UNESCO environmental DNA (eDNA) Expeditions in marine World Heritage sites

Biodiversity survey for Socotra Archipelago

Interim Results Not for public distribution



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About eDNA Expeditions

UNESCO's eDNA Expeditions is a global, citizen science initiative that is conducted with the intention to measure marine biodiversity and predict the impact climate change on marine community composition across UNESCO World Heritage marine sites.

eDNA is a cost effective and minimally invasive method to measure biodiversity in any given area. Marine species continuously shed DNA into the water around them in the form of waste, mucus, or cells. By extracting this DNA from water samples, and subsequently multiplying and sequencing specific regions within these DNA strands, a wide variety of species can be detected without removing any organisms from their environment. The regions in the DNA targeted for sequencing are selected depending on the scope of the study: while some markers are suitable to obtain a broad overview of biodiversity across many groups of species, other markers are particularly suited to get high resolution insight for a more specific taxonomic group such as fish. The UNESCO eDNA Expeditions initiative combines a number of markers tailored for marine vertebrates (fish, mammals, and turtles). A general marker was added to also allow detection of species from other groups such as invertebrates, which can give a broader insight in the marine species diversity in a given area.

Between September 2022 and May 2023, UNESCO organized eDNA sampling campaigns in 21 marine World Heritage sites across 17 countries around the world. At every World Heritage site, about 20 samples were collected from different habitats. Over 250 young people participated in the local sampling expeditions. They were guided by local experts and park management staff, using protocols and eDNA sampling equipment provided by UNESCO.

Biodiversity inventories generated from the samples are being combined with existing species distribution data from public biodiversity databases such as the Ocean Biodiversity Information System (OBIS) in view of obtaining a comprehensive overview of marine life across marine World Heritage sites. Through the use of climate scenarios and species distribution models, an estimate will be made of the impact of climate change, in particular rising temperatures, on local biodiversity and its potential future distribution patterns.

More information about the initiative and a press kit are available on the UNESCO website: https://www.unesco.org/en/edna-expeditions.

Results

Sampling and sample processing

eDNA sampling was conducted in Socotra Archipelago in June and July 2023. A total of 7 samples were collected at 6 locations in the park covering different habitats: di_hamri, ditwh_pa, mahfarhin_qasharihan_mpa, qariah, roosh_mpa, and shoeb_lagoon (Figure 1). Up to 1,680 mL of seawater was filtered through filter cartridges containing a filter with a 0.8 µm pore size. After sampling, the filter cartridges were flushed with preservation liquid and shipped to UNESCO. DNA from the samples was extracted and amplified, and subsequently sent to the sequencing facility at KU Leuven in Belgium, a specialized university eDNA lab contracted by UNESCO for this work. PCR amplification was done using five primer pairs selected to capture as much biodiversity as possible in the target groups of the study: fish, mammals, and turtles.

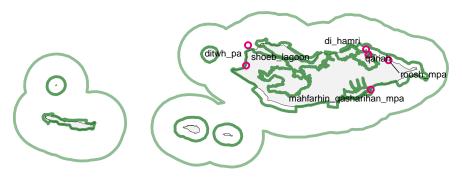


Figure 1: Map of the sampling locations.

DNA sequencing

Sequencing of the DNA from 7 samples resulted in over 6 million sequence reads, from which we collected 10,631 unique sequences or ASVs (Tables 1 and 2).

| reads | asvs |
|---------|-------|
| 6507574 | 10631 |

Table 1: Reads, ASVs, and species across all samples.

| locality | materialSampleID | sampleSize | reads | asvs | species |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|---------|------|---------|
| Socotra Archipelago | EE0524 | 660 | 1995270 | 1351 | 15 |
| Socotra Archipelago | EE0526 | 1560 | 1685194 | 6008 | 183 |
| Socotra Archipelago | EE0528 | 1680 | 2723191 | 7624 | 174 |
| Socotra Archipelago | EE0531 | 1560 | 20350 | 82 | 2 |
| Socotra Archipelago | EE0537 | 1380 | 27671 | 138 | 5 |
| Socotra Archipelago | EE0539 | 1260 | 51255 | 157 | 0 |
| Socotra Archipelago | EE0541 | 1560 | 4643 | 50 | 3 |

Table 2: Reads, ASVs, and species by sample.

