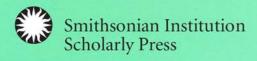


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ABSTRACT

Watamu Marine National Park (WMNP) is one of the oldest no-take Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the world. Since its establishment in 1968, it has been the subject of a number of scientific studies as well as being exposed to range of modern anthropogenic threats to coastal marine habitats. The current state and conservation value of WMNP is documented in terms of habitat, biodiversity, and available scientific literature. Most of the 101 published references relating to WMNP focus on coral reef ecology, with less attention to biodiversity, socio-economics, or the ecology of non-coral reef habitats. The habitat map produced of WMNP is the first to show this level of detail and the only habitat map of a Kenyan MPA. Nine habitat categories were mapped, revealing that the most dominant habitat type by area is seagrass and the least is coral reef. Species lists were collected for fish, echinoderms, molluscs, crustaceans, corals, and seagrass, and species abundances were used to estimate total species richness, species diversity and sampling completeness. There were 18 species across all groups that fall into a category of conservation concern (other than Least Concern or Not Evaluated) on the IUCN Red List and 8 species found which are currently undescribed. This detailed case-study of marine biodiversity conservation in a less economically developed tropical nation emphasises the importance of non-coral habitats in the WMNP, such as seagrass beds, and the need for more research into the ecology and conservation importance of these habitats.

1 INTRODUCTION

Marine protected areas (MPAs) have increased threefold in the past decade, largely in response to Aichi Target 11⁴; to conserve 10% of marine areas through the use of protected areas and other spatial management measures by 2020 (Juffe-Bignoli *et al.* 2014). The purpose of MPAs varies from location to location, although broadly they are established for the protection of biodiversity and habitats, managing fisheries, promoting sustainable use of marine resources, and promoting tourism (Salm and Clark 2000). Various attempts have been made to assess how effective MPAs are as a conservation strategy (Wood *et al.* 2008, Lester *et al.* 2009, Fox *et al.* 2014). These assessments have shown broadly positive successes, such as maintenance of higher biomass of fish (Lester *et al.* 2009) and preventing coral loss (Selig and Bruno 2010). However, there is concern that many MPAs are too small (Mora *et al.* 2006), have ineffective management (Sale 2008), and do not share the benefits of MPAs equitably within local communities (Juffe-Bignoli *et al.* 2014). A common theme in these studies is the difficulty of assessing

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⁴ https://www.cbd.int/doc/strategic-plan/targets/T11-quick-guide-en.pdf

MPA effectiveness, because of a paucity of information available for assessments (Wood *et al.* 2008, Juffe-Bignoli *et al.* 2014).

The Western Indian Ocean (WIO) is a biogeographically distinct region of the wider tropical Indo-Pacific realm (Richmond 2002, Obura 2012), which includes the tropical East African coastline from the Red Sea to South Africa, and islands such as the Seychelles, Mauritius and Madagascar. It has moderately high biodiversity with over 60 genera of corals (Obura 2012) and 2000 species of fish (Richmond 2002), but compared to other shallow tropical marine areas it has received much less scientific attention (Sheppard 2000). The WIO has a long history of marine conservation, with many countries establishing their first MPAs in the 1960s (Wells *et al.* 2007). In Kenya there are four no-take marine 'parks' (total area – 55km²) where fishing and all forms of extraction are forbidden, and six 'reserves' (735km²) where fishing and other activities are regulated for sustainability (Figure 1), meaning that Kenya currently protects 8.7% of its continental shelf (Wells *et al.* 2007). Continuous fringing coral reef is present along the southern coastline of the country, but because of local geology and currents it is more patchily distributed in the north (McClanahan 1988; Figure 1). The MPA network in Kenya protects coral reefs, seagrass beds, mangrove areas and a range of intertidal habitats including mudflats, beaches, and rocky shorelines (Semesi 1998, Gullström et al. 2002, Nordlund 2012, McClanahan 2014).

Watamu Marine National Park (WMNP) covers a 10km² section of the lagoon and back-reef south of Watamu village (Figure 2), and includes all habitats between the dune vegetation to the reef crest. At its southern end a tidal inlet formed by Mida Creek creates a deeper channel and break in the reef-crest. Mida Creek contains 32km² of mangrove forests and rich tidal mudflats, a crucial habitat for wading birds. Both Mida Creek and the fore-reef slope are outside of the park, but are part of the Watamu-Malindi Marine National Reserve (164km²), which extends 20km to the north and also encompasses Malindi Marine National Park (Figure 1). WMNP was created in 1968 and the Watamu-Malindi Marine National Reserve was declared a UNESCO biosphere reserve in 1979. The park is officially managed by Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), who are responsible for the management and conservation of both marine and terrestrial parks in Kenya, with some cross over in responsibility with the Ministry of Fisheries (Muthiga 2009). The park saw a steady increase in tourists from the 1970s to present (Muthiga 2009) and now tourism is the major component of the local economy (Carter 2012). There are three NGOs carrying out marine conservation in WMNP, through data collection, community relationships and links with tourism. Watamu Turtle Watch works with turtles and has a rehabilitation centre near the beach, while Watamu Marine Association plays an important role in connecting local marine stakeholders, tourist organisations and government bodies to discuss conservation issues. A Rocha Kenya's marine programme was established in 2010, focussing on biodiversity and ecological research in MPA habitats, with a major component of its data collection on the being presented in this paper.

Although WMNP has been protected for 50 years, there has never been a comprehensive inventory of species or a map documenting the range of habitats found in its boundaries. Without this information it is difficult to identify conservation priorities or develop management actions and risks a 'sliding baseline' in our understanding of the biodiversity and habitats found there (Knowlton and Jackson 2008). The aim of this paper is to collate all the historical information available for WMNP and construct a contemporary baseline for the park. Specifically, we aim to:

- Compile all the existing literature available for the park to identify where historical data are available and highlight gaps in our understanding of WMNP.
- Produce a habitat map for the park to demonstrate the range and extent of the habitats being protected.
- Assess the biodiversity of major taxa in the different habitats of the park as a first step towards understanding the biota of WMNP as an integrated system.

