-				
M. capitata	2.60	7.00	5.90		5.20	6.72	5.25		4.25	5.00	1.50	
M. patula	7.50	9.00	4.80		9.50	9.80	5.33		2.33	3.33		
Species count	8.00	9.00	7.00		7.00	6.00	6.00		6.00	7.00	5.00	
Species diversity (H)	1.36	1.38	1.25		1.05	1.46	1.27		0.96	1.35	1.07	
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Mean value comparisons	Wawa	18" Pipe	12" Pipe S	12" Pipe N	NPPE	H - Bay	p-value	Shallow	Moderate	Deep	p-value	
Overall coral cover	53.06	47.18	67.64	55.60	66.02	60.07	0.46	36.08	44.98	39.16	0.45	
P. lobata	12.50	11.41	12.89	12.20	20.10	22.23	0.47	14.98	14.75	16.99	0.46	
P. evermanni				6.00		5.75	0.14	6.00	9.50	6.00	0.36	
P. compressa	15.00				10.00		0.16	2.00	6.17	11.69	0.57	
P. meandrina	8.00	3.00	6.00	3.60	13.00	22.00	0.08	4.00	10.00	2.75	0.80	
P. eydouxi		8.00		10.00			0.08	8.00	10.00		0.31	
M. capitata	2.90	4.60	6.50	5.60	5.90	3.60	0.57	4.64	5.61	4.16	0.41	
M. patula	10.25	6.20	4.70	7.20	8.70	3.00	0.48	7.86	5.91	4.84	0.42	
Species count	6.00	6.00	7.00	9.00	7.00	7.00	0.09	7.00	7.00	7.00	0.52	
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Species diversity (H)

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#### COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TEMPORAL TRENDS IN BENTHIC DATA

The goal of this report is to provide a detailed characterization of the marine benthic communities at the six stations used for long-term monitoring adjacent to the NELHA facilities. Previous reports have performed extensive analyses to compare data from these sites from 1992-2012 (Ziemann 2010, Bybee and Barrett 2012). This report will discuss the key findings from these previous reports, as well as reports from 2013-2015, and how they compare to the current data from 2016.

Reports from previous years (1992-2008) showed a pattern of increase in overall coral cover ranging from 16.9% to 54.7%. Surveys conducted in the following years (2009-2015) reported estimates of overall coral cover fluctuating from 39.5% to 52%. While several of the changes in overall coral cover among these years were noted as significant (ANOVA, p<0.01), the last six years have provided a consistent range (~40-50%) for which coral cover can be expected among the survey stations and depth gradients. The fluctuations in observed overall coral cover should be expected, as the surveys are not conducted at permanently marked locations and thus inherent variability in benthic cover will be evident among the survey years. The overall coral cover for 2016, 44.6%, is within this range and shows the benthic communities to exhibit consistent values of coral cover for the last 7 years.

Other studies conducted throughout the 18-year period of monitoring have found significant differences in overall coral cover among the six stations, and the depth gradient (Ziemann 2010, Bybee et al. 2014). The statistical differences observed among the sites showed that coral cover increased from the Southern to Northern sites, with Hoona Bay and NPPE exhibiting statistically higher values of coral cover than the 12" and 18" Pipe sites, and all sites exhibiting higher coral cover than Wawaloli. *P. meandrina* has also been shown to have significantly higher coral cover at shallow depths compared to deep depths, and *P. compressa* to have higher coral cover at deep depths compared to shallow depths. While the 2016 data did show the highest mean values of overall coral cover at the Hoona Bay and NPPE sites, there were no statistically significant differences among the six stations. There were also no significant differences among the depth gradients. Furthermore, the 2016 data also show no significant differences in species richness or species diversity among the six stations and three depth profiles. These findings indicate all survey locations support coral assemblages of similar diversity and community structure with relatively high coral cover.

Previous reports have also documented a pattern of increase in percent cover of *P. lobata* among the six survey stations. The average percent cover of *P. lobata* increased from 10.0% to 30.7% from the years 1992-2012. The 2013 survey report documented significant increases (ANOVA, p<0.05) in coral cover at the 18" Pipe station and NPPE station compared to the 2010 and 2012 data (Ziemann 2010). The average percent cover of *P. lobata* among all stations was 30%, 29%, and 25.8% for 2013, 2014, and 2015 respectively (Bybee et al. 2014, WHALE Environmental 2015). The average percent cover of *P. lobata* among all stations in 2016 was 15.5%. While this value is lower, there was



5.85% cover attributed to *P. evermanni*, which was possibly not identified in previous years due to morphological similarity. The overall percent cover of mounding *Porites* coral in 2016 is not statistically different to the previous three years, thus indicating this is the dominant coral among these stations, and this species is exhibiting minimal changes in community structure.

The average values of *P. compressa* cover have not fluctuated significantly over the last several years, and show a consistent trend of higher percent cover at deeper depths. The 2016 data also support this trend; with nearly all the *P. compressa* coral cover being observed at the deeper sites. This is expected, as this coral has a delicate morphology and typically grows at deeper depths along the reef slope throughout Hawaii.

The average values of *P. meandrina* have also shown a general increase from 1992 – 2014 (Ziemann 2010). The percent cover of *P. meandrina* exhibited a wide range in coral cover in 2013 (3.98% - 21.59%), and was found to have statistically higher values in shallow sites in 2014 (Bybee et al. 2014). The 2016 data exhibit a decrease in *P. meandrina* cover at some sites, and no colonies were observed at one station (Hoona). The range in percent cover of this species was larger than previous years (0-25%), and overall *P. meandrina* cover did not decrease significantly among all sites compared to previous years. Values of *P. meandrina* cover were highest at moderate depths, and this is likely due to the loss of *P. meandrina* corals along leeward coastlines at shallow depths throughout Hawaii due to regional elevations in seawater temperature seen in 2014 and 2015. This coral species is fast growing and relatively short-lived, thus the fluctuations seen throughout the survey years are expected considering its life history traits.

The counts of mobile invertebrate species from the 2016 surveys were similar to observations documented throughout the duration of the NELHA marine biota monitoring program.

#### DISCUSSION

Coral reef ecosystems throughout Hawaii exhibit distinct zonation patterns with depth that are driven by physical parameters such as disturbance and light availability (Dollar 1975, Dollar and Tribble 1993, Ziemann 2010). Corals with high growth rates or robust morphologies, such as *P. meandrina*, *P. lobata*, and encrusting corals, tend to be dominant in shallow reef zones where disturbance is high due to water motion. Larger mounding corals (e.g., *P. lobata*, *P. evermanni*) and delicate branching corals (*P. compressa*) are more dominant at deeper depths where disturbance due to wave action is minimal. The coral assemblages along the nearshore coastline surrounding the NELHA facility exhibit these typical zonation patterns (Marine Research Consultants 2008, Ziemann 2010, Bybee et al. 2014).

The overall coral cover, and percent cover of the dominant coral species (*P. lobata*), have exhibited a trend of increasing coral cover from south to north and from shallow to deep in previous years (Ziemann 2010, Bybee et al. 2013). Studies in 2014 and 2015 showed no significant increase in coral cover, and only found a few statistically significant differences in coral cover among the sites and depth gradients (Bybee et al. 2014, WHALE Environmental 2015). The data collected in 2016 shows similar characteristics of coral community structure, with no significant differences among either sites or depths. The general range of coral cover among the dominant species has also remained relatively stable from 2009-2016.

The mean values of *P. meandrina* cover have shown a significant decrease in abundance from shallow to deep, and have been observed at all shallow and moderate depths (Bybee et al. 2014, WHALE Environmental 2015). As mentioned above, this coral has high growth rates and serves as a colonizer of disturbed habitat in areas with high water motion (Dollar 1982). The 2016 data showed a decrease in *P. meandrina cover* in shallow sites, which is likely due to the statewide episodic increase in seawater temperatures in 2014-2015. Fortunately, the overall cover of this species did not decrease among all stations, thus future surveys will enable documentation of how effectively *P. meandrina* can re-colonize at the shallow survey stations that showed a decrease in percent cover compared to previous years.

