**Dive Corals Data Info**

1. Counts of structural corals (*Calcigorgia*, *Primnoa* and *Stylaster*…) during dive surveys began March 2021, when we documented 4 hotspot sites (7 transects).
2. Prior to this, structural corals were absent from almost all dives, but their presence was documented under “biocover notes” at 15 sites (19 transects). Counts were not made, except for one large *Primnoa* at 33 m (ahp-07-09-2018, Khutze Inlet, count=1).
3. None of the biocover notes made pre-2021 remark on the abundance of corals, just their presence. So I assume that it is reasonable to:
   1. Assign a count of 6 to all transects with *Calcigorgia* presence pre-2021; that value is the lowest of 4 transect counts with *Calcigorgia* presence in March 2021 (6, 25, 63, 9).
   2. Assign a count of 10 to all transects with *Stylaster* presence pre-2021; this arbitrary value is meant to represent a generally low abundance; in contrast the two transects with *Stylaster* presence in March 2021 had counts of 3600 and 168, both at the same site.
4. About the data file.
   1. The spreadsheet “StructuralInverts” is exported from the ACCESS dive data. It includes only the 2021 data and the pre-2021 transects with presence of structural corals.
   2. Analyze counts (column D) only for the following species: *Calcigorgia*, *Primnoa* and *Stylaster* (column C).
   3. If the species is not listed in a transect, then it’s count = zero (i.e., same as how fish counts were treated in dive survey data).
   4. **Sites surveyed pre-2021 with coral absence are not represented here and should be given counts of zero.**