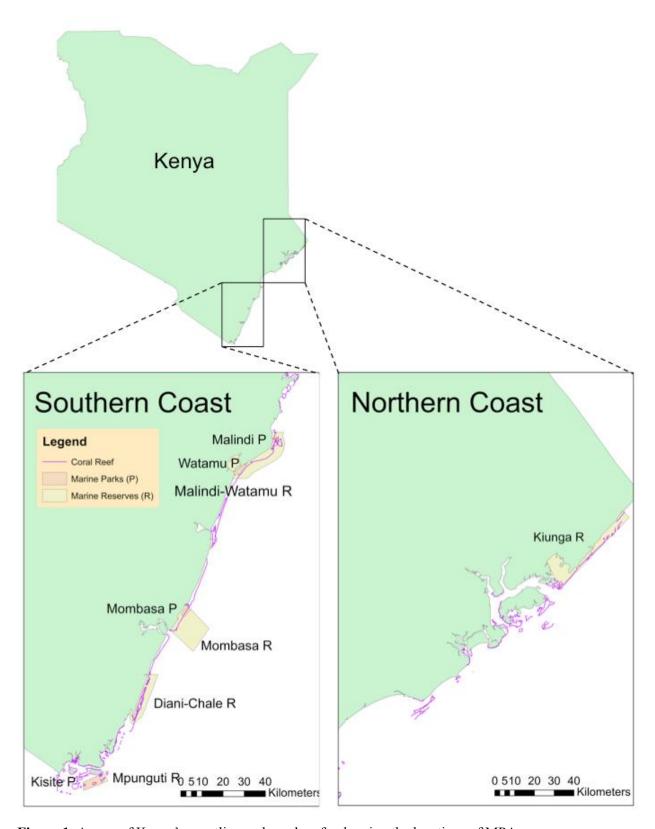


Figure 1. A map of Kenya's coastline and coral reefs, showing the locations of MPAs.



Figure 2. Satellite image of WMNP used in habitat mapping, showing the locations of Kenya Wildlife Services, conservation groups and main villages surrounding the MPA. Image date: 20.1.11. Image accessed from Google Earth.

2 METHODS

2.1 Literature review

A detailed bibliography of all published papers, grey literature, and reports was compiled by Muthiga and Kawaka (2010) for all marine protected areas in Kenya. An initial bibliography for WMNP was compiled from this, augmented with more recent records, and annotated (Appendix 1). The geographical scope of each reference was defined as 'Watamu' if WMNP was the only study site, 'Kenya' if WMNP was one of several sites in the country or 'International' for any study including data from outside of Kenya.

2.2 Habitat mapping

Habitat classifications were chosen *a priori* based on similar habitats defined in Jones (1969). These were based on dominant benthic component and divided among the littoral zone as follows:

- Subtidal
 - o Coral reef: Holocene carbonate formations with >5% coral cover
 - o Subtidal rock: Pleistocene carbonate formation with <5% coral cover
 - o Subtidal sand: Mobile carbonate sand deposits
 - o Subtidal seagrass: Benthos with >50% covering of seagrass
 - o Mixed: Benthos with <50% seagrass mixed with rubble, macroalgae and bare substrate
- Intertidal Between Mean Low Water Spring (MLWS) and Mean High Water Spring (MHWS)
 - o Tidepool: Eroded pleistocene carbonate platforms containing pools
 - o Beach: Intertidal sand
 - o Intertidal seagrass: Intetidal areas with >50% seagrass cover
- Supralittoral fringe
 - o Islands, dunes and cliffs: Any area above MHWS

Ground-truthing surveys of subtidal habitats were conducted by dividing the park into zones (2-3km² each) and systematically traversing from the low tide mark to the reef crest in roughly parallel lines, with an observer in the water and a second person on a boat recording GPS positions. Notes were made on the dominant benthic substratum and particular attention was paid to the presence of patch reefs. Subtidal ground-truthed waypoints were plotted onto a satellite image of WMNP (Figure 2) and overlain on the map. Habitat polygons were created through 'heads up digitising' (ESRI 2017) whereby the mapper uses visible colour patches, the ground-truthed points and knowledge of the area to manually draw habitat patches. Intertidal habitats were mapped by recording tracks on a GPS by walking around habitat patches at the lowest tide of each tidal cycle (i.e. MLWS). Intertidal polygons were converted from these GPS tracks. Habitat layers and maps were produced using ArcMap 10.0 (ESRI 2010).

2.3 Biodiversity

Species lists were collected for fish, echinoderms, molluscs, crustaceans, and seagrass, but corals were identified to genus level. These lists are based on both quantitative sampling and chance incidental observations from 2011-2014 when the lead author was based at A Rocha Kenya's marine programme. Twelve affiliates of the marine programme contributed to data

collection (Table 1). The eight intertidal and subtidal habitats defined for habitat mapping were condensed into three 'zones' to structure data collection: 'coral reef', 'intertidal' (beach, tidepool and intertidal seagrass), and non-reef 'subtidal' (rocky reef, sand, seagrass and mixed). The supralittoral zone, composed of dunes, rocky cliffs and islands in the park was not surveyed for biodiversity.

Table 1. Data collection for fish, echinoderm, mollusc, crustacean, seagrass, and coral diversity by zone. Incidental and quantitative data collection (blue) and incidental records only (yellow) are indicated. Data collectors include Benjamin Cowburn (BC), Robert Sluka (RS), Dawn Goebbels (DG), Victoria Sindorf (VS), Cassie Raker (CR), Peter Musembi (PM), Hannah Hereward (HH), Aline Nussbaumer (AN), Mattias Horions (MH), Jack Kamire (JK), Benjamin van Baelenberghe (BB) and Dorothea Kohlmeier (DK). All collectors are affiliated with A Rocha Kenya's marine programme.

