

Taking on Hurricane Ian
Wave Attenuation at
Eastern Dry Rocks

LIFE CYCLE

MISSION: ICONIC REEFS

CARYSFORT REEF
HORSESHOE REEF

CHEECA ROCKS

SOMBRERO REEF

NEWFOUND HARBOR

LOOE KEY REEF

EASTERN DRY ROCKS



1 Site Preparation



2 Coral Propagation,
Rearing and Planting



5 Monitoring and
Adaptive Management



3 Thousands of Algae-Eating
Grazers



4 Stewardship
and Maintenance



Goal:
Self-Sustaining

20 YEARS
500,000 CORALS
\$100 MILLION

REEFS



Sombre



National Marine Sanctuary Foundation



Reef Renewal USA



THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM




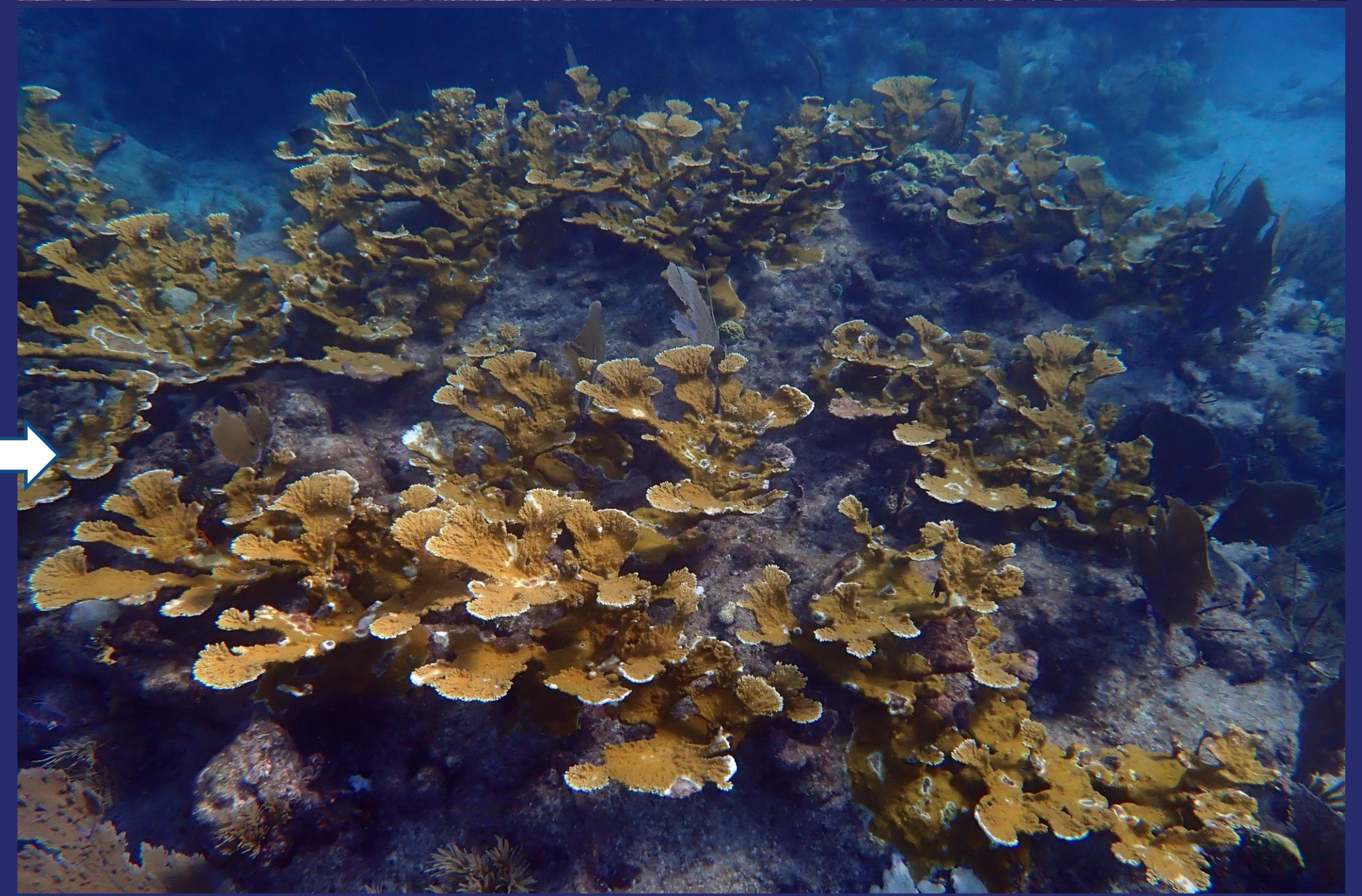
THE COLLEGE OF THE FLORIDA KEYS

Waves interacting with the reef =

Wave Attenuation

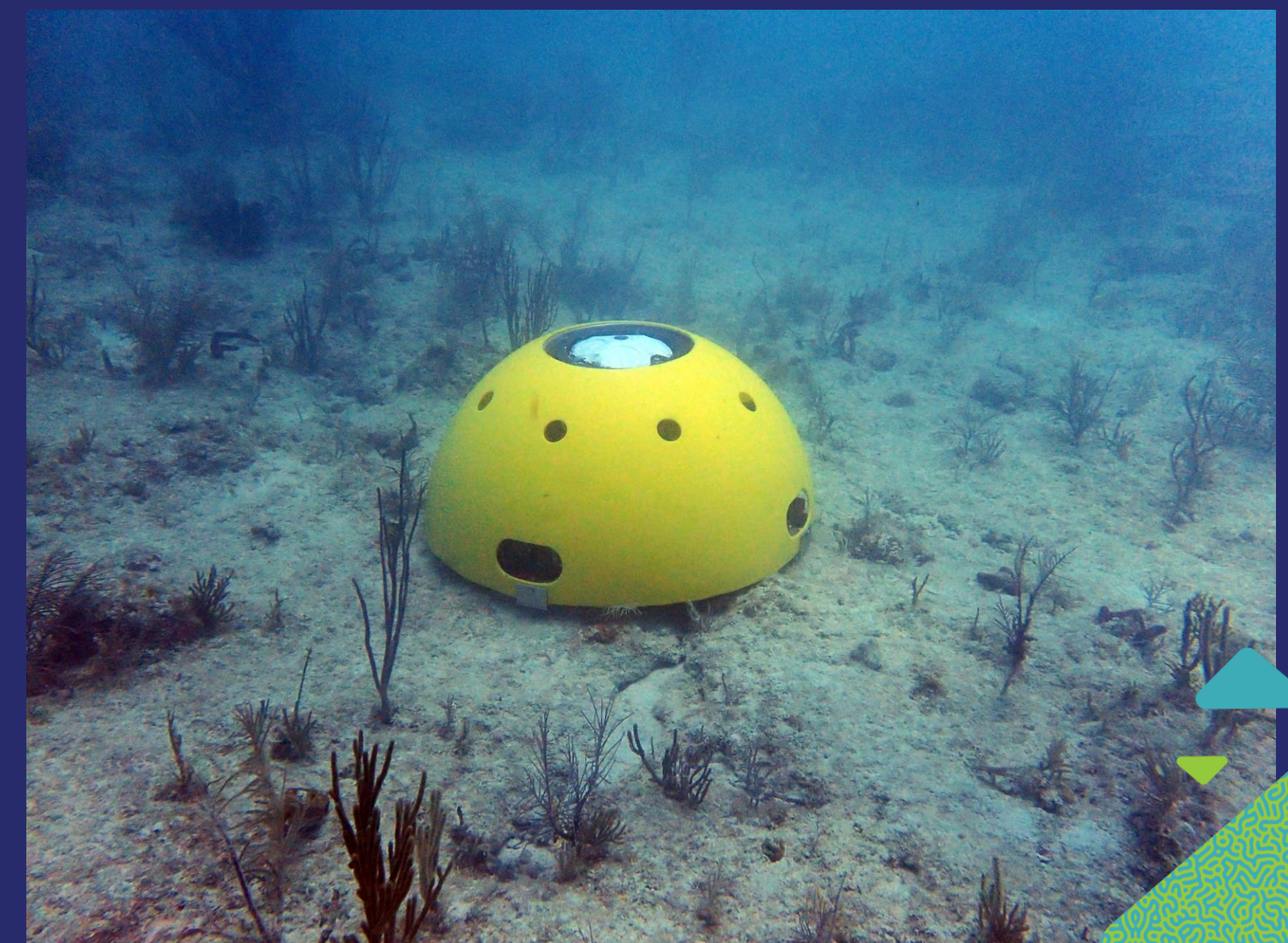
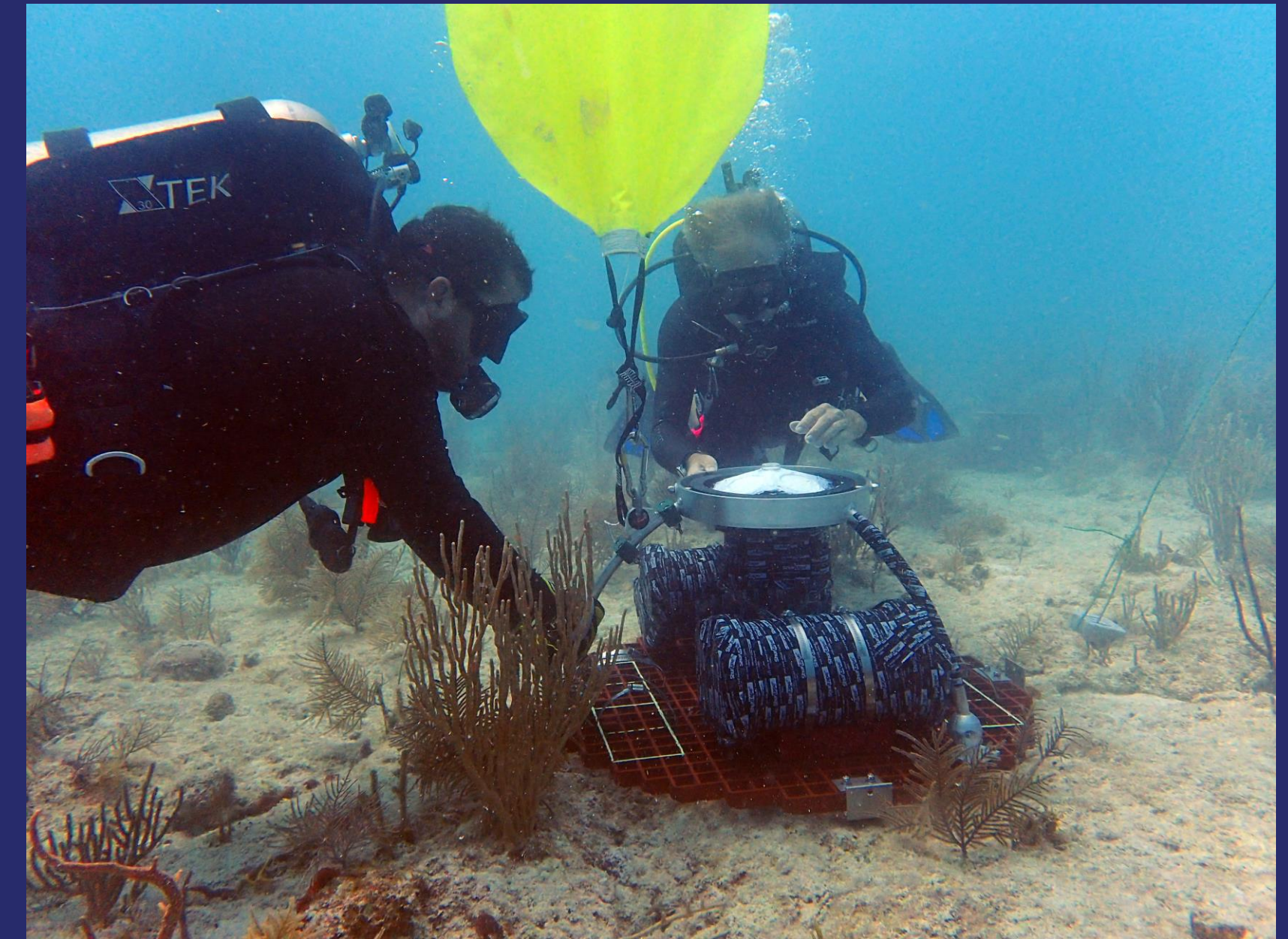
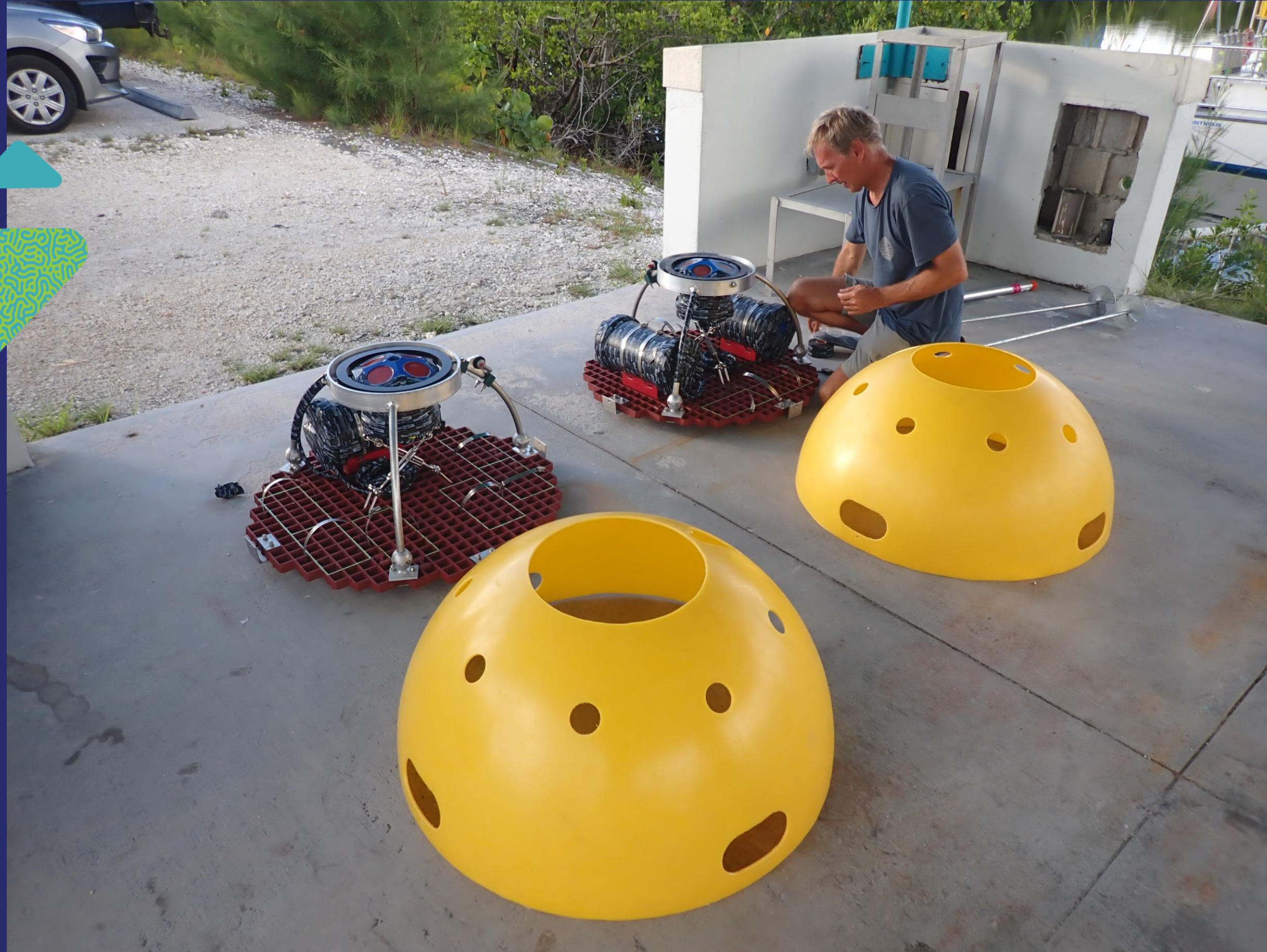



$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(F_w)}_{\substack{\text{shoreward} \\ \text{change in} \\ \text{wave energy}}} = \underbrace{-\varepsilon_b}_{\substack{\text{dissipation of} \\ \text{wave energy} \\ \text{wave breaking}}} + \underbrace{-\varepsilon_d}_{\substack{\text{dissipation of} \\ \text{wave energy} \\ \text{bottom drag}}}$$