Species identification

The marker sequences obtained from sequencing were matched with sequence reference databases built using public data available from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). This resulted in the identification of 247 species, including 144 fish species, 1 mammalian species, and 0 turtle species (Table

3). Species from other groups, such as algae, molluscs, crustaceans, echinoderms, and cnidarians, were also detected (Figures 2 and 3). This number of species detected represents about 20% of the 1,489 species known from Socotra Archipelago in the OBIS database. Of the 247 species detected, 121 are not among the species previously reported from Socotra Archipelago to the UNESCO OBIS database. 3 of the detected species are listed as threatened on the IUCN Red List (Table 4). A full list of species is added at the end of this report.

| group | eDNA species | total species | fraction |
|---------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| fish | 144 | 722 | 0.20 |
| mammals | 1 | 4 | 0.25 |
| turtles | 0 | 3 | |

Table 3: Number of species in the three target groups, from the OBIS database and from eDNA sampling.

| category | eDNA species | total species | fraction |
|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| CR | 0 | 4 | |
| EN | 0 | 14 | |
| VU | 3 | 39 | 0.08 |

Table 4: Number of species by IUCN Red List category, from the OBIS database and from eDNA sampling.

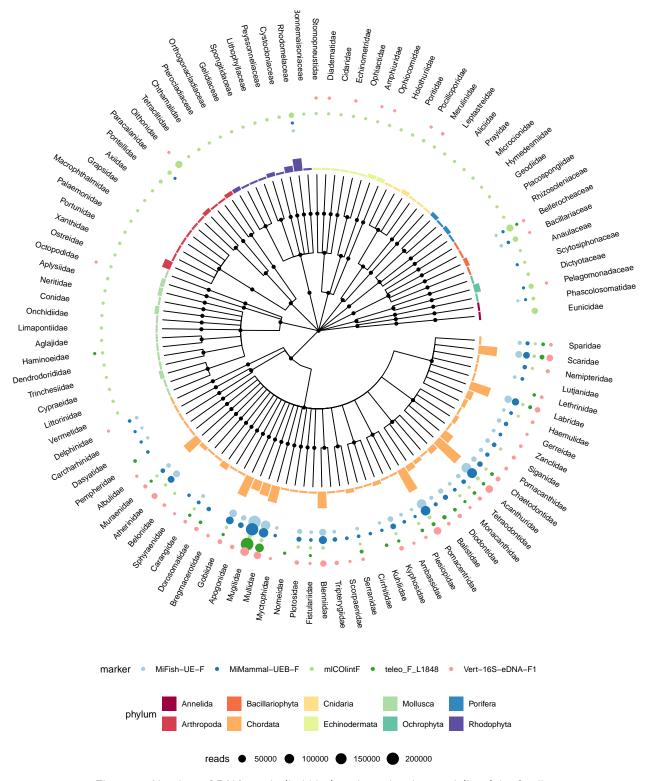


Figure 2: Number of DNA reads (bubbles) and species detected (bars) by family.

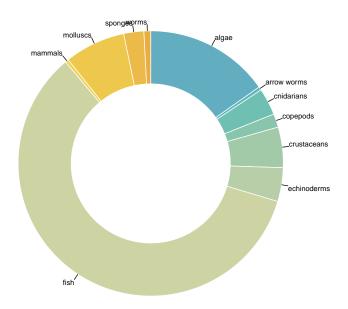


Figure 3: Distribution of detected species across groups.