The results and findings of the surveys conducted over the last 20 years have provided variable data regarding the characteristics of coral communities at the six stations. Considering that no permanent markers are used for the transects, there is an expected inherent variability due to the confounding factor of being unable to repeat surveys in the exact same spatial locations. Utilizing permanent markers would reduce this error, and enhance the capability to track changes in reef structure over time.

Despite variability in the mean values of coral cover among the survey stations and depths over time, the data has shown these corals exhibit patterns in zonation and community structure that are typical of Hawaiian reefs on leeward coastlines. The



consistent values of species richness and diversity indicate the assemblages have not experienced any dramatics changes over the last two decades. The 2016 data show no significant variation in benthic composition among the stations and depths, and no significant changes compared to the last several years of monitoring. These findings indicate the nearshore marine benthic communities are not exhibiting any signs of detrimental impacts associated with the NELHA facility.

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Keahole Point is known to support fish populations with high abundance and diversity compared to other sites throughout the Hawaiian Islands (Brock 1954, Brock, 1985; Brock, 1995). Productive fish assemblages are important resources to the state, thus conservation and management strategies are needed to avoid declines in the abundance and biomass of coastal fish populations. The NELHA facility is located along the shoreline of this point, thus annual monitoring has been conducted for the past 25 years to ensure that any impacts to water quality, associated with activities conducted on the NELHA facility, are not causing detrimental changes to the nearshore fish assemblages in this area.

The annual fish surveys utilize conventional techniques to detect any changes in the abundance, diversity, and biomass of all fish populations located at the same stations used for monitoring the benthic substrate. Utilizing this monitoring approach allows for detecting any detrimental reductions in the structure and overall productivity of these fish assemblages, which may be associated with anthropogenic activities on the adjacent land-tract.



#### **METHODS**

Surveys of the nearshore fish assemblages were conducted at the same six stations and depth gradients (18 total transect surveys) used for assessment of the benthic substrate (Figure 10). Surveys were conducted using SCUBA over the entire area of 4 x 25-m belt transects. Standard visual assessments were used to record the abundance and length of all fish present within the belt transects area (Brock 1954). The method used for this survey approach is the same belt-transect technique utilized by multiple agencies (e.g., NOAA, DAR, UH) for standardized monitoring and assessment of fish assemblages on Hawaiian coral reefs. Divers taxonomically identified all fish within the belt-transect area to the species level and also recorded the length of each fish (cm).

Previous studies had utilized permanent transects that were marked by subsurface floats to ensure repeatability in the same spatial location (Brock 2008). The markers have not been present since 2012, so surveys conducted during the last five years have been performed at the same locations and depths (~15-fsw, ~30-fsw, and ~50fsw) of the benthic characterization surveys. Divers work in a pair, with the fish surveyor deploying the transect-tape while visually assessing all fish present within the belt-transect area. The other diver waits behind the fish surveyor, in order to avoid disturbing the fish, and then performs the benthic characterization in the same spatial area. This approach allows for ensuring both habitat and fish assemblage data are collected from the same location, and thus can be collated if necessary.

The visual estimates of fish length (cm) are converted to biomass using the standard formula to compute values of biomass in  $g/m^2$  ( $M = a * L^b$ ). a and b are fitting parameters based on the specific fish species, L represents length in mm, and M represents mass in grams. Fitting parameters were obtained from the Fishbase online database (Froese and Pauley 2000). Diversity was calculated using the Shannon Index (H), as this index has been used in the previous monitoring reports (Ziemann 2010).

$$\overset{\wedge}{H} \ = \ \ \overset{n}{\underset{i=1}{\sum}} \quad \ \ \, \underbrace{n_i} \ \ \, \underbrace{n_i} \ \ \, \underbrace{n} \ \ \, \underbrace{n} \ \ \, n$$

The data was statistically analyzed using the software package, R. If data met the assumptions necessary for parametric statistical tests (normality, independence, and equal variance), then one-way ANOVA and Tukey pairwise comparisons were used to compare mean values of fish assemblage parameters among the transects at different stations and depths. If the data violated the assumptions for parametric statistical tests, then non-parametric alternatives were used (Kruskal-Wallis). The alpha for statistical significance was 0.05, and this was used to determine if any significant differences exist among sites and depths in terms of fish assemblage structure (species count, number of species, species diversity, biomass).



#### **RESULTS**

The resulting mean values for each of the parameters measured for this study (total fish count, number of species, species diversity, biomass) are provided in Table 5, and the complete dataset is provided in Appendix 3.

#### Total Number of Individuals

The total number of individual fish was highest at 12" Pipe South and the lowest was at Wawaloli. This range in individuals was 106 to 296. Shallow and deep habitats had a similar number of individuals (226 and 220 respectively), with moderate sites having the lowest number (177 individuals). While there were differences in the mean values, there were no statistically significant differences in the total number of individual fish counted among all six stations (p=0.39) or among the three depth gradients (p=0.43). All values are reported in Table 5.

## Number of Species

The mean number of species recorded was highest at the 18" Pipe, and lowest at Wawaloli. This range in mean number of species was 29 to 52. The shallow, moderate, and deep habitats all had 44 species of fish recorded for surveys among these depths. While there was differences in mean values of the number of species recorded, there was no statistically significant difference among the six stations (p=0.46) or among the three depth gradients (p=0.27). All values are reported in Table 5.

The fish families that exhibited the highest abundance among all surveys were the chaetodontids (butterfly fish), pomacentrids (damsel fish), cirrhitidae (hawkfish), Labridae (wrasses), and acanthurids (surgeon fish). The most abundant species represented among the surveys were *Z. falvescens*, *A. nigrofuscus*, *T. duperrey*, *C. strigosus*, *C. sordidus*, *N. literatus*, *C. multicinctus*, *C. agilis*, *C. vanderbilti*, *P. arcatus*, *H. ornatissimus*, *G. varius*, *C. jactotor*, *S. bursa*, *C. vanderbilti*, *P. multifasciatus*, *C. agilis*, *A. olivaceus*, *C. hawaiiensis*, *P. jonstonianus*, *S. fasciolatus*, *C. ornatissiums*, *C. quadrimaculatus*, *P. octotania*, and *Z. cornutus*. These fish were represented among all stations and depths surveyed for the study.

## Species Diversity and Biomass

Species diversity ranged from 2.76 at 12" Pipe South to 3.28 at NPPE. The species diversity at the moderate and deep depths was 2.94, and 3.02 at the shallow depths. There were no significant differences in species diversity among the six stations surveyed (p=0.45). There were also no significant differences in species diversity among the three depth gradients (p=0.45)

Fish biomass was highest at 12" Pipe South (225.05 g/m2) and lowest at Wawaloli (85.26 g/m2). Biomass was lowest at moderate depths (99.79 g/m2), and highest at the shallow depths (186.45 g/m2). No significant differences in mean biomass were detected among the sites or depth gradients (p=0.45).