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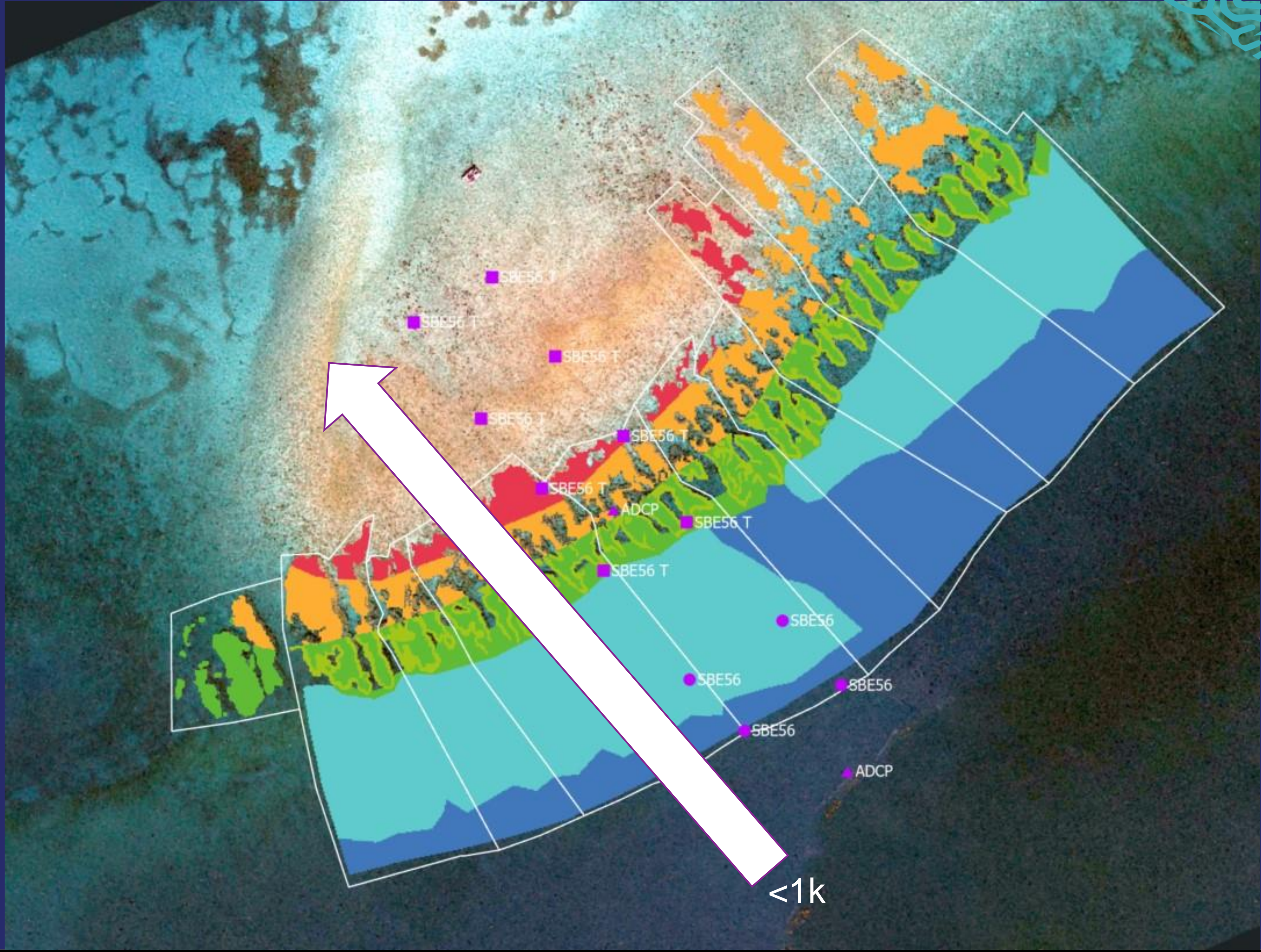


Sand Key

Eastern Dry Rocks

7 Miles

Reef Line



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HURRICANE IAN

▶ 120 MPH WINDS

▶ MOVING NNE @ 10 MPH

▶ PRESSURE 952 MB