| phylum | class | species | group | category | new | vernacular |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|-------------|----------|----------|---|
| Annelida | Polychaeta | Palola viridis | worms | | yes | Pacific palolo worm |
| Annelida | | Phascolosoma (Phascolosoma) stephensoni | worms | | yes | |
| Arthropoda | Copepoda | Calanopia minor | copepods | | yes | |
| Arthropoda | Copepoda | Calocalanus plumulosus | copepods | | - | |
| Arthropoda | Copepoda | Oithona dissimilis | copepods | | yes | |
| Arthropoda | Copepoda | Paracalanus indicus | copepods | | yes | |
| Arthropoda | Malacostraca | Actaeodes tomentosus | crustaceans | | J | |
| Arthropoda | Malacostraca | Axiopsis serratifrons | crustaceans | | | serrated axiid |
| Arthropoda | Malacostraca | Chaenostoma sinuspersici | crustaceans | | | |
| Arthropoda | Malacostraca | Cuapetes elegans | crustaceans | | | |
| Arthropoda | Malacostraca | Danielea noelensis | crustaceans | | yes | |
| Arthropoda | Malacostraca | Grapsus albolineatus | crustaceans | | , 00 | mottled lightfoot crab |
| Arthropoda | Malacostraca | Leptodius exaratus | crustaceans | | | motified lightroot crub |
| Arthropoda | Malacostraca | Luniella spinipes | crustaceans | | | |
| Arthropoda | Malacostraca | Thalamita admete | crustaceans | | | |
| Arthropoda | Thecostraca | Chthamalus barnesi | crustaceans | | V/05 | |
| | Thecostraca | Tetrachthamalus oblitteratus | | | yes | |
| Arthropoda | Thecostraca | Tetraclita rufotincta | crustaceans | | yes | |
| Arthropoda | | | crustaceans | | yes | |
| Bacillariophyta | Bacillariophyceae | Anaulus australis | algae | | yes | |
| Bacillariophyta | Bacillariophyceae | Bellerochea polymorpha | algae | | yes | |
| Bacillariophyta | Bacillariophyceae | Pseudo-nitzschia cuspidata | algae | | yes | |
| Bacillariophyta | Bacillariophyceae | Pseudo-nitzschia sabit | algae | | yes | |
| Bacillariophyta | Bacillariophyceae | Sundstroemia setigera | algae | | yes | |
| Chaetognatha | Sagittoidea | Aidanosagitta neglecta | arrow worms | | | |
| Chlorarachniophyta | Chlorarachniophyceae | Bigelowiella natans | | | yes | |
| Chlorophyta | Chloropicophyceae | Chloroparvula pacifica | algae | | yes | |
| Chlorophyta | Mamiellophyceae | Micromonas pusilla | algae | | yes | |
| Chlorophyta | | Chloropicon laureae | algae | | yes | |
| Chlorophyta | | Chloropicon mariensis | algae | | yes | |
| Chlorophyta | | Chloropicon primus | algae | | yes | |
| Chlorophyta | | Chloropicon roscoffensis | algae | | yes | |
| Chlorophyta | | Chloropicon sieburthii | algae | | yes | |
| Chordata | Elasmobranchii | Carcharhinus sorrah | fish | NT | | spottail shark |
| Chordata | Elasmobranchii | Urogymnus asperrimus | fish | VU | yes | porcupine ray |
| Chordata | Mammalia | Stenella longirostris | mammals | LC | | long-snouted spinner dolphin, dauphin longirostre |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Abudefduf notatus | fish | LC | | yellowtail sergeant |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Abudefduf septemfasciatus | fish | LC | | banded sergeant |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Abudefduf sexfasciatus | fish | LC | | scissortail sergeant |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Abudefduf sordidus | fish | LC | | blackspot sergeant |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Acanthopagrus bifasciatus | fish | LC | | doublebar bream |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Acanthurus bariene | fish | LC | yes | black-spot surgeonfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Acanthurus leucocheilus | fish | LC | , | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Acanthurus leucosternon | fish | LC | | powder-blue surgeonfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Acanthurus lineatus | fish | LC | | lined surgeonfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Acanthurus nigricauda | fish | LC | | epaulette surgeonfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Acanthurus nigrofuscus | fish | LC | | brown surgeonfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Acanthurus sohal | fish | LC | | Sohal |
| Chordata | Teleostei | | | LC | | Juliai |
| | | Acanthurus tennentii | fish | | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Acanthurus triostegus | fish | LC | | convict surgeonfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Aethaloperca rogaa | fish | | | redmouth grouper |