Taxon	Zone					
	Coral Reef	Intertidal	Subtidal			
Fish	BC, RS, DG	VS, BC	CR, BC			
Coral	BC	BC, VS, PM, BB	Not sampled			
Echinoderms	PM, AN, BC	CR, PM	BC			
Molluscs	PM, HH, AN, BC	MH, JK, PM	BC			
Crustacea	HH	HH	Not sampled			
Seagrass	Not sampled	DK	DK			

All of the sampling was done visually; cryptic and infaunal (burrowing) species were not included. For some taxa (e.g. Molluscs and Echinoderms) this will have missed a significant number of species actually found in the park. Quantitative data were collected for all fish and non-cryptic echinoderms and molluscs (>1cm) in coral reef and intertidal areas. In subtidal areas only fish were assessed quantitatively (Table 1). Data were collected at the six lagoonal patch reefs between 1 to 8m below mean low water (MLW) using randomly placed belt transects. Fish transects were 40x5m (200m²) and for echinoderms and molluscs, 20x2m (40m²). Biodiversity data from intertidal areas were collected on rocky platforms (~1m above MLW) at regular intervals along the beach. Intertidal areas were sampled with 1m² quadrats placed randomly on the platforms, for all taxa sampled (Sindorf *et al.* 2015). Subtidal fish data were collected in 5m-wide belt transects running in 4 lines that traverse the park at regular intervals (~2km apart) from the beach to the reef crest.

Incidental records for various taxa were collected based on chance observations reported by A Rocha affiliates (Table 1). New species were added to the relevant species list and, where possible, a location and date. Incidental records were made for fish, corals, molluscs, echinoderms, seagrass and crustaceans. Intertidal incidental records also include beach and intertidal seagrass habitats, which were not surveyed during quantitative intertidal sampling. All species lists were annotated with IUCN Red List status of species classed as 'Near Threatened' or greater (http://www.iucnredlist.org/) and the fish list was annotated with species' biogeographical affinity (Froese and Pauly 2015). Quantitative data were analysed to produce estimates of species abundance, total species richness, species diversity and community similarity between zones, using 'R' packages BiodiversityR and Vegan (Kindt and Coe 2005). The sampling completeness of quantitatively surveyed taxa in each zone (coral reef, intertidal and subtidal) was determined using individual-based rarefaction curves and by calculating total richness estimates. Four common total richness estimates were used: Chao, Jackknife 1, Jackknife 2 and Bootstrap (Kindt and Coe 2005) to give a range of estimated values.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Literature review

A total of 101 unique references were found (Figure 3 and Appendix 1), with topics varying from subsistence economics (Versleijin 2001) to turtle endogeny (Watson 2006). Of the references that present biological information gathered in WMNP, 14 include data from the intertidal zone, 14 from the subtidal zone and the majority, from coral reefs. There were 43 references focussed on Watamu alone, 51 where information from WMNP was included with other sites in Kenya, and seven with sites internationally (Appendix 1).

The first publication to include data from Watamu (Isaac and Isaac 1968) reviewed marine botany for the entire Kenyan coast. Shortly afterward the Bangor University expedition in 1969 collected specific information about the newly created park and produced 8 publications, largely around lead editor David Jones' interest in isopods (Crustacea: Isopoda e.g. Jones 1971), but also including the first comprehensive baseline data available for the park's biodiversity and ecology (Jones 1969). A research expedition from the University of Nijmegen, in the Netherlands, carried out a second review of the park in 1982, focusing on coral health and sedimentation from terrestrial erosion (Blom et al. 1985, van Katwijk et al. 1993). In 1987 the Kenyan Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) group, headed by Dr. Timothy McClanahan, began regular ecological monitoring of Kenya's MPAs. To date, with nearly 30 years of annual data collection, WCS have published 45 pieces of work using data from Watamu, including some of the most widely cited coral reef ecology and conservation references in current scientific literature (e.g. McClanahan et al. 2001, McClanahan et al. 2007). This is especially true post-1998, when the devastating mass bleaching and mortality of corals in Watamu and across the world, spurred the study of coral reef ecology and conservation in the face of human-driven climate change.

More recently the government bodies Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS) and Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) began monitoring and conducting marine research. In partnership with KWS, A Rocha Kenya began its marine programme in 2010. There have been 14 papers and reports from this group (available online at http://kenya.arocha.org/work/scientific-research/reports/) relating to various aspects of marine biodiversity and ecology.

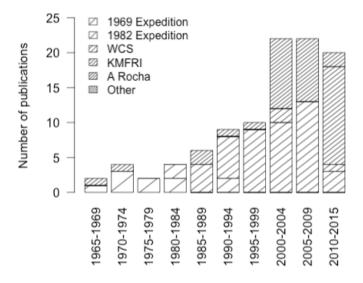


Figure 3. Publication by research group in WMNP from 1968-2015, including records from the

1969 University of Bangor expedition, 1982 University of Nijmegen expedition, Wildlife Conservation Society, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) and A Rocha Kenya

3.2 Distribution of habitats in WMNP

Habitats were mapped in 8.35km² (83.5% of 10km²) of the park's area. Areas of the MPA beyond the reef crest were not surveyed because of difficulty in accessing these rougher waters and in the reliability of detection of habitat patches on satellite imagery. An estimated 82% of the mapped area is subtidal, 13% is intertidal and 5% is the supralittoral fringe (Table 2). Subtidal seagrass is the most dominant component of the park covering nearly 40% of the benthos found in calm sheltered waters <3m deep. On shallow reef crest higher wave energy has created a mixed habitat of seagrass, rubble and occasional coral colonies (14% of area) and in deeper channels (3-10m) sandy carbonate deposits dominant the benthos (26%). Coral reef was the smallest habitat covering an estimated 1%. Hard substrata (either rock or coral) cover just 5.3% of intertidal and subtidal areas. Lines of exposed Pleistocene limestone run parallel to the shore, along the beach edge forming the numerous tide-pool patches and also along the reef crest and through the lagoon forming subtidal rocky reefs (Figure 4). Other areas were characterised by sandy and rubble substrata with extensive seagrass growth in shallower (<4m) depths.