11PM ET ADVISORY

CATEGORY

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HAVANA

FOX

WEATHER

LIVE

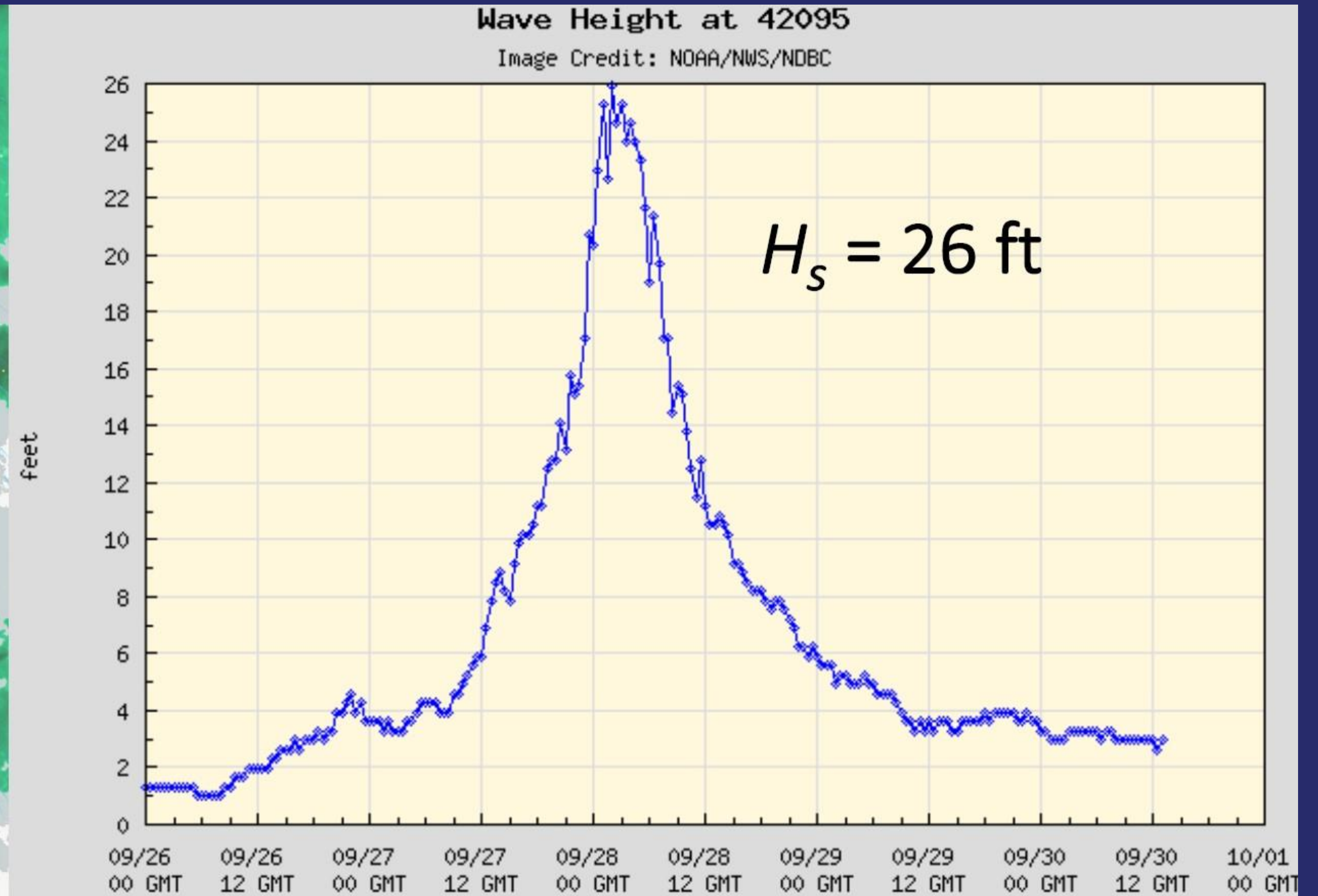
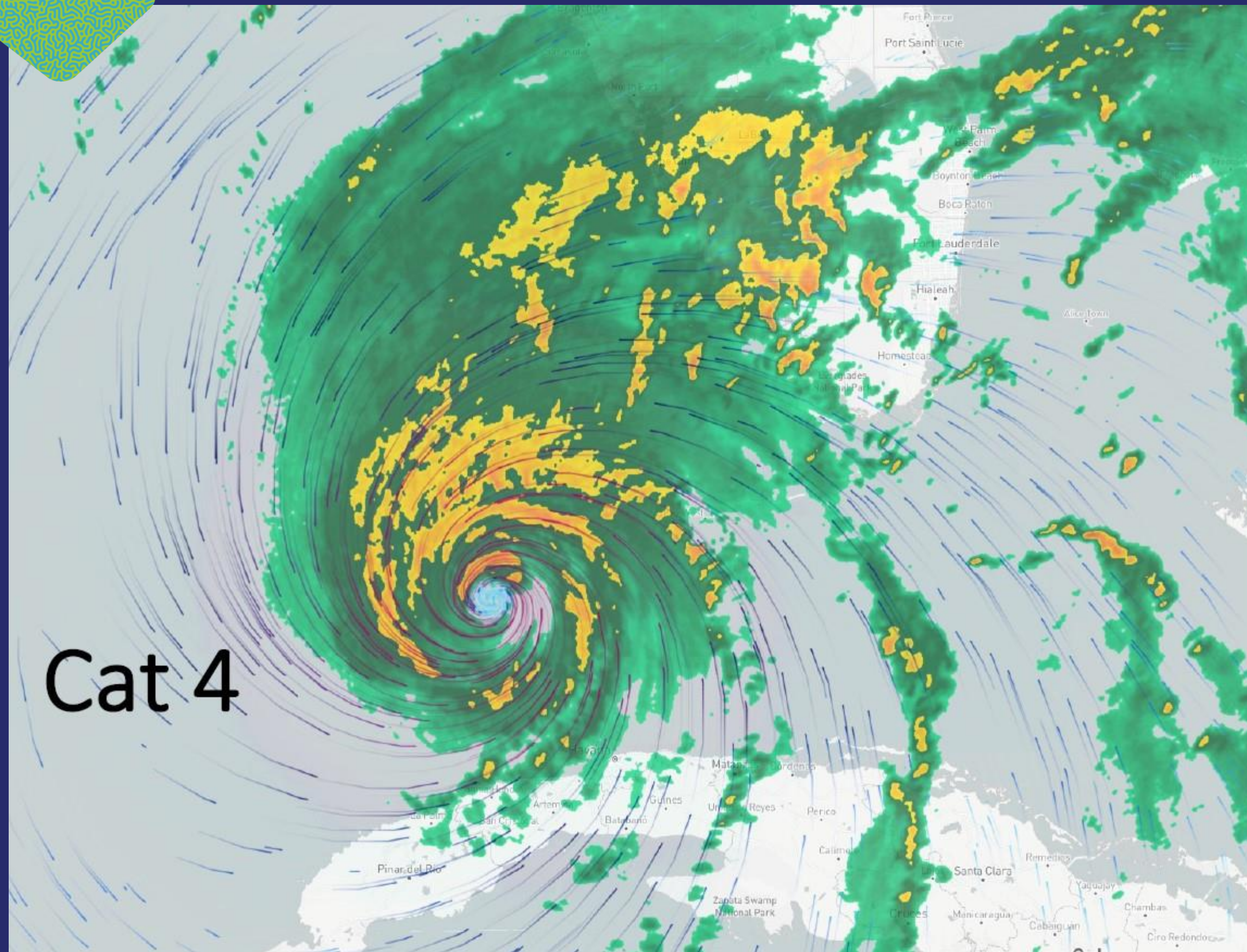
MAJOR FLOODING ONGOING IN KEY WEST
WATER LEVELS THIRD HIGHEST ON RECORD