| phylum | class | species | group | category | new | vernacular |
|----------|------------------------|---|-------|----------|-----|------------------------------|
| Chordata | Teleostei | Albula glossodonta | fish | VU | yes | roundjaw bonefish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Alticus kirkii | fish | LC | | leaping blenny |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Aluterus scriptus | fish | LC | | scrawled filefish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Ambassis gymnocephalus | fish | LC | yes | bald glassy |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Arothron meleagris | fish | LC | | Guineafowl puffer |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Arothron nigropunctatus | fish | LC | | blackspotted puffer |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Aspidontus taeniatus | fish | LC | | mimic blenny |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Atherinomorus Iacunosus | fish | LC | | robust silverside |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Balistapus undulatus | fish | LC | | orangestriped |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Bathygobius cyclopterus | fish | LC | yes | roundfin goby |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Bregmaceros mcclellandi | fish | | yes | Unicorn cod |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Canthigaster solandri | fish | LC | ves | spotted sharpnose |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Carangoides ferdau | fish | LC | ycs | blue trevally |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Carany melampygus | fish | LC | | bluefin trevally |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Caranx melampygus Caranx sexfasciatus | fish | LC | | bigeye trevally |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Cephalopholis argus | fish | LC | | peacock grouper |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Cephalopholis argus Chaetodon austriacus | | LC | | exquisite butterflyfish |
| | | | fish | LC | yes | exquisite butternyrish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Chaetodon collare | fish | | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Chaetodon decussatus | fish | LC | yes | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Chaetodon lunula | fish | LC | | raccoon butterflyfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Chaetodon trifasciatus | fish | LC | | melon butterflyfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Cheilinus trilobatus | fish | LC | | tripletail wrasse |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Cheilodipterus macrodon | fish | | | largetoothed cardinalfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Chlorurus gibbus | fish | LC | yes | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Chlorurus microrhinos | fish | LC | yes | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Chlorurus sordidus | fish | LC | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Chromis flavaxilla | fish | | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Chrysiptera annulata | fish | | | footballer |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Chrysiptera brownriggii | fish | LC | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Chrysiptera unimaculata | fish | LC | | onespot damselfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Cirrhitus pinnulatus | fish | LC | | stocky hawkfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Coryogalops anomolus | fish | LC | yes | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Crenimugil crenilabis | fish | LC | - | fringelip mullet |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Crenimugil seheli | fish | LC | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Cryptocentroides arabicus | fish | LC | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Ctenochaetus striatus | fish | LC | | lined bristletooth |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Cubiceps whiteleggii | fish | | yes | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Dascyllus marginatus | fish | LC | , , | blackbordered dascyllus |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Diodon holocanthus | fish | LC | | balloonfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Diodon liturosus | fish | | | black-blotched porcupinefish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Echidna nebulosa | fish | LC | | snowflake moray |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Ecsenius gravieri | fish | LC | yes | Red Sea mimic blenny |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Enneapterygius philippinus | fish | LC | yes | Tied Jed Millie Dictilly |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Eviota prasina | fish | LC | yes | green bubble goby |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Fistularia commersonii | fish | LC | ycs | cornetfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Gerres longirostris | fish | LC | | COLLICTION |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Gerres iongirostris Gerres oblongus | fish | LC | VOC | slender silver-biddy |
| Chordata | Teleostei Teleostei | Gerres oblongus Gnatholepis cauerensis | fish | LC | yes | |
| | | • | | | yes | eyebar goby |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Gobiodon citrinus | fish | LC LC | | citron goby |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Gobiodon fuscoruber | fish | LC | yes | |

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| Chordata | Teleostei | Gobiodon reticulatus | fish | VU | yes | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Gomphosus caeruleus | fish | LC | | Red Sea bird wrasse |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Gymnomuraena zebra | fish | LC | | zebra moray |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Gymnothorax favagineus | fish | LC | | laced moray |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Gymnothorax fimbriatus | fish | LC | yes | fimbriated moray |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Gymnothorax flavimarginatus | fish | LC | • | yellowmargin moray |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Gymnothorax griseus | fish | LC | | , , |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Gymnothorax pictus | fish | LC | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Gymnothorax thyrsoideus | fish | LC | yes | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Halichoeres marginatus | fish | LC | , | splendid rainbow wrasse |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Halichoeres nebulosus | fish | LC | | nebulous wrasse |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Hemigymnus fasciatus | fish | LC | | barred wrasse |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Hemigymnus melapterus | fish | LC | | thicklip wrasse |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Herklotsichthys quadrimaculatus | fish | LC | | fourspot sardine |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Hypoatherina temminckii | fish | LC | yes | Samoan silverside |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Istiblennius edentulus | fish | LC | yes | rockskipper |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Istiblennius lineatus | fish | LC | yes | ТОСКЗКІРРСІ |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Istiblennius pox | fish | LC | ves | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Istiblennius spilotus | fish | LC | yes | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Istigobius decoratus | fish | LC | | decorated goby |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Kuhlia mugil | fish | LC | | barred flagtail |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Kunna mugn Kyphosus cinerascens | fish | LC | | snubnose chub |
| Chordata | Teleostei | 31 | fish | LC | | |
| | | Kyphosus vaigiensis | | LC | | brassy chub |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Lethrinus nebulosus | fish | LC | | spangled emperor |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Lutjanus monostigma | fish | LC | | one-spot snapper |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Mugil cephalus | fish | LC | | grey mullet, muge |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Mulloidichthys flavolineatus | fish | LC | | yellowstripe goatfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Mulloidichthys vanicolensis | fish | LC | | yellowfin goatfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Naso elegans | fish | LC | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Naso thynnoides | fish | LC | | oneknife unicornfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Naso unicornis | fish | LC | | bluespine unicornfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Omobranchus fasciolatus | fish | LC | yes | Arab blenny |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Ostorhinchus cookii | fish | LC | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Ostorhinchus cyanosoma | fish | LC | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Palutrus scapulopunctatus | fish | LC | yes | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Parupeneus barberinus | fish | LC | | dash-and-dot goatfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Parupeneus cyclostomus | fish | LC | | yellowsaddle goatfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Parupeneus macronemus | fish | LC | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Parupeneus multifasciatus | fish | LC | yes | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Parupeneus porphyreus | fish | NT | yes | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Parupeneus trifasciatus | fish | LC | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Pempheris schwenkii | fish | | yes | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Planiliza carinata | fish | | yes | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Planiliza macrolepis | fish | LC | - | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Plectorhinchus playfairi | fish | LC | | whitebarred rubberlips |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Plectorhinchus schotaf | fish | LC | | minstrel sweetlips |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Plectorhinchus sordidus | fish | LC | | sordid rubberlips |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Plectroglyphidodon leucozonus | fish | LC | | * * * * * * * * * |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Plesiops coeruleolineatus | fish | LC | | crimsontip longfin |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Plicomugil labiosus | fish | | yes | |

