Fish Population Dynamics Monitoring at Wai`opae Marine Life Conservation District

Monthly fish surveys are conducted by UH Hilo students in conjunction with the Hawai`i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) and supported by UH Hilo MOP. Fish abundance and size is recorded along permanent transects in pools both inside and outside the boundaries of the Marine Life Conservation District (MLCD). Additional surveys are conducted at Dr. Misaki Takabayashi’s coral health study sites within and outside of the MLCD. Surveys are conducted while snorkeling.

Interested in participating, learning more about marine protected areas, and gaining experience in fish population surveying techniques? Contact Rose Hart at rosehart@hawaii.edu