Table 5: Summary of fish survey data and comparative analyses from surveys conducted in May 2015

Station	Wawaloli				18" Pipe				12" Pipe South		
Depth	Shallow	Moderate	Deep		Shallow	Moderate	Deep		Shallow	Moderate	Deep
Fish count	120.00	63.00	135.00		218.00	305.00	247.00		376.00	186.00	328.00
Number of species	28.00	20.00	41.00		55.00	60.00	43.00	/	41.00	41.00	43.00
Diversity	2.77	2.59	3.16		3.17	2.67	2.53		2.92	2.70	2.66
Biomass	68.05	43.95	143.79		145.89	85.95	154.84	, and the second	202.92	55.70	78.96
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Station	1	2" Pipe N	lorth			NPPE			Hoona Bay		
Depth	Shallow	Moderate	Deep		Shallow	Moderate	Deep	<i>y</i>	Shallow	Moderate	Deep
Fish count	246.00	149.00	202.00		190.00	135.00	124.00		207.00	228.00	289.00
Number of species	42.00	39.00	52.00		47.00	52.00	41.00		55.00	52.00	48.00
Diversity	2.99	3.02	3.31		3.18	3.61	3.07		3.11	3.03	2.88
Biomass	269.10	129.85	140.39		141.64	100.86	68.63		88.76	126.73	259.97
Mean value comparisons	Wawa	18" Pipe	12" Pipe S	12" Pipe N	NPPE	H - Bay	p-value	Shallow	Moderate	Deep	p-value
Fish count	106.00	256.66	296.66	199.00	149.66	241.33	0.39	226.16	177.66	220.83	0.43
Number of species	29.60	52.66	41.66	44.33	46.66	51.66	0.46	44.66	44.00	44.67	0.27
Diversity	2.84	2.79	2.76	3.11	3.28	3.01	0.45	3.02	2.94	2.94	0.45
Biomass	85.26	128.89	225.05	179.78	103.71	158.48	0.45	186.45	99.79	154.26	0.45



#### COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TEMPORAL TRENDS IN FISH DATA

The goal of this report is to provide a detailed characterization of the nearshore fish assemblages at the six stations and three depth gradients used for long-term monitoring of marine habitats adjacent to the NELHA facilities. Previous reports have performed extensive analyses to compare data from these sites from 1992-2015 (Ziemann 2010, Bybee and Barrett 2012, Bybee et al. 2013, 2014, Whale Environmental 2015). This report will discuss the key findings from these previous reports and how they compare to the current data from the 2016 surveys.

Previous studies have reported variation in fish assemblage structure over the past 25 years of the annual monitoring program, but no significant changes have been documented that are attributed to anthropogenic impacts or detrimental declines in fish productivity due to acute or prolonged disturbances (Ziemann 2010, Bybee et al. 2014).

Several years have exhibited substantial variation in mean values of fish counts and biomass. For example, 2012 had statistically significantly lower values of overall species count, species diversity, and biomass compared to data from 2010 (Bybee et al. 2014). A significant increase in these parameters was observed in 2013, and then values for all parameters were statistically similar in 2014 and 2015 (Bybee et al. 2014, WHALE Environmental 2015). All parameters showed a slight increase in 2015, and the 2016 data is not significantly different to the 2010 data. Results from the 2016 surveys show a marked increase in abundance, diversity, and biomass of the fish assemblages among all stations and depths.



Previous reports have suggested the variability in fish assemblage data is likely driven by large schools of reef-fish that sporadically enter into the belt-transect areas during the surveys (Ziemann 2010, Bybee et al. 2014). Reef fish communities are known to be highly variable in both spatial and temporal scales. Conducting the fish surveys on an annual basis provides a coarse resolution of temporal variability in fish assemblage structure, and likely contributes to the variability observed over the duration of this monitoring program. Furthermore, the different observers conducting the surveys will also introduce a level of variability in the data.

Small methodological changes were introduced in 2013 in order to minimize diverbased disturbance to the fish communities. Fish assemblage parameters exhibited a statistically significant increase that year, yet was still lower than values obtained in 2010 (Bybee et al. 2014). Attempting to reduce observer bias is important, but will not adequately allow for diminishing the confounding factors and determining the precise sources of variability in the data. The 2016 surveys were conducted using the standardized approaches that are utilized by multiple agencies for monitoring and assessing fish assemblages throughout Hawaii (e.g., NOAA, DAR, UH). Values were higher than previous years, and in the same range as those observed in 2010. These findings suggest that variability due to presence of the divers is minimal compared to the natural variability in fish assemblage structure. Fish are highly mobile, and their spatial habitat ranges in conjunction with a wide array of life-history traits create inherent variability in the parameters being assessed by this study. Therefore, the standardized approach utilized by this monitoring program should be expected to produce variable results, yet is entirely capable of detecting dramatic loss of fish abundance and productivity. Examining data across the 25 year time-span of the monitoring program is effective for noticing any substantial detrimental changes that may be associated with acute or long-term disturbances.

A general pattern that has been detected in previous years was that fish assemblages exhibited higher abundance, diversity, and biomass near the Pipe sites and lower values off Wawaloli Beach. This pattern is still evident, as values at Wawaloli were lowest in 2014, 2015, and in the 2016 data (Bybee et al. 2014, WHALE Environmental 2015, Table 5). The reason of this pattern is likely habitat differences. Both the northern sites and those adjacent to the pipes display steep topographic relief with highly complex basalt substrate. Complex habitat is a known driver of fish abundance and diversity. The Wawaloli Beach site is in an embayment, and the substrate not occupied by live coral is predominantly sand (Appendix 2 and 4). These differences in habitat composition may be driving the consistent differences in fish assemblages seen at Wawaloli, and they will likely remain evident in future surveys.



In summary, the reports conducted over the past 25 years show variability in fish assemblage data, but long-term trends indicate that the fish communities in the area are highly productive and diverse. There are no dramatic declines in abundance or changes in population structure that indicate any detrimental impacts are associated with proximity to the NELHA facility.

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# **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1: Environmental and biological data reported from anchialine pond surveys between May 1989 and October 2008.



Appendix 1.1. Physical characteristics of northern and southern anchialine ponds, summarized from surveys conducted from May 1989 to October 2008 (Brock 2008, Ziemann and Conquest 2008), and water quality surveys in 2009. Pond S-10 was not surveyed during these surveys.

	Area	Pond number	Dimensions (m)	Basin Characteristics	Salinity (2009) (ppt)
		N-1	15.5 x 6	Deep mud substrate; in pahoehoe/basalt cobble	10
		N-2	1 x 1	Rubble basin substrate; in pahoehoe	10
	Northern Ponds	N-3	7.5 x 3	Cobble basin substrate; in pahoehoe	9
		N-4	2 x 2	Rubble and mud substrate; in pahoehoe	9
_		N-5	7.5 x 3	Two inter-connected basins in cobble	10
		S-1	1.4 x 1.2	Pahoehoe and rubble substrate	5
		S-2	1 x 1	Pahoehoe and rubble substrate	7
		S-3	1 x 1	Pahoehoe and rubble substrate	8
	C. H.	S-4	0.075 x 0.075	Pahoehoe and rubble substrate	8
	Southern Ponds	S-5	2 x 2.5	Pahoehoe and rubble substrate	8
		S-6	0.2 x 0.05	Pahoehoe and rubble substrate	8
		S-7	1 x 1.4	Pahoehoe and rubble substrate	9
		S-8	1 x 1	Pahoehoe and rubble substrate	8
		S-9	0.2 x 0.05	Small a'a crack	8

Appendix 1.2. Census data reported for northern and southern anchialine ponds from surveys conducted from May 1989 to August 2008 (Brock 2008) with introduced fish species (Poeciliids) recorded as present (x) or absent (0).

			\	Pond: N-1	(Count/0.	1m²)			Pond: N-2	(Count/0.	1m²)	\			Pond:	N-3 (Co	ount/0.1m²)		
Survey Date		id Snails ania sp.)	H. rubra	Poecilia	M. grandi-	P. debilis	M. messor	T. cariosa	Thiarid Snails (Melania sp.)	H. rubra	Poecilia		arid Sr elania		Н. г	rubra	Poecilia	M. lar	P. debilis
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May 1989	78	71		х					36	22	0	62	21		1	15	0		0
Oct 1991	35	52		х					42	15	0	12	9	0	0	28	0		0
Mar 1992	49	31		x					72	3	0	67	23	0	0	0	х		0
May 1992	56	29		x					85	0	X	29	41	0	0	0	х		1
Oct 1992	24	62		x					41	72	0	24	15	6	15	38			1
May 1993	31	54		x					22	0	x	19	26	0	0	0	0		2
Dec 1993	42	59		x					27	0	x	31	17	8	0	0	Х		1
May 1994	31	72		×					31	0	х	42	24	5	2	- 0	Х		2
Jun 1994	43	68		×	2				28	4	х	51	33	6	0	0	X	1	1
Oct 1994	19	72		x	0				19	0	х	72	41	9	0	0	Х	0	1
Mar 1995	40	52		x	0				31	42	0	40	23	9	0	0	х	1	2
Jun 1995	63	50		х	1	2			28	0	х	53	19	14	0	0	Х	0	3
Dec 1997	39	67		х	0		4		33	0	Х	49	31	18	0	0	Х	0	0
Jun 1998	41	53		х	0		7	6	44	0	X	57	22	34	0	0	Х	0	0
Nov 1998	38	52		х	0		9	5	56	0	X	28	26	14	0	0	х	0	0
May 1999	27	49		X	0		6	6	47	0	X	39	24	22	0	0	X	0	0
Dec 1999	36	68		X	0	0	8	3	47	0	X	37	31	12	0	0	x	0	0
June 2000	42	37		X	0	0	9	2	39	0	X	44	51	6	0	0	x	0	0
Nov 2000	34	55		Х	0	0	5	4	51	0	X	34	29	9	0	0	х	0	0
May 2001	39	27		Х	0	0	4	3	79	0	X	41	22	3	0	0	х	0	0
Nov 2001	37	23		Х	0	0	6	2	66	0	X	39	33	3	0	0	х	0	0
May 2002	29	47		X	0	0	5	9	72	0	X	27	19	5	0	0	х	0	0
Dec 2002	21	17		Х	0	0	7	5	37	0	Х	41	38	5	0	0	Х	0	0
Dec 2007	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 2008	4	0		0	0	0	0	0	3	10	0	2	0	0	25	21	0	0	0



