Influence of live coral cover on reef fish

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SfM Photogrammetry

Although most orthomosaics were already built for this research project, we were able to get trained in Structure from Motion Photogrammetry to build our own models of reefs



Digitizing Orthomosaics

ArcGIS and ArcMap

 A very important part of this research project is digitizing orthomosaics of coral reefs in ArcGIS to quantify the coral cover in each of the models that we are surveying



Fish Surveys



- We conducted fish surveys remotely through the MegaLab Live Cam to compare the results of innovative survey methods with traditional OC SCUBA-based reef monitoring
- Lots of experience counting and sizing fish
- Promising results to use the camera as an educational tool in the future
- We also conducted fish surveys in Waiolena Ocean Park as part of a new monitoring program of coral reefs in Hilo, Hawai'i
- Amazing field and research experience!





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