

HAWAII UNDERSEA RESEARCH LABORATORY

QUICK LOOK REPORT MISSION NO. P5-381

MISSION STATUS

Location: East French Frigate Shoals

Mission Date: Sept. 15, 1998

Maximum Depth: 380 m

Project Title: Precious Corals in the Hawaiian Islands

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Scientific Data Acquired : Prepare an abstract outlining your objectives, techniques, findings, etc.

We collected gold corals in a small area on east French Frigate Shoals. Coral trees were some of the largest ever observed: only observed 2 pink corals, many Keratoisis ?, Multitudes of fishes and inverts, especially galatheid crabs.

MISSION EVALUATION:

Limitations, failures, or operational problems noted:

Recommendations for corrective action or improvement:

In your opinion, did the mission essentially achieve its purpose? Compare actual work accomplished with the work that was expected to be accomplished.

Yes

List specimens or samples collected on the mission.

- 30 Gerardia sp.
- 1 Acanella sp.
- 2 Corallium secundum

DATA RELEASE

Data may be retained by the project leader for up to 2 years after the mission date with the following exception. NOAA may request to use photos for publication or publicity purposes at any time.

Fill in the appropriate statement below and sign this form.

I hereby release the data archived by HURL for public consumption following mission

Precious Corals in the Hawaiian Islands (project title)

held on Sept. 15, 1998 (date) in the following way:

- a. CTD data by N/A (date)
- b. voice transcripts, video, and still camera film by Sept. 2000 (date)
- c. other Sept. 2000 (date)
- d. I will give my written consent to individuals wishing to use these data prior to the above dates depending on the nature of the request(s).

Principal Investigator