## Appendix 1.2. (continued)

		Р	ond: N-4	1 (Count	t/0.1m²)				Pond: N	-5 (Count/0	.1m²)	
Survey Date		id Snails ania sp.)	H. re	ubra	Poecilia sp.	M. grandi- manus	Sı	iarid nails nnia sp.)	H. rubra	Poecilia sp.	M. grandi- manus	M. messor
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May 1989	39	115	3	21	0		2	4	0	0		
Oct 1991	0	4	0	23	0		2	4	0	0		
Mar 1992	0	9	0	0	Х		31	2	0	Х		
May 1992	14	3	0	0	Х		9	1	0	х		
Oct 1992	10	85	12	31	0		8	1	41	0		
May 1993	9	42	0	0	Х		12	1	0	х		
Dec 1993	14	61	0	0	Х		23	17	0	х		ľ
May 1994	12	53	0	0	Х		19	27	0	х		
Jun 1994	26	49	0	0	Х		27	6	0	x		
Oct 1994	25	19	0	0	Х		51	29	0	х		
Mar 1995	26	19	0	0	Х	5	21	19	0 🔏	х	3	
Jun 1995	25	23	0	0	Х	0	29	16	0 🥖	х	0	
Dec 1997	27	17	0	0	Х	0	33	13	0	х	0	3
Jun 1998	33	21	0	0	X	0	42	27	0	X	0	5
Nov 1998	29	26	0	0	Х	0	23	19	0	х	0	5
May 1999	27	19	0	0	Х	0	24	12	0	х	0	4
Dec 1999	36	29	0	0	Х	0	16	19	0	х	0	5
June 2000	29	17	0	0	ХХ	0	12	26	0	х	0	5
Nov 2000	27	21	0	0	Х	0	21	17	0	Х	0	5
May 2001	dry						19	14	0	X	1	7
Nov 2001	29	17	0	0	Х	0	17	12	8	X	0	5
May 2002	31	20	0	0	X	0	23	16	0	х	0	6
Dec 2002	27	18	0	0	х	0	17	21	0	х	0	3
Dec 2007	dry						0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 2008	2	1	23	17	0	0	4	5	80	0	0	0

Appendix 1.2. (continued)

Appendix		1						I							
	P	Pond: S-1 (	Count/0.1n	n2)	Pond:	S-2 (Count	/0.1m2)	Po	ond: S-3 (Co	ount/0.1m	2)	1	Pond: S-4	(Count/0.1m2	2)
Survey Date	H. rubra	Poecilia sp.	M. grandi- manus	Amphi- poda	H. rubra	Poecilia sp.	Amphi- poda	H. rubra	Poecilia sp.	M. Iohena	Amphi- poda	H. rubra	Poecilia sp.	Abudefduf sordidus	Amphi- poda
May 1989	56		0	0	71		185	38			54	9			0
Oct 1991	29		0	0	31		32	21			14	42			0
Mar 1992	31		1	0	40		6	43			9	6			0
May 1992	61		1	6	14		2	64			12	9			2
Oct 1992	29		0	19	34		9	56			9	4			12
May 1993	49		0	12	54		2	dry				dry			
Dec 1993	37		1	15	dry			94			12	dry			
May 1994	47		2	21	dry			37			14	21			6
Jun 1994	52		0	18	dry			86	1		3	dry			
Oct 1994	84		0	26	dry			94	0		16	39			12
Mar 1995	61		0	23	dry		9	dry				dry			
Jun 1995	57		0	27				78		2	21	16			3
Dec 1997	73		0	24	dry			dry				dry			
Jun 1998	49		0	23			12	14		0	17	0			2
Nov 1998	81		0	14	dry			dry				dry			
May 1999	63		0	12			14	29		0	10	0			3
Dec 1999	65		0	14	dry			8		0	12	15			4
June 2000	35		0	16	6		0	17		0	9	31			8
Nov 2000	35		0	9	dry			filled w/				dry			100
May 2001	55		0	11	dry			sand				dry			7
Dec 2002	58		0	9	48		1	0		0	3	38			1
Dec 2007	0	х	0	0	0	х	0	0	x	0	0	8			0
Aug 2008	0	Х	0	0	0	Х	0	0	Х	0	0	0		1	0

Appendix 1.2. (continued)

	Р	ond: S-5 (0	Count/0.1n	n2)		Pond: S-6 (C	Count/0.1n	n2)	P	ond: S-7 (0	Count/0.1n	n2)	Pond:	S-8 (Count	/0.1m2)	Pond: S-9	(Count/0.1m2)
Survey Date	H. rubra	Poecilia sp.	M. grandi- manus	Amphi- poda	H. rubra	Poecilia sp.	Amphi- poda	Amphi- poda (white)	H. rubra	Poecilia sp.	M. grandi- manus	Amphi- poda	H. rubra	Poecilia sp.	M. grandi- manus	H. rubra	Poecilia sp.
May 1989	43			94	3		0	0	97		0.5	11		a de la companya de			
Oct 1991	121			65	3		9	2	95		0.5	17					
Mar 1992	131		1	48	1		2	0	87		0.5	12					
May 1992	92			27	1		3	0	96		0.75	10	65		0.5		
Oct 1992	107			34	7		3	2	49		1	13	72		0.75	3	
May 1993	113		1	7	5		2	1	72		0.5	9	81		1	dry	
Dec 1993	0		0	0	4		3	1	68		1	10	71		1	dry	
May 1994	0		1	0	7		3	3	82		2	18	68		2	dry	
Jun 1994	0		4	0	4	-	3	1	94		1	23	81		1	dry	
Oct 1994	0		1	0	23		0	2	113		1	39	80		1	14	
Mar 1995	0		2	0	dry				77-		1	25	52		1	dry	
Jun 1995	0		1	0	17		0	0	121		3	29	61		1	9	
Dec 1997	0		0	0	dry				86		0	21	55		0	dry	
Jun 1998	0		0	0	12		2	0	79		1	31	57		0	12	
Nov 1998	0		0	0	dry				87		2	20	63		0	dry	
May 1999	0		0	0	6		3	0	59		3	18	72		1	10	
Dec 1999	0		0	0	dry				43		2	14	30		0	4	
June					l.											١,	
2000	0		0	0	4		0	0	41		1	22	38		0	1	
Nov 2000	0		0	0	dry				56		1	6	48		0	7	
May 2001	35		0	0	dry				47		1	9	80		0	dry	
Dec 2002	49		0	4	7		0	0	0	X	1	0	81		0	27	
Dec 2007	3		0	0	dry				0	X	0	0	0	Х	0	0	x
Aug 2008	0	Х	0	0	5		0	0	0	Х	0	0	0	Х	0	0	x

Appendix 1.3. The anchialine ponds census data for the survey conducted October 2008. In addition to quantitative counts, qualitative abundances were noted as follows: + few animals; scattered plants, ++ animals common; plants abundant in patches, +++ animals too numerous to count; plants covering substrate, and – none observed (Ziemann and Conquest 2008).