TRACKING IAN

MEXICO



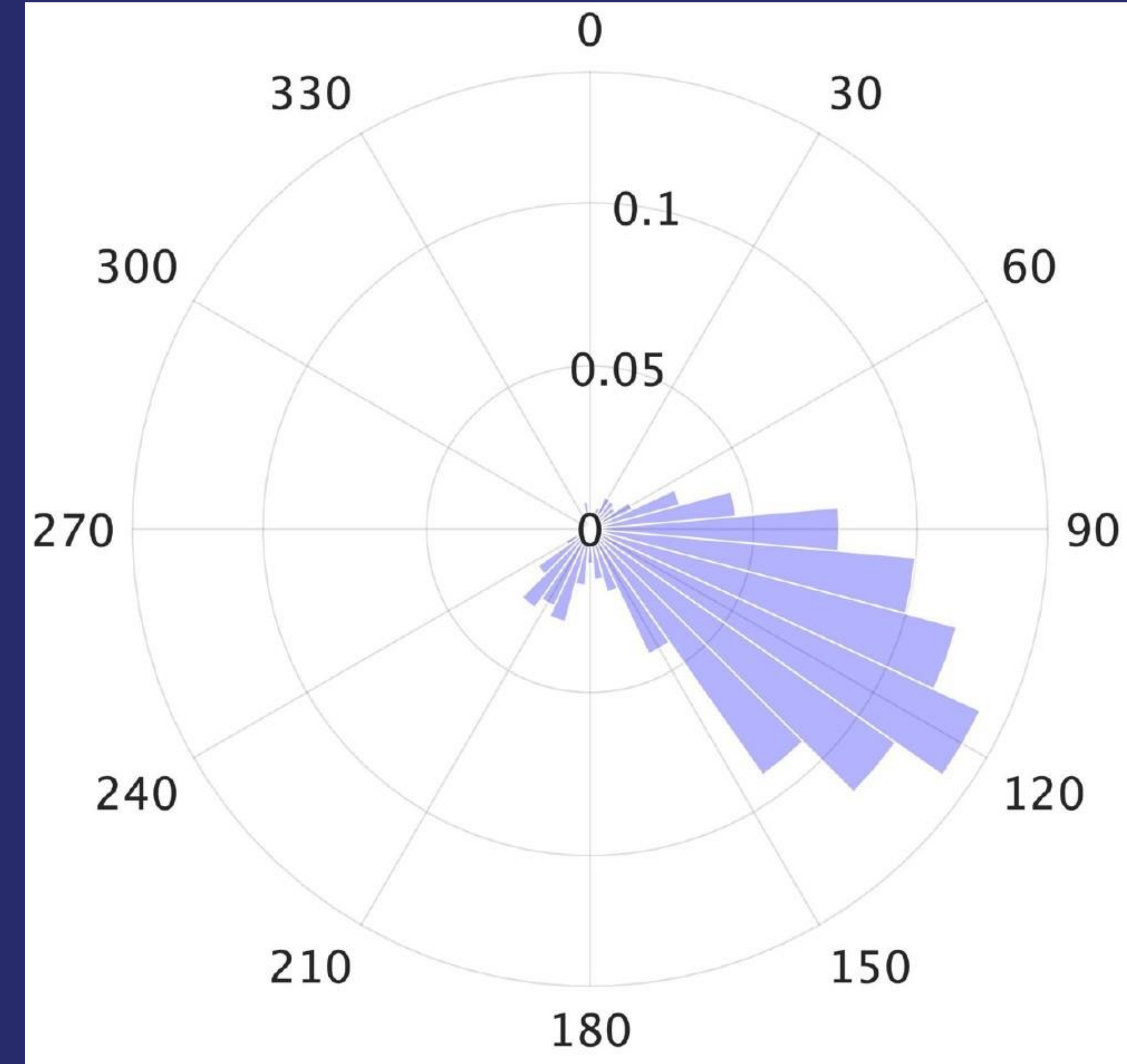
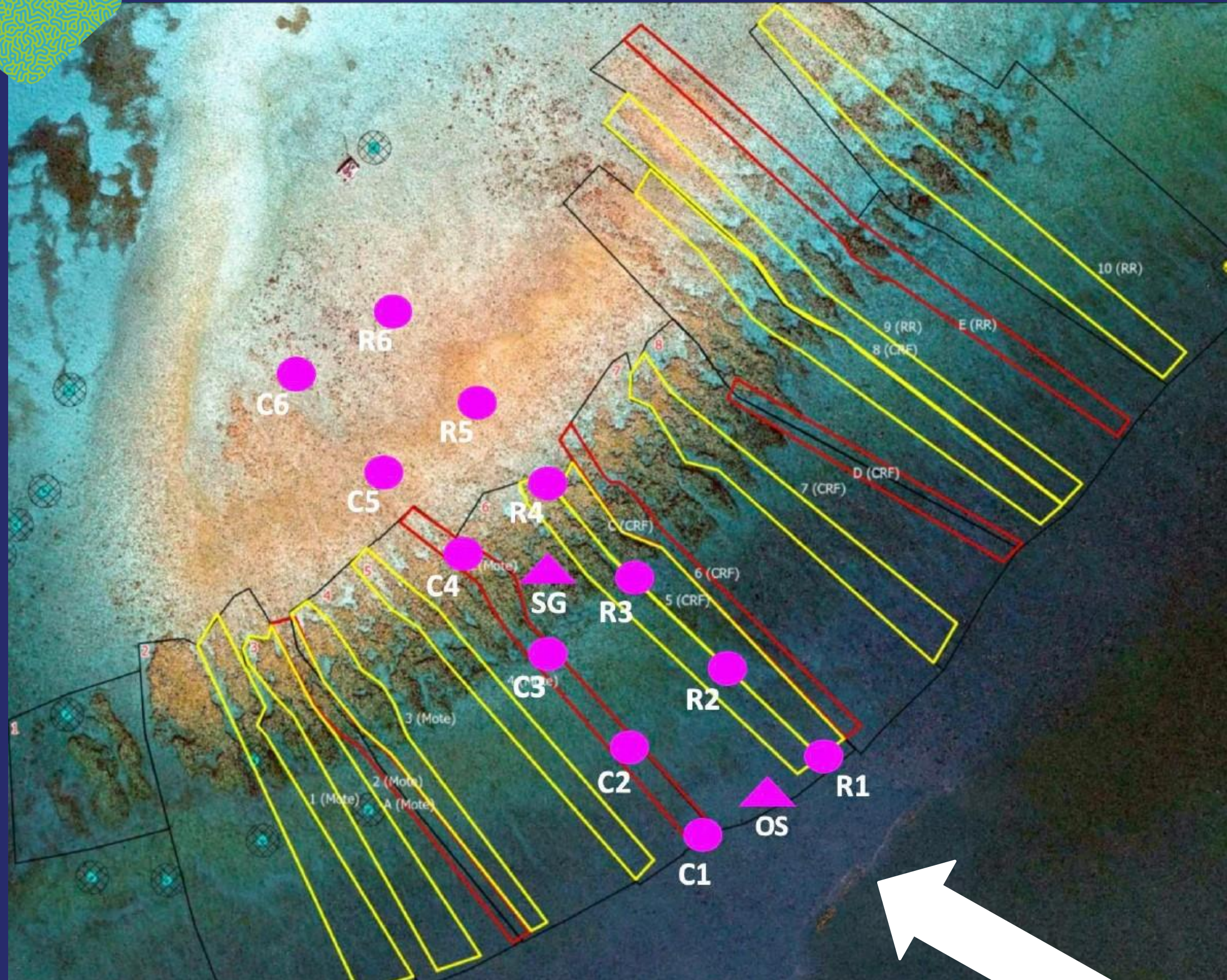
Observed Wave Height