Table 2. Area covered by different habitat in WMNP in km² and percentage of the mapped area

Habitat	Area in km ²	% of mapped area
Littoral	0.418	5.0
Coral	0.085	1.0
Tidepool	0.216	2.6
Subtidal rock	0.144	1.7
Beach	0.495	5.9
Subtidal sand	2.185	26.2
Intertidal seagrass	0.359	4.3
Subtidal seagrass	3.292	39.4
Mixed subtidal	1.154	13.8

Most coral reef habitat is also found in a line parallel to shore on the seaward slope of a channel (3-6m deep) that stretches along the central section of the park, including Coral Gardens, the most popular tourist spot (Figure 4). This habitat consists of a chain of small (10-50m long) lagoonal patch reefs, featuring large (>2m) *Porites* colonies. At the landward edge of these patch reefs, the reef rises above the ~1m deep sandy/seagrass habitat to the MLW. Other reefs are found at Turtle Reef and Uyombo, where smaller channels near the reef crest support reef growth on slopes (~30°) extending to 8-10m deep (Figure 4). These areas are similar to the main reef chain, but have greater water circulation and wave exposure from the ocean, encouraging some fore-reef species (e.g. *Manta* sp.) to foray into these habitats. Much of the intertidal area is beach (43%), with significant areas of intertidal seagrass found near Uyombo village. Rocky tidepool habitats are most common near the northern edge of Mida Creek channel and on the northern shoreline near Turtle Bay. Limestone platforms (0.5-1m above mean low water) are eroded in complex honeycomb patterns, which has created a network of pools and underground tunnels, some of which are large enough to snorkel in.

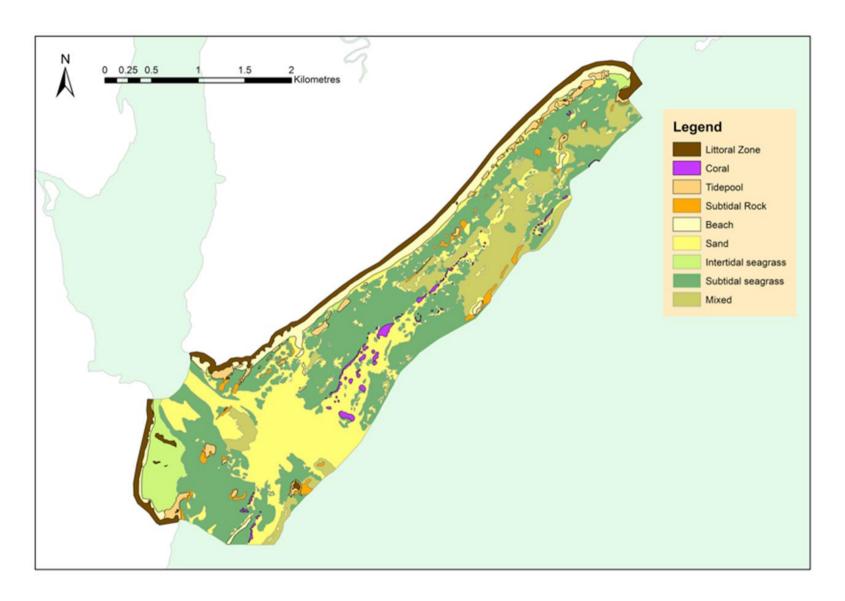


Figure 4. Map of habitats found between the reef crest and terrestrial boundary of WMNP.

3.3 The biodiversity of WMNP

Table 3. Species richness of fish, echinoderms, molluscs, crustacean and seagrass, and genus richness for corals from quantitative and *incidental* data collection in different zones.

Taxon		Zone			Total	
		Reef Intertida		Subtidal	Richness	
Fish	Quantitative	146	38	71	407	
	Incidental	266	89	157		
Echinoderms	Quantitative	13	11	n.d.	34	
	Incidental	22	23	9		
Molluscs	Quantitative	17	32	n.d.	60	
	Incidental	26	39	8		
Crustacea	Incidental	10	15	1	23	
Seagrass	Incidental	n.d.	n.d.	11	11	
Coral (genus)	Incidental	41	13	n.d.	43	

Fish were the richest taxon in the park with 407 species observed from 62 families and 178 genera overall. The most speciose family were the wrasses (Labridae) with 45 species, followed by damselfish (Pomacentridae – 36 species) and groupers (Serranidae – 24 species). Ten of the fish species were elasmobranchs, six of which are considered threatened (Appendix 2). Most fish had a range extending beyond the Indian Ocean with 323 (81%) being Indo-Pacific, six species (2%) with a circumtropical range, with 44 species (11%) endemic to the WIO region. Coral reefs had the highest richness for fish observed of all the habitats (Table 3). Most coral genera were also found on the reef, but 13 genera were observed in the rocky intertidal (tidepool) zone, with 2 of these (*Anomastrea* and *Alveopora*) only seen in this habitat. Molluscs were the most species were gastropods, including 12 nudibranchs. The 34 echinoderms were comprised of nine starfish (Asteroidea), ten urchins (Echinoidea), ten sea cucumbers (Holothuroidea) and five brittlestars (Ophiuroidea). The 43 genera of corals observed came from 11 families.

There were 18 species found which have an IUCN Red List status other than least concern (LC) or data deficient (DD), with five near threatened (NT) species, 11 vulnerable (VU) species and two endangered (EN) species. Six of these species were elasmobranchs, six were bony fish (Teleosts), four sea cucumbers (Holothuroidea), one seagrass and one coral species. During species identification of fish seven potentially undescribed sweepers were observed (*Pempheris spp.*, J. Randall, Bishop Museum, pers. comm.).

Black-tip reef shark - Carcharhinus melanopterus (NT) White-tip reef shark - Triaenodon obesus (NT) Blue-spotted stingray - Taeniura lymma (NT) Brown-marbled grouper - Epinephelus fuscoguttatus (NT) Malabar grouper - Epinephelus malabaricus (NT)

Sharp-nose stingray - *Himantura gerrardi* (VU) Honeycomb stingray - *Himantura uarnak* (VU) Alfred's manta ray - *Manta alfredi* (VU) Giant grouper - *Epinephelus lanceolatus* (VU) Saddle-back coral grouper - *Plectropomus laevis* (VU) Thorny seahorse - *Hippocampus hystrix* (VU) Hedgehog sea cucumber - *Actinopyga echinites* (VU) White-belly sea cucumber - *Actinopyga mauritiana* (VU) Military sea cucumber - *Actinopyga miliaris* (VU) South African eelgrass - *Zostera capensis* (VU) Crisp pillow coral - *Anomastraea irregularis* (VU)

Humphead wrasse - *Cheilinus undulatus* (EN) Edible sea cucumber - *Holothuria scabra* (EN)