Area	Pond number	Ruppia maritima	Thiarid Snails	Assiminea sp.	Theodoxus cariosa	Graspsus tenuicrustatus	Halocaridina rubra	Metabataeus Iohena	Poecilia sp.	Other Species, Comments
	N-1			į.	+		++	- ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	-	Ruppia absent
	N-2						+	, all	-	Ruppia absent
Northern Ponds	N-3	+	+				+++	-		Ruppia absent
Tonas	N-4						+++	-	-	Ruppia absent
	N-5	+	+				++	-	-	Ruppia absent
	S-1						-	2	+	
	S-2						100	-	-	
	S-3		1				200	1	-	
C. H.	S-4						5	-	-	
Southern Ponds	S-5		\				-	-	+	
ronus	S-6						20	1	24	
	S-7						-	-	++	
	S-8						75	15	- \	
	S-9						-	-	- "	



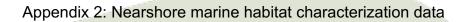




Table 2.1 Benthic habitat characterization data - Algae

					Asptax	Caurac	Caulser	Caulsert	Codara	CCA	BG	Dasyir	Dichmar	Dictcav	Dictver	Dicty	Gibhaw	Halop	Lobvar	Marflab	Marfrag	Neoman	Padina	Porhor	Prewel	Sarg	Turbor	Tuf	venven	
			Sub-Categories	Algae	Asparagopsis taxiformis (Asptax)	Caulerpa racemosa (Caurac)	Caulerpa serrulata (Caulser)	Caulerpa sertularioides (Caulsert)	Codium arabicum (Codara)	Crustose Coralline (CCA)	Cyanophyta (BG)	Dasya iridescens (Dasyir)	Dichotomaria marginata (Dichmar)	Dictyospaeria cavernosa (Dictcav)	Dictyosphaeria versluysii (Dictver)	Dictyota species (Dicty)	Gibsmithia hawaiiensis (Gibhaw)	Halimeda opuntia (Halop)	Lobophora variegata (Lobvar)	Martensia flabelliformis (Marflab)	Martensia fragilis (Marfrag)	Neomeris annulata (Neoman)	Padina species (Padina)	Portieria hornemanii (Porhor)	Predaea weldii (Prewel)	Sargassum (Sarg)	Turbinaria ornata (Turbor)	Turf (Turf)	Ventricaria ventricosa (venven)	red algae
Site	Depth	Location	_							20																_		62		
125	50	1								20	-		_								_					-		63		3
12S 12S	50 50	2 5								15	3		_		_				_				_			_	_	67		3
125	50	9								5 20	2		_		_			_	_		_	_	_			_	_	65 73		-
125	50	10								30			_		_			_	_		_	_	_		_	-	-	55	_	_
125	50	14								48																		50		_
125	50	16								50																		35		
125	50	18								40			_									_				_		54		
125	50	29								45																		47		
125	50	30								20																		38		
125	35	12									3																	82		
125	35	13								10	10																	64		
125	35	14									6							1										61		
125	35	22									2																	57		
125	35	23								20	10																	55		
125	35	24								15																		59		
125	35	25								5																		77		
125	35	27								10	2																	68		
125	35	29									5																	80		
125	35	36								12			_					1										42		
125	15	0								10	_																	45		
125	15	2								5	3				_													71		
12S 12S	15 15	10 17				-				30	5		_		_				_		-	_					_	47 48		
125	15	20								15 6	5		-								-					-	-	74	_	_
125	15	22								U	7																	75		
125	15	30	-	-						- <u>-</u> -				-		-1-1-												63		
125	15	35								10			_										_				_	59		
125	15	40								5	5		_															60		
125	15	42								10	-																	67		
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					Asptax	Caurac	Caulser	Caulsert	Codara	8	BG	Dasyir	Dichmar	Dictcav	Dictver	Dicty	Gibhaw	Halop	Lobvar	Marflab	Marfrag	Neoman	Padina	Porhor	Prewe	Sarg	Turbor	Turf	venven	
Site	Double	Location	Sub-Categories	Algae	Asparagopsis taxiformis (Asptax)	Caulerpa racemosa (Caurac)	Caulerpa serrulata (Caulser)	Caulerpa sertularioides (Caulsert)	Codium arabicum (Codara)	Crustose Coralline (CCA)	Cyanophyta (BG)	Dasya iridescens (Dasyir)	Dichotomaria marginata (Dichmar)	Dictyospaeria cavernosa (Dictcav)	Dictyosphaeria versluysii (Dictver)	Dictyota species (Dicty)	Gibsmithia hawaiiensis (Gibhaw)	Halimeda opuntia (Halop)	Lobophora variegata (Lobvar)	Martensia flabelliformis (Marflab)	Martensia fragilis (Marfrag)	Neomeris annulata (Neoman)	Padina species (Padina)	Portieria hornemanii (Porhor)	Predaea weldii (Prewel)	Sargassum (Sarg)	Turbinaria ornata (Turbor)	Turf (Turf)	Ventricaria ventricosa (venven)	red algae
12N	50	3								6	1											1						74		_
12N	50	7								5	3															_	_	62		_
12N	50	8								7																		50		
12N	50	9								5																		75		
12N	50	10								6								2				_						61		
12N	50	19																_										41		
12N	50	22								5																		85		
12N	50	23								20	4																	48		
12N	50	28																										42		
12N	50	34								10																		57		
12N	35	3								10	2																	43		
12N	35	4								5	5																	56		
12N	35	11								20																		53		
12N	35	14			_					15																		52		
12N	35	15			_					15																		69		_
12N 12N	35 35	21 23			-	-			-	6 5	5									_		_						64 39		
12N	35	24			-					10	5			_				_										80		_
12N	35	28								5								1										39		
12N	35	30			-					6	2																	49		
12N	15	5								15	_																	66		
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12N	15	33								5																		85		
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12N	15	36								5																		58		
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Site NPPE	Depth 50	Location 0	1		1																					_		49		
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NPPE	50	8			5					5	1																	30		
NPPE	50	12			10						-																	42		
NPPE	50	13			5					10																		55		
NPPE	50	19								15																		39		
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NPPE	35	20			1		-			10								-				-				-	-	64	_	
NPPE	35	21			1					10	5											-				-		82		
NPPE	35	27								15	_											1					1	57		
NPPE	35	31								15												_					-	40		
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NPPE	15	35								10																		52		
NPPE	15	37																									1	52		



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H-bay	50	Location 4	14							2										_							_	19	_	
H-bay	50	5								5																		25		
H-bay	50	18																										57		
H-bay	50	19			_					5	-	_								_		_	_				_	17	_	
H-bay	50	20								3																		47		
H-bay	50	23								5																		10		
H-bay	50	25								10							1											45		
H-bay	50	27								15																		28		
H-bay	50	33								10																		18		
H-bay	50	38								20												1						61		
H-bay	35	6								3																	1	51		
H-bay	35	7								15																		36		3
H-bay	35	16								6	10											1					2	56		
H-bay	35	22																									1	51		
H-bay	35	23																				_	1				2	55		
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H-bay	35	31								25	5							1										37		_
H-bay	35	36								10	3							1					_				2	52		
H-bay	15	1								10	4																	92		
H-bay	15	9			1					8	-																6	67		
H-bay	15	14			-					5																		68		
H-bay	15	18								6																		78		
H-bay	15	19								5																		65		
H-bay	15	28								8	3																	83		
H-bay	15	30								18	5																	50		
H-bay	15	34								5	10																2	62		
H-bay	15	36								6	4																	61		
H-bay	15	46								5																		73		