Satan Shoal, 14 miles SW of Key West



Observed Wave Direction

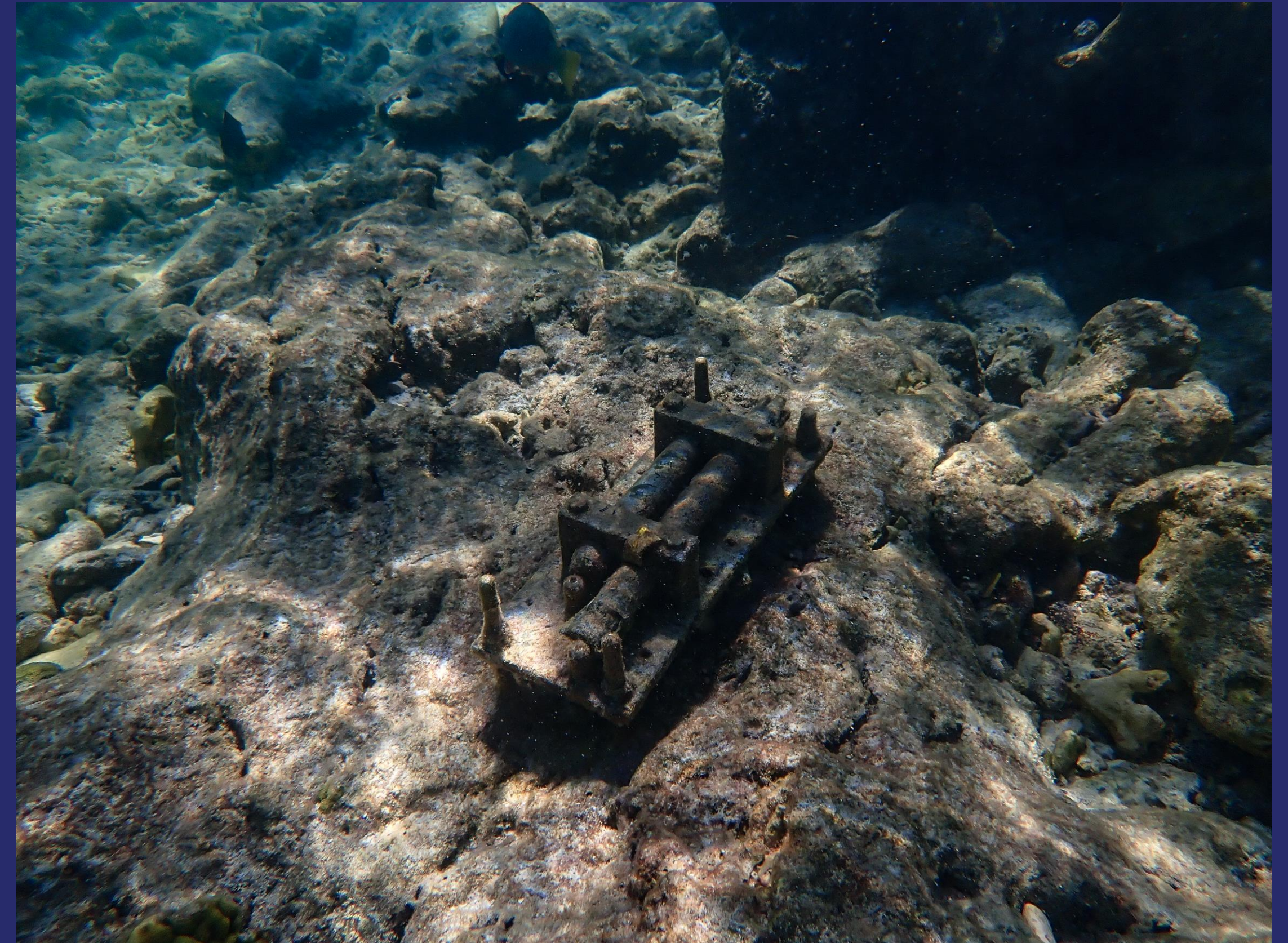


Roughly aligned with local isobaths

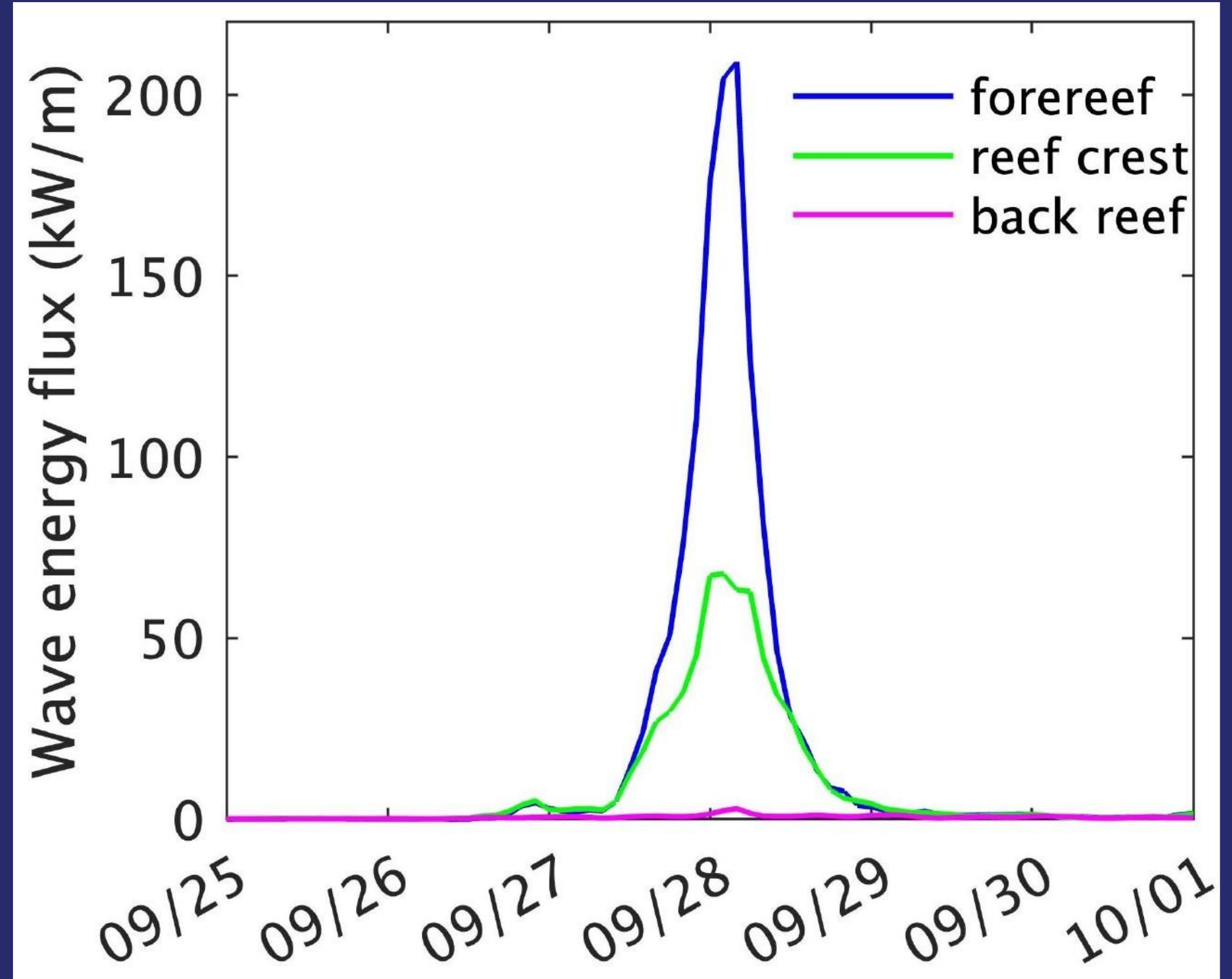
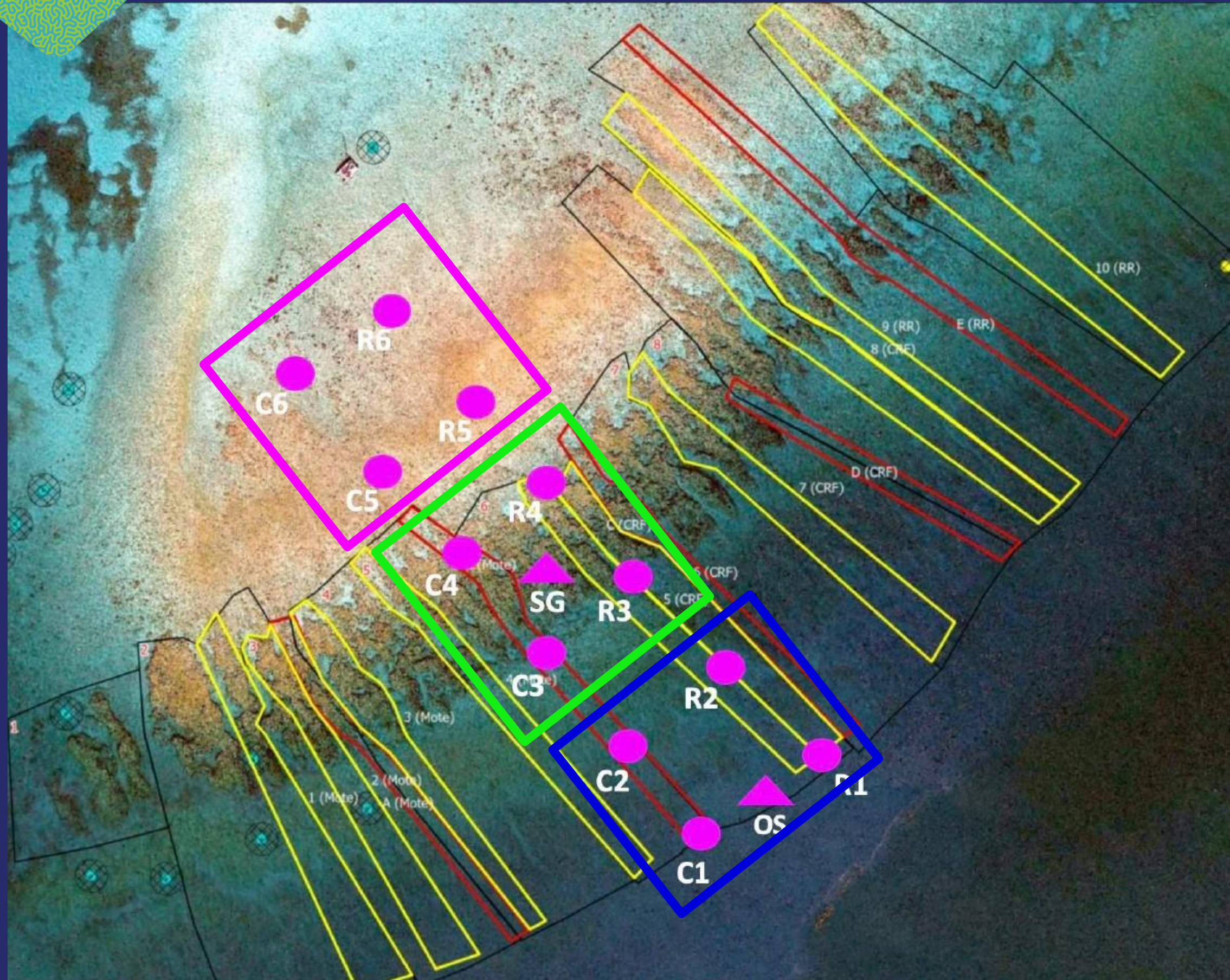