3.4 Completeness of biodiversity records

Table 4. Sampling effort of quantitative data collection by taxon and habitat

Taxon	Habitat	Area surveyed (m²)	% Area of mapped habitats	Number of individuals recorded
Fish	Coral reef	4000	4.7%	2409
	Intertidal	131	0.1%	220
	Subtidal	14,500	0.2%	1400
Echinoderms	Coral reef	800	0.9%	565
	Intertidal	153	0.1%	772
Molluses	Coral reef	1440	1.7%	95
	Intertidal	1510	0.7%	622

The area surveyed and number of individuals recorded is presented to demonstrate the sampling effort for each taxon (Table 4). The largest area covered in quantitative surveys was for fish in the subtidal zone covering 14,500m² (Table 4). However, as a percentage of this habitat's total area this only represents sampling of 0.2%. By contrast, the smaller area covered for fish on coral reef of 4000m² was technically a greater sampling effort as this accounted for 4.7% of its area. Intertidal fish had the lowest sampling effort with just 220 individuals recorded from 0.1% of the total habitat in WMNP (Table 4). Species rarefaction and richness estimate curves for reef fish and subtidal fish (Figure 5a, Table 5) suggest these habitats were adequately sampled for fish, whereas intertidal fish appeared to have been under sampled. Sampling for echinoderm species lists appeared to be largely complete with the rarefaction curves for both intertidal and reef species nearing the asymptote (Figure 5b). Intertidal molluscs appeared well sampled (Figure 5c), but the small number of reef molluscs observed (95) means this group is probably under sampled. It is interesting to note that in all habitats the incidental richness of fish and echinoderms (Table 3) was higher than most of the richness estimates (Table 5).

Table 5. Observed species richness and total richness estimates from quanitative data. Estimates using Jackknife1 (JK1), Jackknife2 (JK2), Chao (CH) and Bootstrap (BS).

Taxon	Habitat	Observed Quantitative	JK1	JK2	СН	BS
		Richness				
Fish	Reef	146	183	197	175	164
	Intertidal	38	58	76	137	46
	Subtidal	71	99	116	108	83
Echinoderms	Reef	13	15	12	13	14
	Intertidal	11	15	19	17	13
Molluses	Reef	17	24	26	22	20
	Intertidal	32	42	42	37	37

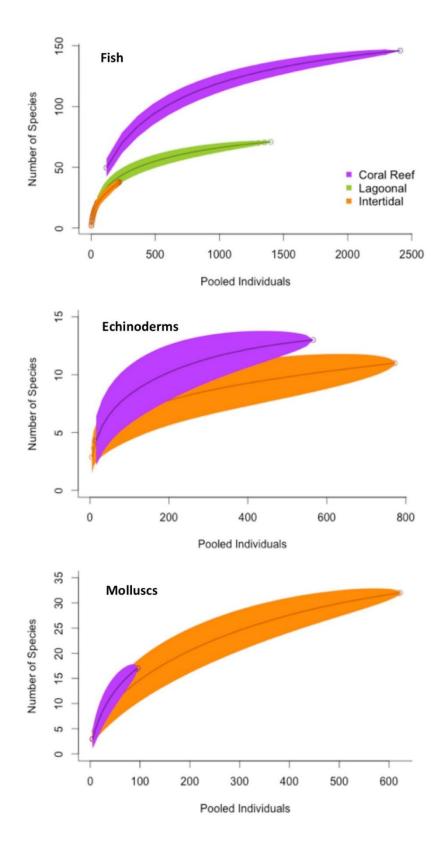


Figure 5. Rarefaction curves of species richness based on individual sampling by zones

4 DISCUSSION

4.1 Historical biodiversity records from WMNP

During the past 50 years there have been several key studies documenting the biodiversity found in the park, all of which were published over 20 years ago. Isaac and Isaac's (1968) monograph on the ecology and biodiversity of mangroves, seagrass and seaweeds found in Kenya unfortunately doesn't present data by site, i.e., there is no information specific to Watamu. In this survey, 11 of the 12 seagrass species listed in Kenya were recorded in the park (Table 3, Appendix 2). The Bangor Expedition in 1969 collected a great deal of information on the noncoral invertebrate fauna of the park, published over the following 12 years (Appendix 1: Research Group = 'Bangor Expedition'). Humphreys (1981) lists 107 species of Echinodermata in the park, organised by habitat, niche, and relative abundance, and includes all of the 34 species recorded in this survey. The Bangor Expedition work is much more comprehensive than this survey (34 species), including infaunal (burrowing) echinoderms and more attention to the taxonomically difficult brittle stars (Ophiuroidea). The Bangor expedition also collected data on the crustaceans and polychaetes found in the park (e.g., Jones 1971, 1972, 1976 and 1982). Brander (1971) found 50 unidentfied species of polychaetes and 30 crustaceans in reef areas. A Rocha's work surveyed crustaceans incidentally and polychaetes not at all, thus these groups remain poorly known.

In 1982 Nijmegen University compiled a species list of corals (Scleractinia) found in the wider Watamu-Malindi Marine Reserve, including 113 species from 45 genera (Lemmens, 1993). This list includes 7 genera not found in A Rocha's surveys (Seriatopora, Stylophora, Pachyseris, Cynarina, Diploastrea, Physogyra and Gyrosmilia). The wider range of habitats surveyed by Nijmegen University may explain why some of these genera were not included in A Rocha's list (Appendix 2), with genera such as *Pachyseris* and *Diploastrea* being present and common outside the park, in the reserve on the fore-reef slope (B. Cowburn, pers. obs.). A Rocha's surveys found 43 genera (Table 3, Appendix 2), including three coral genera not listed in Lemmens (1993) -Ctenactis, Anomastrea and Symphyllia - and also 'gained' two genera because of recent changes to coral taxonomy; *Isopora* which was formerly included within *Acropora*, and *Coelastrea* which was previously named Goniastrea aspera. McClanahan (1990) surveyed the sea snail fauna (Prosobranchia) of Kenya and presented quantitative records of abundance. Information about the 10 most common species is presented at the site level, meaning a complete list for WMNP is not available. A fish list was compiled for the park by local enthusiast and tour guide Mr. Richard Bennett, who has recorded nearly 500 species during his ~20 years of residence in Watamu since the 1990s.