					Asptax	Caurac	Caulser	Caulsert	Codara	8	BG	Dasyir	Dichmar	Dictcav	Dictver	Dicty	Gibhaw	Halop	Lobvar	Marflab	Marfrag	Neoman	Padina	Porhor	Prewel	Sarg	Turbor	Tuf	venven	
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Site 18	Depth 50	Location	1		_					5	10							2		_								72		_
18	50	1 6								15	5							3										71		
18	50	10			-					20	10							3		_		_						61		
18	50	12			_					5	3			-				_	_	-		_					-	54	-	-
18	50	14								10	2							-	_	-		_		-			_	78	-	-
18	50	15								8	5							6								_		50		
18	50	25			-						3							12										55		
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18	35	1								20	5							-										23 44		
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18	15	41								6	3																	65		



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Site Wawa	Dept 50	h Locatio 3	n								2		_															40		
Wawa	50	6			-		-	-										-		-			-				-	20	-	_
Wawa	50	7						+			5																	30		
Wawa	50	11			-						5																	52		
Wawa	50	13									3																	46		
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Table 2.2 Benthic habitat characterization data – Sessile Invertebrates & Abiotic Substrate

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Table 2.3 Benthic habitat characterization data – Mobile Invertebrates

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### Appendix 3: Nearshore fish assemblage data

Table 3.1 Abundance and length of all fish observed among sites and depths

Haona Bay	5/7/16	,	251			151		
50'			35'			15'		
Species	Individuals	Size (cm)	Species	Individuals	Size (cm)	Species	Individuals	Size (cm)
A. nigrofuscus	3			8		A. nigrofuscus	10	
A. nigrofuscus	2			14		A. nigrofuscus	2	
A. nigrofuscus	1			8		A. nigrofuscus	19	
C. potteri	2			8		A. nigrofuscus	5	
C. potteri	2			4		A. nigrofuscus	1	
C. potteri	1		C. agilis	36		A. nigrofuscus	4	
C. potteri	2			32		C. strigosus	2	
C. agilis	12			20		C. strigosus	5	
C. agilis	10			1		C. strigosus	5	
C. agilis	33			1		C. jactator	1	
C. agilis	15		-	1		C. jactator	1	
C. agilis	10		C. strigosus	1		C. vanderbiliti	33	
C. hawaiiensis	1		-	2		C. vanderbiliti	28	
C. hawaiiensis	1		-	2		C. vanderbiliti	33	
C. strigosus	2		-	1		T. duperrey	2	
C. strigosus	4		C. jactator	1		T. duperrey	1	
C. strigosus	4			1		T. duperrey	1	
D. albisella	5			23		T. duperrey	3	
D. albisella	3	12	C. vanderbiliti	20	5	T. duperrey	1	14
C. argus	1	42	N. literatus	1		T. duperrey	1	
C. argus	1	50	N. literatus	1	. 24	Z. flavescens	2	14
M. kuntee	25	14	N. literatus	1	. 13	Z. flavescens	3	16
M. kuntee	57	16	N. literatus	1	. 12	Z. flavescens	1	15
M. kuntee	50	18	N. literatus	1	. 27	S. bursa	1	18
N. literatus	1	15	T. duperrey	2	14	C. sordidus	2	22
C. ornatissimus	1	12	T. duperrey	1	. 16	C. sordidus	1	14
P. johnstonianus	1	. 6	Z. flavescens	3	14	C. sordidus	1	16
P. tetrataenia	1	. 5	Z. flavescens	1	. 11	C. sordidus	1	17
P. octotania	1	. 6	Z. flavescens	1	. 13	C. sordidus	1	20
T. duperrey	1	14	S. bursa	1	. 17	C. multicinctus	3	13
T. duperrey	1	15	S. bursa	1	. 18	P. arcatus	2	8
T. duperrey	1	. 5	C. sordidus	1	. 26	P. arcatus	2	9
Z. flavescens	1	10	C. sordidus	1	. 16	P. arcatus	1	6
Z. flavescens	4	8	C. sordidus	1	. 17	G. varius	1	7
Z. flavescens	4	9	C. sordidus	1	. 21	G. varius	1	14
Z. flavescens	3	6	C. multicinctus	2	. 8	P. multifasciatus	1	9
S. bursa	1	18	P. arcatus	1	. 8	P. multifasciatus	1	19
S. bursa	1	21	P. arcatus	1	. 9	P. multifasciatus	1	17
C. sordidus	1	21	A. furca	1	. 32	M. vidua	1	20
C. sordidus	1	23		1	. 44	M. vidua	1	24
C. sordidus	1	26		1	. 15	Z. cornutus	1	14
C. multicinctus	1		P. forsteri	1		Z. cornutus	2	
P. arcatus	1			1		C. verater	1	
A. furca	1			1		C. ornatissimus	1	
M. grandoculis	1		G. varius	1		A. leucopareius	1	
S. rubroviolaceus	1					A. leucopareius	2	
A. thompsoni	5			1		A. leucopareius	2	
A. thompsoni	6					A. leucopareius	2	
P. forsteri	1		M. vidua	1		F. flavissimus	1	
,	1		Z. cornutus	1		M. niger	2	
			A. nigricans	1		M. niger	1	
			A. abdominalis	1		M. berndti	1	
	-	-	A. vaigiensis	7		A. chinensis	1	
	-		A. Vulgierisis	<del></del>	13	S. fasciolatus	1	
	-	-				S. psittacus	1	
	+						1	
						Synodus spp.	1	14



NPPE 50'	5/7/16		35'			15'		
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Species	Individuals	Size (cm)	Species	Individuals	Size (cm)	Species	Individuals	Size (cm)
A. nigrofuscus	3		A. nigrofuscus	4		A. nigrofuscus	6	
A. nigrofuscus	3		A. nigrofuscus	1		A. nigrofuscus	8	
C. strigosus	2		A. nigrofuscus	8		A. nigrofuscus	8	
C. strigosus	1		C. strigosus	1		C. strigosus	5	
C. strigosus			C. strigosus			C. strigosus	7	
P. johnstonianus	1		C. strigosus	(		C. strigosus	7	
P. johnstonianus	1		C. strigosus			C. strigosus	11	
H. polylepis	1		C. strigosus		13	C. strigosus	3	
H. polylepis	_   1	1 12	C. strigosus	8	15	C. sordidus	2	22
G. varius	1	1 11	P. johnstonianus	1	. 9	C. sordidus	1	. 28
G. varius	1	1 7	G. varius	1	. 9	Z. flavescens	16	14
C. potteri	1	1 8	G. varius	1	. 12	Z. flavescens	4	15
C. sordidus	1	1 17	C. sordidus	1	. 19	Z. flavescens	13	12
P. octotania	1	1 12	C. sordidus	1	. 24	Z. flavescens	2	10
C. hanui	1	1 5	C. sordidus	2	22	Z. flavescens	10	16
C. hanui	1		T. duperrey	2		C. multicinctus	1	
T. duperrey			T. duperrey	1		C. multicinctus	1	
T. duperrey			T. duperrey			C. multicinctus	2	
Z. flavescens			T. duperrey			C. multicinctus	2	
Z. flavescens			T. duperrey	2		P. arcatus	1	
•				1		P. arcatus	1	
Z. flavescens			Z. flavescens					
Z. flavescens	1		Z. flavescens	1		C. argus	1	
Z. flavescens			Z. flavescens	2		S. bursa	1	
Z. flavescens	3		C. multicinctus	1		T.duperrey	1	
C. multicinctus	1		C. multicinctus	2		C. jactoator	1	
C. multicinctus	2		C. multicinctus	2		M. berndti	1	
P. arcatus	1		P. arcatus	1		M. berndti	1	
F. flavissimus	1	1 11	P. arcatus	_ 1	. 12	H. ornatissimus	1	. 11
C. agilis	3	3 7	C. agilis	10	5	H. ornatissimus	1	. 8
C. agilis	20	4	C. agilis	1	. 6	C. ornatissimus	1	. 14
C. agilis	20	5	S. bursa	1	. 15	C. vanderbilti	5	2
C. agilis	15	6	Z. cornutus	1	. 13	C. vanderbilti	38	3
Z. cornutus	1	1 15	C. quadrimaculatus	2	12	C. vanderbilti	10	4
C. jactator	1	1 6	C. quadrimaculatus	2	9	N. literatus	1	. 26
O. unifaciatus	1		C. hawaiiensis	1		N. literatus	1	
C. hawaiiensis			H. ornatissimus	1		N. literatus	1	
H. ornatissimus	1		P. multifasciatus			N. literatus	1	
P. multifasciatus			P. multifasciatus	1		C. auriga	1	
A. nigricans			C. ornatissimus	2		A. chinensis	1	
C. argus			C. vanderbilti	4		P. aspricaudus	2	
							1	
M. grandoculus	1		C. vanderbilti	11		S. fasciolatus		
C. verater	1	1 13	N. literatus	2		S. fasciolatus	1	
			N. literatus	1		S. fasciolatus	1	
			N. literatus	1		Z. veliferum	1	
			N. literatus	5		X. auromarginatus	1	
			N. literatus	3		A. abdominalis	1	
			N. literatus	1		C. unimaculatus	1	
			N. literatus		26	Kyphosus spp.	1	. 30
			N. literatus	1	. 13	Kyphosus spp.	1	. 24
			A. thompsoni	6	19			
			A. olivaceus	1	. 29			
			P. insularis	1				
			P. aspricaudus	1				