POST IAN

Observation at Eastern Dry Rocks



Wave Dissipation



> 90%



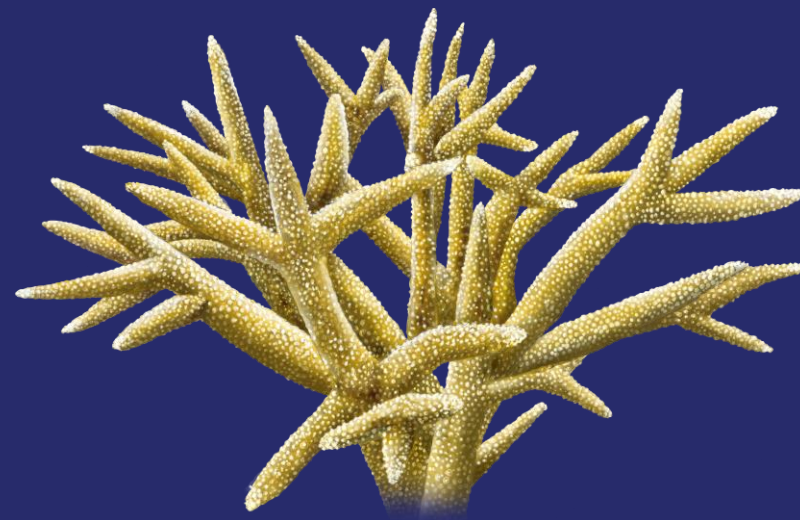




BY THE NUMBERS

Outplant Progress

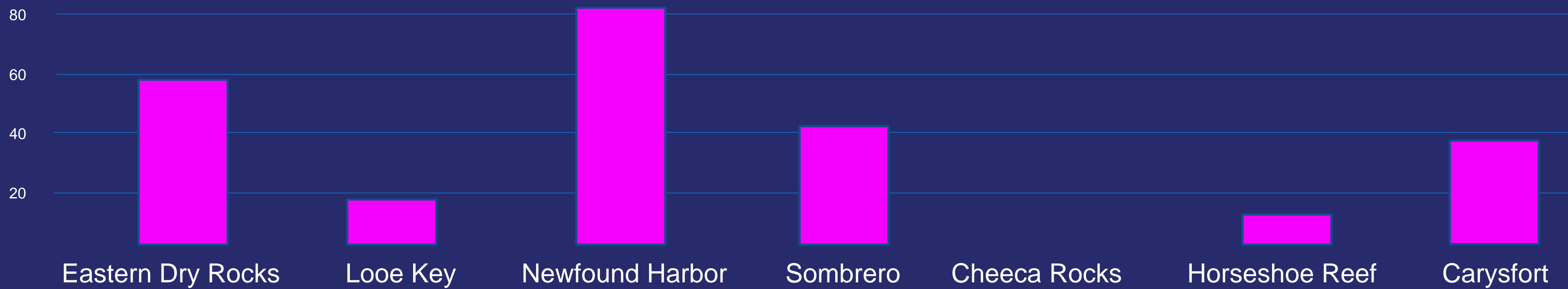
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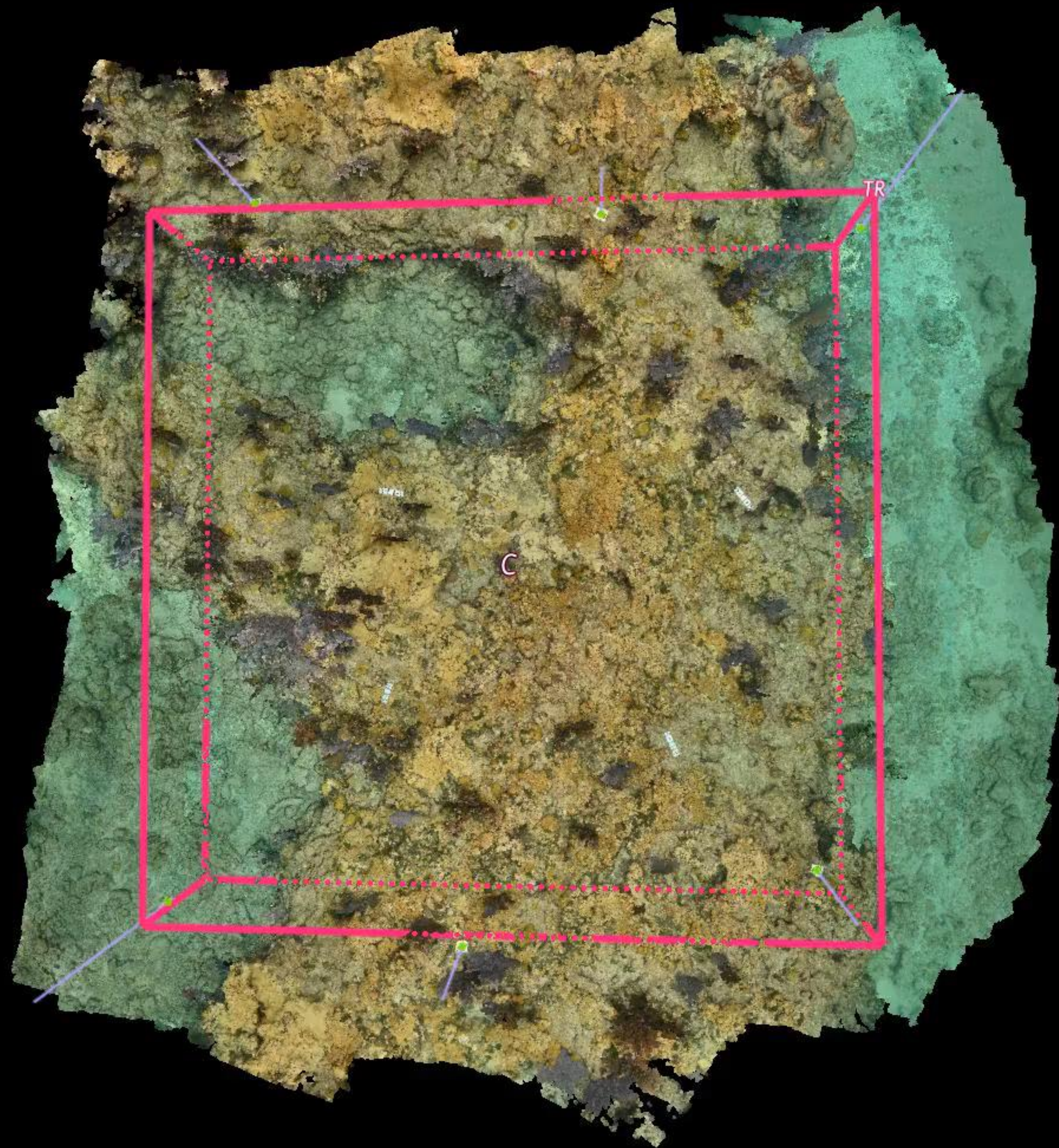


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The importance of
Monitoring







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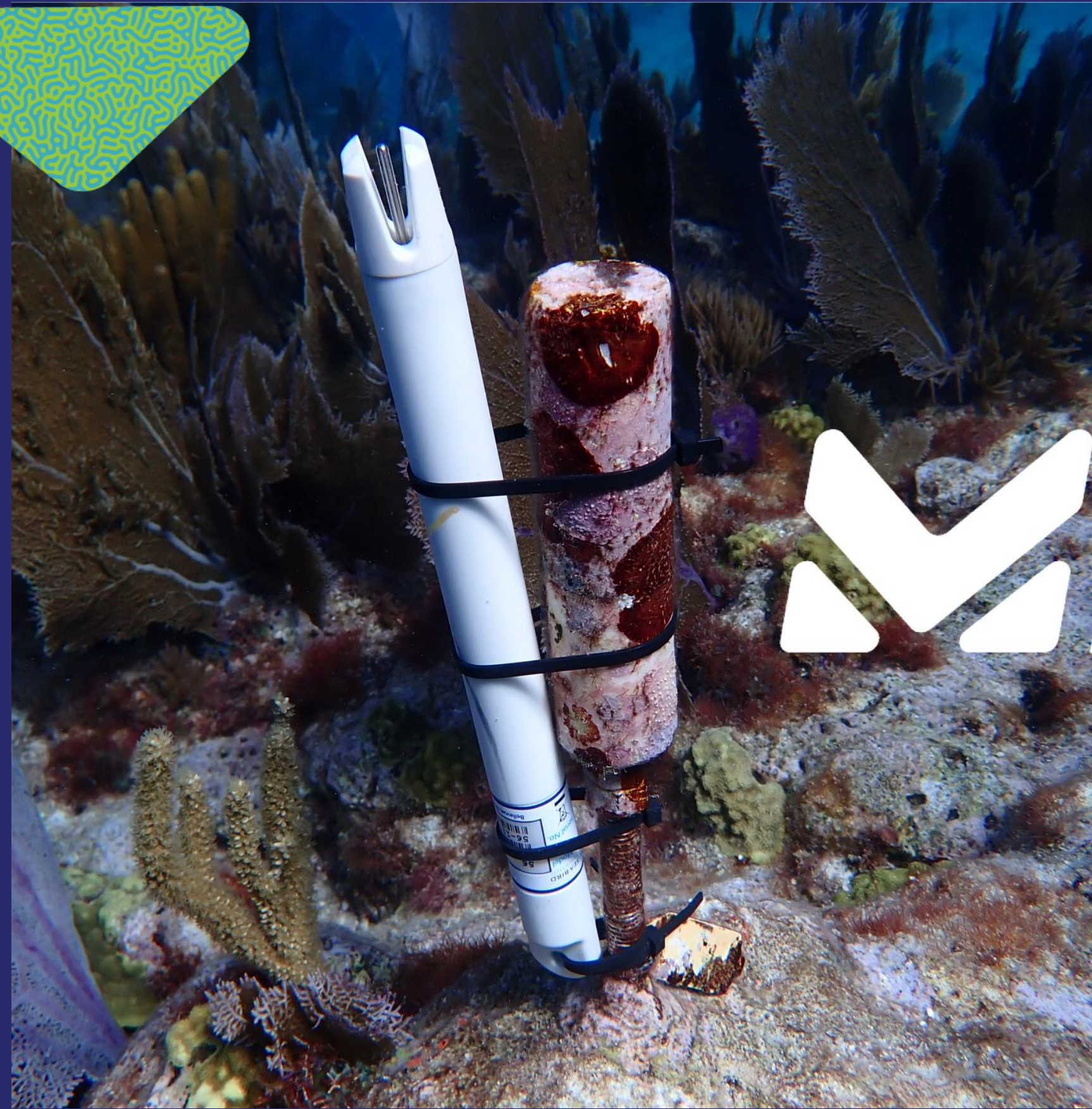