4.2 Research gaps and future work

The majority of the literature related to coral reef ecology and biodiversity, despite this habitat only covering 1% of the mapped area (Table 2, Figure 4). The most understudied habitats are the seagrass beds, subtidal rocky reefs, and sandy channels in the non-reef subtidal zone, which cover 82% of the mapped park area. A heavy focus on coral reefs is not unusual in tropical marine ecology because of their considerable importance in terms of biodiversity (Plaisance et al. 2011), ecosystems services (Constanza et al. 1997) and aesthetic appeal. However, key ecological processes and biodiversity are found within other tropical marine habitats. This study found the intertidal zone had the most biodiverse echinoderm and mollusc communities (Figure 6) and recorded 10 of the 18 IUCN red-listed species of conservation concern in non-reef habitats. Sindorf et al. (2015) noted that rocky intertidal areas (~2% of WMNP) contained a high proportion juvenile reef fish species, which are presumably using the pools as nursery grounds. The extensive seagrass beds in WMNP provide various ecological roles and ecosystem services, such as carbon storage, feeding grounds for coral reef organisms, and helping to prevent erosion

(Gullström et al. 2002, Green and Short 2003). However, based on the current literature available for WMNP there is little known about the biodiversity or ecosystem functioning locally.

The sampling completeness for many taxa and habitats appeared complete based on quantitative results, but incidental observations recorded higher richness values than the richness estimations. This may be because there is greater habitat diversity within zones than captured from the areas covered in quantitative surveys, meaning some species ranges were not included. Species records were limited to well-documented and conspicuous groups that could be easily identified in the field. Identification of other taxa, such as soft corals (Octocorallia) and sponges (Porifera), which require a higher degree of taxonomic specialisation and the collection of specimens, was not attempted. Sampling of cryptic and infaunal invertebrate taxa require taking sediment cores and dead coral rock, which was beyond the scope of the current study, but contribute greatly to biodiversity of these taxa (Plaisance et al. 2011). Many of the taxa not assessed contribute significantly to total biodiversity of shallow marine habitats (Taylor 1971, Richmond 2002) and play a crucial role in coral-reef ecology and functioning (Diaz and Rutzler 1999). Future biodiversity assessments should prioritise infaunal species of mollusc, echinoderm and crustaceans and all species of soft corals, sponges, macroalgae, polychaetes and tunicates. This study provides the most detailed and accurate information to date of habitat distribution within the lagoon. However, the area mapped only extends to the reef crest and the remaining 1.65km2 within the boundaries of WMNP is un-surveyed, without any information on the species found there. An additional gap in the mapping is for the supra-littoral habitats, recognising the differences in the dunes, coastal scrub, cliffs and islands found above the tideline, which are protected as part of the MPA.

4.3 Conservation challenges and the conservation value of WMNP

When WMNP was initially created, there were concerns of overexploitation in the lagoon, particularly of shells for the tourist trade (Jones 1969). In the past 50 years human population has increased dramatically in Watamu (>500%), triggered by tourism and migration into the area (Muthiga 2009). The presence of a large human population has had several impacts, the most obvious of which is the encroachment of the dune and beach areas of the park by hotels and other developments. Another potential impact of tourist development, which has never been formally assessed, is the increase in polluting substances entering the lagoon. Large numbers of pleasure vessels and tourist boats are moored in the northern part of the park, which could be releasing hydrocarbons and antifouling paint into the water. Inadequate sewage systems in the growing residential areas of Watamu may mean elevated levels of nutrients are entering the park. These pollutants have damaging impacts on coral and seagrass communities (Fabricius 2005, Green and Short 2003), and should be assessed and managed if necessary.

Increasing human populations on the Kenyan coast has also impacted reef fisheries, with a significant reduction in fish yields over the past 20 years (Kaunda-Arara et al. 2003, Samoilys et al. 2017). While WMNP has been moderately successful at enforcing its notake status (McClanahan et al. 2010), there exists a degree of poaching of fish and other natural resources from the park (B. Cowburn pers. obs.), the extent and impacts of which are unclear. The increasingly degraded areas around the park may be causing a 'spill-in' of negative environmental conditions (Eklof et al. 2009), through reduced larval supply, or reduced populations of fish that range both inside and out of the park. The most significant impact to the park to date was the mass bleaching and mortality of coral in 1998 (Muthiga 2009). This extreme mass-bleaching event that caused the loss of approximately 16% of reefs globally (Wilkinson 2008), saw 70% mortality of corals in WMNP (McClanahan et al. 2001). Since 1998 there have been four minor bleaching events and, with further increases in ocean temperatures predicted, the future of corals in WMNP is under threat (van Hooidonk et al. 2016).

Despite these threats the park maintains high habitat and species diversity (Figure 4, Appendix 2) with 18 species with an IUCN red list designation of 'conservation concern'.

Many more are listed as data deficient, including several of the grouper (Serranidae) and elasmobranches, demonstrating the need for more research into the conservation importance of thes habitats. WMNP has been effective at protecting a healthier fish community than surrounding areas (McClanahan 2014), and possesses important keystone species including the orange-lined triggerfish (Balistoides undulates) and red knobbed starfish (Protoeaster linckii). On unprotected reefs in Kenya the loss of these species through overfishing has been associated with the rapid increase of sea urchin populations Diadema spp. and Tripneustes gratillia, which has resulted in urchin overgrazing on reefs and seagrass meadows respectively (McClanahan 2000, Eklof et al. 2009). In addition to the conservation value of the park for habitats and species, protecting WMNP is also important for the local tourist economy, which attracts approximately 25,000 visitors per year, generating €200,000 per year in park entrance fees (Cowburn et al. 2013). (Appendix 2). Despite being a small MPA in a less economically developed tropical nation, WMNP is far from being a 'paper-park' and contributes to local and regional conservation efforts. It is one of the oldest MPAs in the world and has a remarkable amount of historical data collection for a Western Indian Ocean site. However, with increasing pressure from human development and climate change, the future of its habitats and biodiversity relies on effective management of threats and maintaining public support for its existence.