12 Pipe North	5/7/16					1.0		
50'			35'			15'		/ 1
Species	Individuals	Size (cm)	Species	Individuals	Size (cm)	Species	Individuals	Size (cm)
A. nigrofuscus	1		A. nigrofuscus	1		3,	1	
A. nigrofuscus	1		A. nigrofuscus	2			2	
A. nigrofuscus	2		A. nigrofuscus	6		-	2	
C. strigosus	1		C. strigosus	8		-	13	
C. strigosus	8		C. strigosus	8			7	
C. strigosus	2		C. strigosus	1			1	
C. strigosus	3		C. strigosus	11		G. varius	1	
C. strigosus	10		C. gaimard	1		C. gaimard	3	
C. strigosus	5		C. sordidus	1		C. sordidus	2	
C. strigosus	5		C. sordidus	1		C. sordidus	1	
P. johnstonianus	2	. 7	C. hawaiiensis	1	17	T. duperrey	1	
P. johnstonianus	1	. 8	T. duperrey	2	9	T. duperrey	1	7
G. varius	1	. 14	T. duperrey	1	12	Z. flavescens	15	10
C. gaimard	1	. 13	T. duperrey	1	14	Z. flavescens	20	16
C. sordidus	1	. 26	T. duperrey	1	7	Z. flavescens	20	12
C. sordidus	2	16	T. duperrey	1	15	Z. flavescens	29	14
C. sordidus	1	. 24	Z. flavescens	4	16	C. multicinctus	1	11
C. sordidus	1	. 30	Z. flavescens	15	14	C. multicinctus	1	12
C. sordidus	2	13	Z. flavescens	8	13	P. arcatus	1	11
C. hawaiiensis	1	. 14	Z. flavescens	12	12	C. vanderbilti	26	2
T. duperrey	1	. 13	P. arcatus	1	7	C. vanderbilti	26	
T. duperrey	1		P. arcatus	1			1	
T. duperrey	1		P. forsteri	1			2	
T. duperrey	1		C. vanderbilti	28		- '	1	
Z. flavescens	6		C. vanderbilti	10				
Z. flavescens	21		C. vanderbilti	2		- '		
Z. flavescens	8		A. xanthopterus	1		4	1	
Z. flavescens	3		S. bursa	1			1	
Z. flavescens	16		N. literatus	1			11	
Z. flavescens	9		C. ornatissimus	1			4	
C. multicinctus	1		H. polylepis	2			3	
C. multicinctus	3		C. argus	1			3	
C. multicinctus	1		C. argus	1			3	
P. arcatus	1		C. melampygus	1		A. leucopareius	2	
P. forsteri	1		M. berndti	6			1	
C. agilis	3		P. aspricaudus	1			2	
C. agilis	5		A. nigroris	1			1	
-	6			1			2	
C. agilis	1		A. nigricans	1			1	
F. flavissimus	1		A. nigricans	1		7	1	
H. thompsoni	1		F. commersonii	1	142	S. rubroviolaceus	1	
H. ornatissimus				-		S. rubroviolaceus		
P. multifasciatus	1					S. psittacus	1	
C. vanderbilti	23					Decapterus spp.	26	24
C. vanderbilti	24			-				
S. balteata	1			-				
A. olivaceus	2			-				
A. xanthopterus	2			-				
A. xanthopterus	1							
S. bursa	1							
N. literatus	2							
M. vidua	1							
P. insularis	1							
P. pleurostigma	1	. 19						



12 Pipe South	5/7/16	5						
50'			35'			15'		
Species	Individuals	Size (cm)	Species	Individuals	Size (cm)	Species	Individuals	Size (cm)
A. nigrofuscus	7	8	A. nigrofuscus	1	9	A. nigrofuscus	5	10
A. nigrofuscus	5	10	A. nigrofuscus	6	10	A. nigrofuscus	5	12
A. nigrofuscus	5	12	A. nigrofuscus	9	12	A. nigrofuscus	3	13
C. agilis	52	2 5	C. jactator	1	6	C. vanderbiliti	40	
C. agilis	17	4	C. jactator	2	7	C. vanderbiliti	47	
C. agilis	65	6	C. vanderbiliti	38	2	C. vanderbiliti	35	
C. strigosus	4	10	C. vanderbiliti	40	3	N. literatus	1	3:
C. strigosus	1	5	N. literatus	1	21	C. sordidus	1	3:
C. jactator	1	. 7	T. duperrey	1	11	C. sordidus	1	2
C. jactator	51	6	T. duperrey	2	16	C. sordidus	1	2-
C. vanderbiliti	30	2	T. duperrey	3	9	C. multicinctus	2	
C. vanderbiliti	30	3	C. sordidus	1	16	P. arcatus	1	1:
N. literatus	1	26	C. sordidus	1	25	C. quadrimaculatus	1	1-
T. duperrey	1	14	C. sordidus	1	32	Z. flavescens	3	10
T. duperrey	1	10	C. sordidus	1	22	Z. flavescens	8	12
T. duperrey	1	17	C. multicinctus	2	11	Z. flavescens	3	14
S. bursa	1	17	P. arcatus	2	8	H. thomnpsoni	8	1
S. bursa	1	13	P. arcatus	1	10	Z. cornutus	1	14
C. sordidus	1		H. ornatissimus	1	7	F. flavissimus	1	1
C. sordidus	1		H. ornatissimus	1		A. furca	1	
C. sordidus	1		H. polylepis	4		A. triostegus	3	
C. multicinctus	1		H. polylepis	6		A. abdominalis	12	
P. arcatus	1		P. octotania	1		A. abdominalis	12	
P. arcatus	1		F. flavissimus	1		A. vaigiensis	6	
G. varius	1		F. flavissimus	1		A. vaigiensis	5	
G. varius	1		P. johnstonianus	1		A. triostegus	3	_
G. varius	1		Z. cornutus	2		C. strigosus	10	
H. ornatissimus	1		Z. flavescens	11		A. olivaceus	1	
C. potteri	1		Z. flavescens	1		A. blochii	2	
C. potteri	1	-	Z. flavescens	1		A. blochii	1	
B. albotaeniatus	1		A. furca	1		C. hawaiiensis	1	
F. commersonii	1		C. dumerilii	1		C. hawaiiensis	1	
C. gaimard	1		M. vidua	1		C. hawaiiensis	1	
A. olivaceus	1		A. triostegus	1		C. hawaiiensis	2	_
H. polylepis	5		A. triostegus	1		A. dussumieri	2	
P. octotania	1		P. aspricaudus	1		A. dussumieri	1	-
C. kleinii	1		A. abdominalis	29		A. dussumieri	1	
J. kieinii H. thomnpsoni	4		C. lunula	29		Kyphosus spp.	30	_
A. xanthopterus	3			1			30	
A. xantnopterus O. unifasciatus	1		H. thomnpsoni H. thomnpsoni	1 1		Kyphosus spp.	40	-
	1 1			2		Kyphosus spp.	40	
O. unifasciatus	5		X. auromarginatus			Kyphosus spp.	40	
N. hexacanthus			N. taeniourus	1	11	M. vanicolensis	4	2
V. hexacanthus	10			-				
N. hexacanthus	7	30						