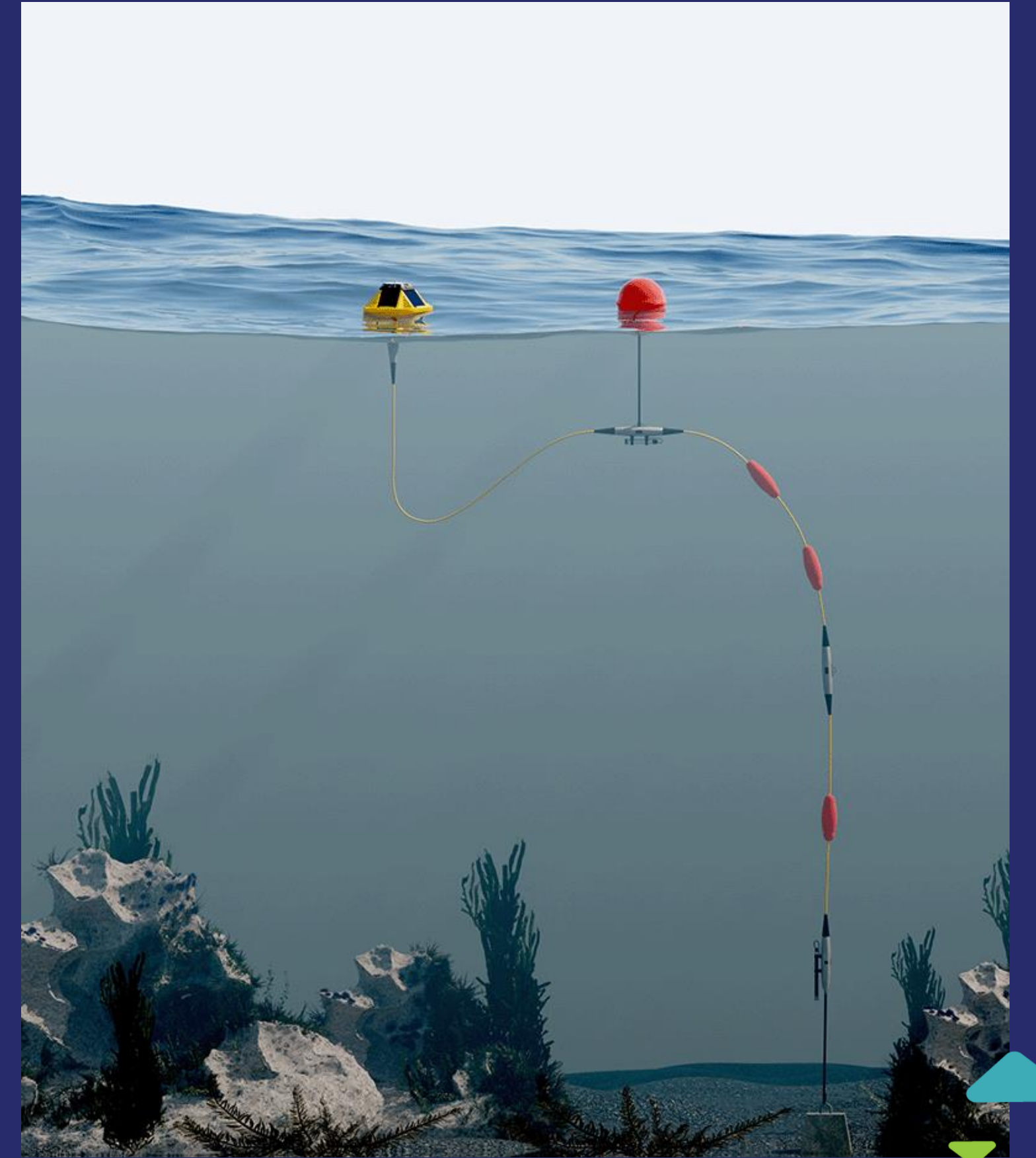
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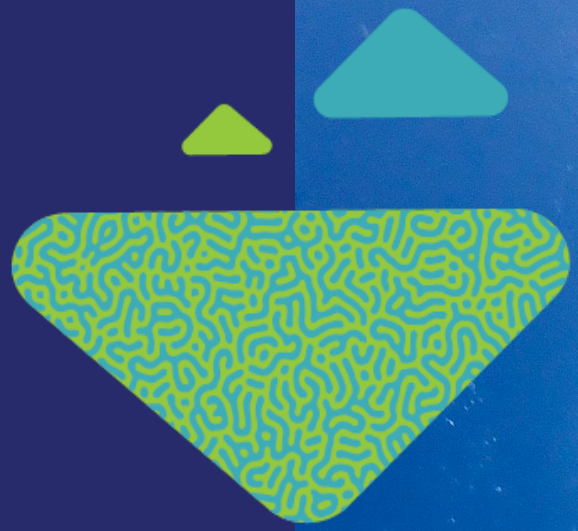
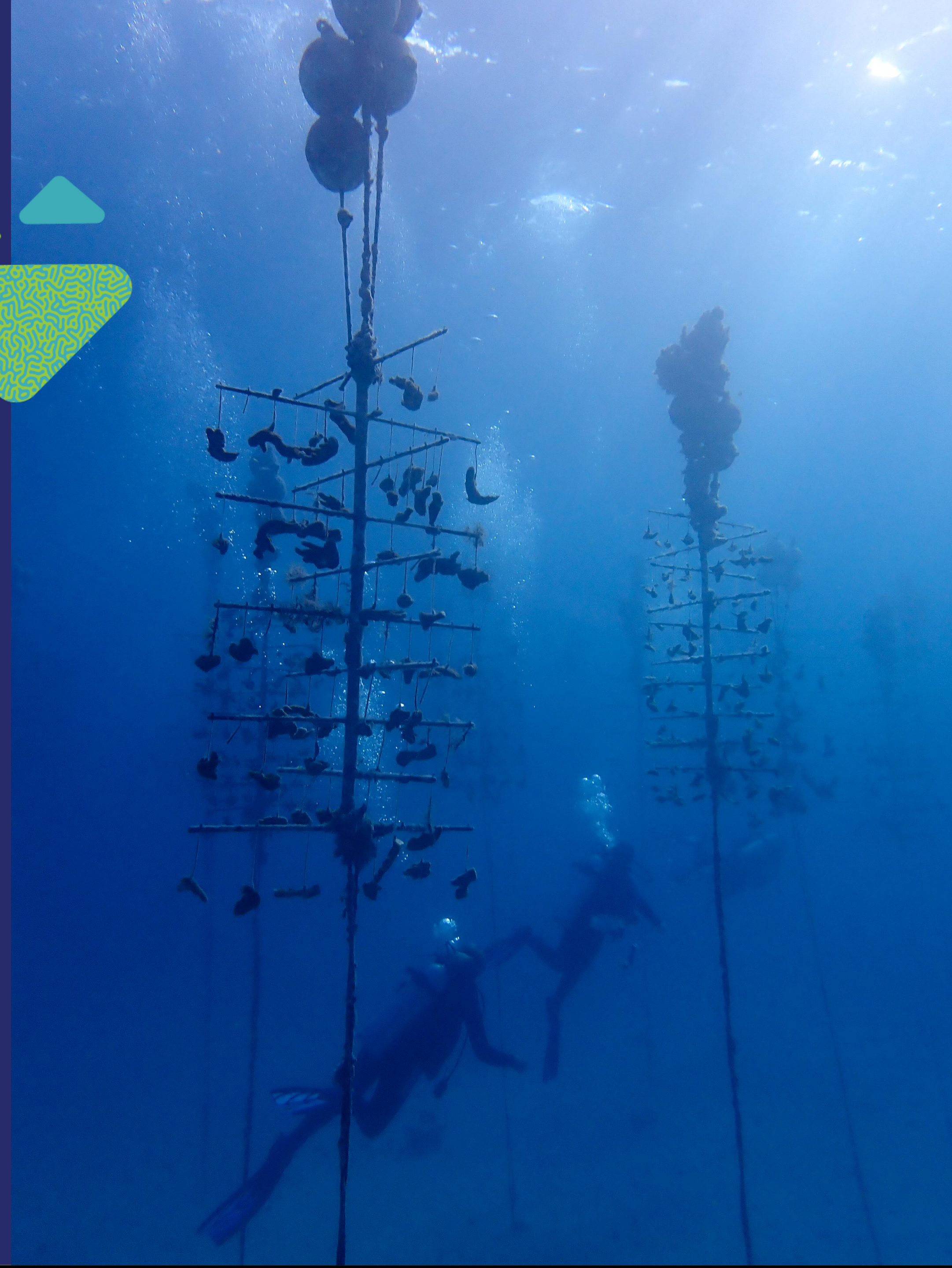
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