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| Chordata | Teleostei | Plotosus lineatus | fish | | | striped eel catfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Pomacanthus imperator | fish | LC | | emperor angelfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Pomacentrus baenschi | fish | | yes | Baensch's damsel |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Pomacentrus caeruleus | fish | LC | | Caerulean damsel |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Rhabdamia gracilis | fish | | yes | luminous cardinalfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Scarus arabicus | fish | LC | - | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Scarus ferrugineus | fish | LC | | rusty parrotfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Scarus frenatus | fish | LC | | bridled parrotfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Scarus ghobban | fish | LC | | bluechin parrotfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Scarus niger | fish | LC | | dusky parrotfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Scarus rubroviolaceus | fish | LC | | ember parrotfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Scolopsis ghanam | fish | LC | | Arabian monocle bream |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Scorpaenodes evides | fish | LC | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Siganus canaliculatus | fish | LC | yes | white-spotted spinefoot |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Siganus sutor | fish | LC | yes | shoemaker spinefoot |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Sphyraena obtusata | fish | | ves | obtuse barracuda |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Stethojulis interrupta | fish | LC | , 00 | cutribbon wrasse |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Sufflamen chrysopterum | fish | LC | | Cathboon widose |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Sufflamen fraenatum | fish | LC | | |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Symbolophorus evermanni | fish | LC | | Evermann's lantern fish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Taeniamia macroptera | fish | LC | yes | Evermann 3 lantern nan |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Thalassoma lunare | fish | LC | yes | moon wrasse |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Thalassoma lutescens | fish | LC | | moon wrassc |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Thalassoma purpureum | fish | LC | | surge wrasse |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Tylosurus crocodilus | fish | LC | yes | houndfish |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Zanclus cornutus | fish | LC | yes | Moorish idol |
| Chordata | Teleostei | Zebrasoma xanthurum | fish | LC | | yellowtail surgeonfish |
| Cnidaria Cnidaria | Hexacorallia | Dipsastraea rotumana | cnidarians | LC | V/05 | yellowtali surgeoffisii |
| Cnidaria Cnidaria | Hexacorallia | Favites abdita | cnidarians | NT | yes yes | larger star coral |
| Cnidaria | Hexacorallia | | cnidarians | LC | , | crust coral |
| | Hexacorallia | Leptastrea purpurea | | LC | yes | |
| Cnidaria | | Porites lutea | cnidarians | NT | yes | hump coral |
| Cnidaria | Hexacorallia | Stylophora pistillata | cnidarians | IN I | yes | hood coral |
| Cnidaria | Hexacorallia | Triactis producta | cnidarians | | yes | crab anemone |
| Cnidaria | Hydrozoa | Rosacea flaccida Hemiarma marina | cnidarians | | yes | |
| Cryptophyta | Cryptophyceae | | | | yes | |
| Ctenophora | Tentaculata | Vallicula multiformis | cnidarians | | yes | |
| Echinodermata | Echinoidea | Diadema savignyi | echinoderms | | | and the design and the |
| Echinodermata | Echinoidea | Echinometra mathaei | echinoderms | | yes | rock-boring urchin |
| Echinodermata | Echinoidea | Eucidaris metularia | echinoderms | | yes | |
| Echinodermata | Echinoidea | Stomopneustes variolaris | echinoderms | | yes | |
| Echinodermata | Holothuroidea | Holothuria (Lessonothuria) lineata | echinoderms | | yes | |
| Echinodermata | Holothuroidea | Holothuria (Platyperona) difficilis | echinoderms | | yes | L CLOUL I |
| Echinodermata | Ophiuroidea | Amphipholis squamata | echinoderms | | yes | dwarf brittle star |
| Echinodermata | Ophiuroidea | Breviturma brevipes | echinoderms | | yes | |
| Echinodermata | Ophiuroidea | Ophiactis savignyi | echinoderms | | yes | |
| Echinodermata | Ophiuroidea | Ophiocomella valenciae | echinoderms | | yes | |
| Gastrotricha | Complete | Urodasys calicostylis | -1 | | yes | |
| Haptophyta | Coccolithophyceae | Gephyrocapsa huxleyi | algae | | yes | |
| Haptophyta | Coccolithophyceae | Phaeocystis globosa | algae | | yes | |
| Hemichordata | Enteropneusta | Ptychodera flava | | | yes | Hawaiian acorn worm |