18 50'	5/8/16	İ		35'	1	İ	İ	15'	İ	
	Individuals	Fire (am)			Individuals	Cinc (am)		Species	Individuals	Fire (am)
Species	Individuals			Species						
4. nigrofuscus	21			A. nigrofuscus	6			A. nigrofuscus	7	
4. nigrofuscus	4			A. nigrofuscus	6			A. nigrofuscus	13	
4. nigrofuscus	2			A. nigrofuscus	6			A. nigrofuscus	13	
A. nigrofuscus	5			A. nigrofuscus	4			A. nigrofuscus	4	
C. agilis	- 6			A. nigrofuscus	5			C. agilis	1	
C. agilis	2			A. nigrofuscus	5			C. agilis	1	
C. strigosus	2			A. nigrofuscus	8			C. strigosus	3	
C. strigosus	2			C. agilis	2			C. strigosus	11	10
C. jactator	1			C. strigosus	2			C. strigosus	17	12
C. jactator	2			C. strigosus	1			C. strigosus	11	14
C. vanderbiliti	25			C. strigosus	1			C. jactator	1	
C. vanderbiliti	77			C. strigosus	1	4		C. vanderbiliti	6	
C. vanderbiliti	50			C. jactator	1	6		C. vanderbiliti	41	
N. literatus	1			C. vanderbiliti	45	2		C. vanderbiliti	30	
N. literatus	1			C. vanderbiliti	75	3		N. literatus	1	
T. duperrey	2			C. vanderbiliti	75	4		T. duperrey	1	
T. duperrey	1			N. literatus	1			T. duperrey	1	
T. duperrey	1			N. literatus	1			T. duperrey	1	
T. duperrey	2			T. duperrey	1	$\epsilon$		C. multicinctus	1	
T. duperrey	1			T. duperrey	1	4		C. multicinctus	1	
S. bursa	1			T. duperrey	1	12		P. arcatus	1	12
C. multicinctus	1	10		T. duperrey	1	17	7	Z. flavescens	1	14
C. multicinctus	1	7	7	T. duperrey	1	9		Z. flavescens	1	
C. multicinctus	1	. 8	3	T. duperrey	1	13	3	Z. flavescens	3	12
A. olivaceus	1	31		T. duperrey	1	16	5	Z. flavescens	3	15
P. arcatus	1	10	)	S. bursa	1	23	3	S. fasciolatus	1	
C. argus	1	40	)	C. multicinctus	2	8	3	S. fasciolatus	3	9
P. johnstonianus	1	7	7	C. multicinctus	1	5	5	S. fasciolatus	2	10
P. johnstonianus	2	! 8	3	C. multicinctus	1	7	7	G. varius	1	
P. johnstonianus	1	. 6	5	C. multicinctus	1	9	9	C. gaimard	1	24
P. octotania	1	10		P. arcatus	1	8	3	Z. cornutus	1	12
P. octotania	1		3	P. johnstonianus	1	8	3	Z. cornutus	2	14
M. vidua	1	25	5	P. johnstonianus	1	6	5	C. ornatissimus	1	10
A. furca	1	37	7	P. octotania	1	9	9	C. ornatissimus	2	17
P. multifasciatus	1	16	5	P. octotania	1	11		C. jactator	1	
P. multifasciatus	1	13	3	P. multifasciatus	1	17	7	C. hanui	1	4
Z. flavescens	1		5	Z. flavescens	8	14	L	C. sordidus	1	18
Z. flavescens	2	. 7	7	Z. flavescens	2	16	5	C. sordidus	1	20
Z. flavescens	1	. 6	5	Z. flavescens	7	12	2	C. sordidus	1	26
Z. flavescens	4	12	!	Z. flavescens	1	10	)	F. flavissimus	2	15
Z. flavescens	6	14		S. fasciolatus	1	10	)	C. quadrimaculatus	1	11
Z. flavescens	3	15	;	G. varius	1	12	2	C. quadrimaculatus	1	9
Z. flavescens	4	13	1	G. varius	1	9	9	H. ornatissimus	3	12
S. fasciolatus	1			C. gaimard	1			H. ornatissimus	1	15
				Z. cornutus	1	15		H. ornatissimus	1	16
				C. ornatissimus	1	9		C. hawaiiensis	2	
				N. literatus	1	28		A. thompsoni	5	25
				N. literatus	1	23		A. nigricans	1	10
				A. olivaceus	1			A. leucopareius	1	16
				A. olivaceus	2			O. meleagris	1	
				A. olivaceus	1			A. furca	1	
				A. olivaceus	1		5	A. furca	1	
				P. forsteri	1			M. burndti	1	
				P. jorsteri C. sordidus	1			A. scriptus	1	
				F. flavissimus	2				1	
								P. aspricaudus C. amboinensis		
				C. lunula	1			C. amboinensis	1	
				C. quadrimaculatus						
				H. ornatissimus	1					
	-			H. ornatissimus	1					
	+			H. ornatissimus	1					
				H. ornatissimus	1	7	7			



Wawa	5/8/16	i						
50'			35'			15'		
Species	Individuals	Size (cm)	Species	Individuals	Size (cm)	Species	Individuals	Size (cm)
A. nigrofuscus	14	. 8	A. nigrofuscus	5	9	A. nigrofuscus	15	10
A. nigrofuscus	6	7	A. nigrofuscus	7	10	A. nigrofuscus	24	11
C. agilis	4	4	A. nigrofuscus	3	12	A. nigrofuscus	13	12
C. agilis	24	. 5	C. vanderbiliti	6	2	A. nigrofuscus	5	8
C. strigosus	3	6	C. vanderbiliti	15	3	A. nigrofuscus	5	7
C. strigosus	8	13	C. vanderbiliti	7	4	N. literatus	1	24
C. strigosus	6	9	T. duperrey	1	8	T. duperrey	1	6
C. vanderbiliti	6	2	T. duperrey	1	11	T. duperrey	2	9
N. literatus	1	. 22	T. duperrey	2	15	T. duperrey	1	11
N. literatus	11	. 14	T. duperrey	2	14	S. bursa	1	18
T. duperrey	1	. 17	T. duperrey	1	12	S. bursa	2	17
T. duperrey	1	. 18	P. octotania	1	11	S. bursa	1	15
T. duperrey	1	. 7	Z. flavescens	3	16	Z. flavescens	9	14
T. duperrey	1		Z. flavescens	1		Z. flavescens	5	
S. bursa	1	. 17	P. arcatus	1		Z. flavescens	1	
A. olivaceus	1		P. arcatus	1		P. forsteri	1	
A. olivaceus	1		H. ornatissimus	1		A. olivaceus	2	
P. octotania	1		H. ornatissimus	1		A. leucopareius	1	
P. multifasciatus	1		C. gaimard	1		C. vanderbilti	9	
P. multifasciatus	1		N. taeniourus	1		C. vanderbilti	9	
P. multifasciatus	1		Iniistius spp.	2		H. ornatissimus	1	
Z. flavescens	2		minotina oppi			C. ornatissimus	2	
Z. flavescens	4					C. gaimard	1	
Z. flavescens	4	_				C. lunula	1	
C. potteri	1					C. jactator	1	
C. potteri	1					C. multicinctus	2	
Z. cornutus	1					C. quadrimaculatus	2	
Z. cornutus	1					C. quadrimaculatus	1	
C. sordidus	1					S. balteata	1	
C. sordidus	1					J. Darteuta		
C. hanui	4							
C. hanui	2							
P. forsteri	1							
C. hawaiiensis	1							
C. kleinii	4							
A. thompsoni	6							
A. thompsoni	2							
C. miliaris	1							
O. unifasciatus	1			-			+	
O. unifasciatus	1			-			+	
A. xanthopterus	1			+			+	
A. xanthopterus  A. xanthopterus	1			+			-	



Appendix 4. Digital images of quadrats used for benthic habitat characterization

