# HAWAII UNDERSEA RESEARCH LABORATORY QUICK LOOK REPORT MISSION NO. RCV-210

# **MISSION STATUS**

**Mission Date:** 11-04-02

Location (island, bank, seamount, etc): Makapuu, Oahu

**Specific Site (NE side, summit, etc):** Makapuu Coral Beds, Oahu **Position (start latitude & longitude):** 21°17.000'N 157°32.750'W

**Depth range:** 338-424 m

**Project Title:** Effectiveness of refugia on bottomfish stocks

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

#### Materials & Methods:

The main objective of this study is to complete an evaluation of the effectiveness of DLNR's bottomfish management plan. This is being accomplished with follow-up submersible surveys to our 1998 and 1999 studies, which provided baseline data on densities of onaga and ehu in two refugia and two adjacent control areas. ROV dive objectives are to characterize habitats at and near the study sites. This is being accomplished by conducting videosurveys during which all fish and invertebrate species encountered are recorded along with substrate and depth information.

### Scientific data acquired:

#### Table 1: Biological organisms observed during the dive.

#### **FISHES**

Chlorophthalmus japonica Chlorophthalmus proridens Nezumia hebatatus Coelorhinchus spilonotus Bembradium roseum Holardia goslinei Grammicolepis brachisculus Polymixia japonica Nettastoma parviceps? Chrionema chryseres

# ECHINODERMS, CRUSTACEANS, & MOLLUSKS

Gastroptyctus
Ophiurioid
Mediaster ornatus
Eumunida sp
Sphaeriodiscus ammophilus
Astroceramus
Pseudomunida sp?
Hippasteria imperialis
galatheid
Heterocarpus ensifer

# CORALS, SPONGES & OTHER INVERTS

Acanella dispar Gorgonian Paramuricid blue Paragorgia sp Lepidisis olapa Eunicella sp Bathypathes conferta Callogoria formosa Narella sp 1 Parazoanthus sp 2 Paramujricid tan Bebryce brunea anemone Calvotrophora verslusi Narella megalepis sponge cup Acanthogorgia striata Corallium regale Thouarella hilgendorfi Bathypathes patula sponge white Anthomastis sp Corallium secundum Alcyonacean red Leiopathes glaberrima sponge vase Chrysogorgia stellata Dictaulus sp

The habitat for this dive was bedded limestone with a light sediment dusting, a few areas with manganese crust and broken plates. No bottomfish were seen.

# MISSION EVALUATION:

Limitations, failures, or operational problems noted: none

**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. Information on an area that had not been previously surveyed was obtained. Very good images were obtained of some species for which better images were needed.

# 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

**RCV-210** held on 11-04-02.

a. CTD data by 11-04-04	
b. video data by <u>11-04-04</u>	
c. other	(date)
	nsent to individuals wishing to use these data prior to ag on the nature of the request(s).
	Principal Investigator