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|------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|-----|------------------|
| Mollusca | Bivalvia | Saccostrea mordax | molluscs | | yes | |
| Mollusca | Cephalopoda | Callistoctopus aspilosomatis | molluscs | LC | yes | |
| Mollusca | Cephalopoda | Octopus cyanea | molluscs | LC | yes | Cyane's octopus |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Aplysia oculifera | molluscs | | yes | spotted sea hare |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Biuve fulvipunctata | molluscs | | yes | |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Conus frigidus | molluscs | LC | yes | |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Conus namocanus | molluscs | LC | | namocanus cone |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Dendrodoris fumata | molluscs | | | |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Monetaria annulus | molluscs | | yes | ring cowrie |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Naria nebrites | molluscs | | yes | |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Nerita adenensis | molluscs | | yes | |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Peasiella mauritiana | molluscs | | yes | |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Peronia madagascariensis | molluscs | | yes | |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Petaloconchus keenae | molluscs | | yes | |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Phanerophthalmus tibiricae | molluscs | | yes | |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Phestilla sibogae | molluscs | | yes | |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Placida kevinleei | molluscs | | yes | |
| Mollusca | Gastropoda | Stylocheilus striatus | molluscs | | yes | |
| Ochrophyta | Pelagophyceae | Pelagomonas calceolata | algae | | yes | |
| Ochrophyta | Phaeophyceae | Canistrocarpus cervicornis | algae | | | |
| Ochrophyta | Phaeophyceae | Dictyota ceylanica | algae | | | |
| Ochrophyta | Phaeophyceae | Hydroclathrus tenuis | algae | | yes | |
| Ochrophyta | Phaeophyceae | Padina boergesenii | algae | | | |
| Porifera | Demospongiae | Clathria (Thalysias) reinwardti | sponges | | yes | |
| Porifera | Demospongiae | Clathria (Wilsonella) rugosa | sponges | | yes | |
| Porifera | Demospongiae | Geodia californica | sponges | | yes | |
| Porifera | Demospongiae | Geodia vosmaeri | sponges | | yes | |
| Porifera | Demospongiae | Phorbas bihamiger | sponges | | yes | |
| Porifera | Demospongiae | Placospongia carinata | sponges | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Aphanta ligulata | algae | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Asparagopsis taxiformis | algae | | | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Chondria baileyana | algae | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Chondrophycus anabeliae | algae | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Chondrophycus undulatus | algae | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Gelidium sclerophyllum | algae | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Hypnea nidulans | algae | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Hypnea spinella | algae | | | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Hypnea valentiae | algae | | | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Laurencia dendroidea | algae | | | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Laurencia natalensis | algae | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Laurencia obtusa | algae | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Lithophyllum kaiseri | algae | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Lithophyllum okamurae | algae | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Neogoniolithon fosliei | algae | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Pterocladiella caerulescens | algae | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Pterocladiella musciformis | algae | | yes | |
| Rhodophyta | Florideophyceae | Ramicrusta appressa | algae | | yes | |