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APPENDIX 1:

ANNOTATED LIST OF REFERENCES CONTAINING INFORMATION FROM WATAMU MARINE NATIONAL PARK

Alati, V M (2011). Estimating the value of goods and services in a marine protected area, the case of Watamu Marine National Park and Reserve, Kenya. *Vrije Universiteit Brussel*

Type: Master's thesis

Keywords: MPA, Ecosystem services

Research Group: Other

Blom, J., Van der Hagen, H., & van Hove, E. (1985). **Decline of the Malindi-Watamu Reef complex: quantitative and qualitative survey of the coral growth.** *Kenya-Belgium project in marine ecology.*

Type: Report

Keywords: Coral, sedimentation, resilience

Research Group: 1982 University of Njimegen expedition

Brander, K. M., McLeod, A., & Humphreys, W. F. (1971). Comparison of species diversity and ecology of reef-living invertebrates on Aldabra Atoll and at Watamu, Kenya. Symp Zool Soc London 28, 397-431

Type: Published article

Keywords: Biodiversity, invertebrates, polychaetes, crustaceans, echinoderms

Research Group: 1969 University of Bangor expedition

Bush, E. R. 2013. What's the catch? Mosquito net fishing in coastal East African. Imperial

College London.
Type: Master's thesis

Keywords: Fisheries, livelihoods, health

Research Group: A Rocha

Cahill, R (1992). Birds of Watamu. Majestic printing works, Nairobi.

Type: Book

Keywords: Biodiversity, birds Research Group: Other

Calnan, JM (2006). Changes in benthic communities in Kenyan marine protected areas.

Columbia University, USA.

Type: Master's thesis

Keywords: Resilience, post-bleaching, fish, algae, MPA

Research Group: Wildlife Conservation Society

Carreiro-Silva, M. (1999). Echinoid bioerosion and herbivory on Kenyan coral reefs: the role of Marine Protected Areas. *University of Wales*

Type: Master's thesis (published in Carreiro-Silva and McClanahan (2001))

Keywords: Resilience, bioerosion urchins, coral, MPA

Research Group: Wildlife Conservation Society

Carreiro-Silva, M., & McClanahan, T. R. (2001). Echinoid bioerosion and herbivory on Kenyan coral reefs: the role of protection from fishing. *Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology*, 262(2), 133–153.

Type: Published article

Keywords: Resilience, bioerosion urchins, coral, MPA

Research Group: Wildlife Conservation Society

Cowburn, B., Sluka, R. (2012). **Impact of snorkeling tourism on marine habitats of Watamu Marine National Park.** *A Rocha Kenya occasional research report #26.*

Type: Report (Published in Cowburn et al. 2013)

Keywords: Tourism, MPA Research Group: A Rocha

Cowburn, B., Sluka, R., Smith, J., & Mohamed, M. O. S. (2013). **Tourism, Reef Health, and Visitor Enjoyment in Watamu Marine National Park, Kenya.** Western Indian Ocean Journal of Marine Science, 12(1), 57–70.

Type: Published article Keywords: Tourism, MPA Research Group: A Rocha

Cowburn, B., Sluka, R., Smith, J. (2013). Coral reef ecology and biodiversity in Watamu Marine National Park, Kenya. A Rocha Kenya occasional research report #27.

Type: Report

Keywords: Biodiversity Research Group: A Rocha

Darling, E. S., McClanahan, T. R., & Côté, I. M. (2010). Combined effects of two stressors on Kenyan coral reefs are additive or antagonistic, not synergistic. *Conservation Letters*, 3(2), 122–130.

Type: Published article

Keywords: Resilience, post-bleaching, fisheries, MPA *Research Group:* Wildlife Conservation Society

Darling, E. S., McClanahan, T. R., & Côté, I. M. (2013). Life histories predict coral community disassembly under multiple stressors. *Global Change Biology* 19, 1930-1940

Type: Published article

Keywords: Post-bleaching, reef ecology, coral

Davies, J. G. (2002). The attitudes of fishermen and management staff towards three marine protected areas. *University of Newcastle, UK*.

Type: Master's thesis (Published in McClanahan et al. 2005)

Keywords: Fisheries, MPA

Research Group: Wildlife Conservation Society

Eklöf, J. S., Fröcklin, S., & Lindvall, A. (2009). How effective are MPAs? Predation control and "spill-in effects" in seagrass—coral reef lagoons under contrasting fishery management. *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, 384, 83-96

Type: Published article *Keywords:* MPA, urchins

Research Group: Wildlife Conservation Society

Giesen, W., Kerkhof, K. (1984). The impact of river discharge on a Kenyan coral reef ecosystem – the physical processes. *Kenya-Belgium project in marine ecology*.

Type: Report

Keywords: Coral, sedimentation, resilience

Research Group: 1982 University of Njimegen expedition

Glaesen, H. (1997). Fishers, parks and power: The socio-environmental dimensions of marine resource decline and protection on the Kenyan coast. *University of Winsconsin-Madison*, USA

Type: PhD thesis

Keywords: Fisheries, livelihoods, MPAs

Research Group: Wildlife Conservation Society

Gordon, T. (2015). Defended territories of an aggressive damselfish contain lower juvenile coral density than adjacent non-defended areas on Kenyan lagoon patch reefs.

University of Cambridge, UK.

Type: Undergraduate thesis (Published in Gordon et al. 2015)

Keywords: Resilience, coral recruitment, damselfish

Research Group: A Rocha

Gordon, T., Cowburn, B., & Sluka, R. D. (2015). **Defended territories of an aggressive** damselfish contain lower juvenile coral density than adjacent non-defended areas on Kenyan lagoon patch reefs. *Coral Reefs*, 32, 13-16.

Type: Published article

Keywords: Resilience, coral recruitment, damselfish

Research Group: A Rocha

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Type: Published article *Keywords:* Tourism, fish

Research Group: Wildlife conservation society

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University of Newcastle, UK.

Type: Master's thesis (Published in McClanahan et al. 1999 and McClanahan et al. 2002)

Keywords: Resilience, macroalgae, coral, fish Research Group: Wildlife conservation society

Hereward, H., Sluka, B. (2014). **Testing ghost crab density as a useful indicator of human impacts on exposed sandy beaches.** *A Rocha Kenya occasional research report #29.*

Type: Report

Keywords: Crab, beach ecology Research Group: A Rocha

Holdich, D. M., & Jones, D. A. (1973). The systematics and ecology of a new genus of sand beach isopod (Sphaeromatidae) from Kenya. *Journal of the Zoological Society London*, 171, 385–395.

Type: Published article

Keywords: Biodiversity, isopods

Research Group: 1969 University of Bangor expedition

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Type: Book

Keywords: Biodiversity, echinoderms

Research Group: 1969 University of Bangor expedition

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Type: Published article

Keywords: Crab, beach ecology

Research Group: 1969 University of Bangor expedition

Isaac, E. W., & Issac, F. M. (1968). **Marine Botany of the Kenya Coast** *Journal of East Africa Natural History Society and National Museum 27*(116), 7-27.

Type: Published article

Keywords: Biodiversity, algae, seagrass

Research Group: Other

Jones, D. A. (1969). **Bangor-Watamu Expedition: Preliminary report**. *University of Bangor, UK*

Type: Report

Keywords: Biodiversity, habitat maps, reef ecology *Research Group:* 1969 University of Bangor expedition

Jones, D. A. (1971). The systematics and ecology of some sand beach isopods (Crustacea: Eurydicidae) from the coast of Kenya. *Journal of Zoology*, 165(2), 201–227.

Type: Published article

Keywords: Biodiversity, ecology, isopods

Research Group: 1969 University of Bangor expedition

Jones, D. A. (1972). Aspects of the ecology and behaviour of Ocypode ceratophthalmus (Pallas) and O. kuhlii de Haan (Crustacea: Ocypodidae). *Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology*, 8(1), 31–43.

Type: Published article *Keywords:* Ecology, crabs

Research Group: 1969 University of Bangor expedition

Jones, D. A. (1976). The systematics and ecology of some isopods of the genus Cirolana (Cirolanidae) from the Indian Ocean region. *Journal of Zoology*, 178(2), 209–222.

Type: Published article

Keywords: Biodiversity, isopods

Research Group: 1969 University of Bangor expedition

Jones, D. A. (1982). New isopods of the genus Lanocira (Corallanidae) from the Indian Ocean Region. *Crustaceana*, 42(1), 65–75.

Type: Published article

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APPENDIX 2: SPECIES LISTS

'x' - Incidental record '34' - Abundance from quantitative surveys

Appendix 2a: Fish

Family	Genus	Species	Common Name	Reef	Intertidal	Subtidal
Acanthuridae	Acanthurus	dussemieri	Eyestripe surgeonfish	X		2
Acanthuridae	Acanthurus	leucosternon	Powderblue surgeonfish	279		1
Acanthuridae	Acanthurus	lineatus	Lined surgeonfish			X
Acanthuridae	Acanthurus	nigricauda	Blackstreak surgeonfish	38		8
Acanthuridae	Acanthurus	nigrofuscus	Dusky surgeonfish	34	X	65
Acanthuridae	Acanthurus	tennentii	Lieutenant surgeonfish	8		X
Acanthuridae	Acanthurus	triostegus	Convict surgeonfish	2	2	28
Acanthuridae	Acanthurus	xanthopterus	Yellowfin surgeonfish	10	X	X
Acanthuridae	Ctenochaetus	binotatus	Twospot Bristletooth	X		
Acanthuridae	Ctenochaetus	striatus	Striped Bristletooth	253		
Acanthuridae	Ctenochaetus	truncatus	Goldring Bristletooth	18		
Acanthuridae	Naso	annulatus	Whitemargin unicornfish	X		
Acanthuridae	Naso	brachycentron	Humpback unicornfish	1		
Acanthuridae	Naso	brevirostris	Spotted unicornfish	17		
Acanthuridae	Naso	elegans	Orangespine unicornfish	7		
Acanthuridae	Naso	fageni	Horse-face unicornfish	X		
Acanthuridae	Naso	unicornis	Bluespine unicornfish	26		
Acanthuridae	Naso	vlamingi	Bignose unicornfish	х		
Acanthuridae	Zebrasoma	desjardinii	Desjardin's sailfin tang	2		
Acanthuridae	Zebrasoma	scopas	Brown tang	24		
Antennariidae	Histrio	histrio	Sargassumfish			
Apogonidae	Apogon	nigripes	Blackfoot cardinalfish			102
Apogonidae	Apogon	semiornatus	Obliquebanded cardinalfish			
Apogonidae	Apogonichthyoides	taeniatus	Twobelt cardinalfish		X	
Apogonidae	Archamia	fucata	Orange-lined cardinalfish	x		
Apogonidae	Cheilodipterus	arabicus	Tiger cardinalfish	x		7
Apogonidae	Cheilodipterus	artus	Wolf cardinalfish	x		
Apogonidae	Cheilodipterus	macrodon	Large-tooth cardinalfish	x		
Apogonidae	Cheilodipterus	quinquelineatus	Five-lined cardinalfish	x	X	
Apogonidae	Ostorhinchus	angustatus	Broad-striped cardinalfish	х		
Apogonidae	Ostorhinchus	aureus	Ring-tailed cardinalfish	X		
Apogonidae	Ostorhinchus	cookii	Cook's cardinalfish	X	17	6
Apogonidae	Ostorhinchus	cyanosoma	Yellow-striped cardinalfish	X		2
Apogonidae	Ostorhinchus	flagellifera	Coachwhip cardinalfish	x		
Apogonidae	Ostorhinchus	nigrofasciatus	Black-stripe cardinalfish	x		

Apogonidae	Ostorhinchus	taeniophorus	Reef-flat cardinalfish		5	104
Apogonidae	Pristapogon	kallopterus	Iridescent cardinalfish	X	1	
Atherinidae	Atherinomorus	lacunosus	Hardy silverhead		X	X
Aulostomidae	Aulostomus	chinensus	Trumpetfish	5		
Balistidae	Balistoides	undulatus	Orange-strip triggerfish	4		
Balistidae	Balistoides	viridescens	Giant triggerfish	х		
Balistidae	Pseudobalistes	flavimarginatus	Yellowmargin triggerfish		X	
Balistidae	Pseudobalistes	fuscus	Blue triggerfish	x		
Balistidae	Rhinecanthus	assasi	Picassofish	1	X	20
Balistidae	Rhinecanthus	rectangulus	Wedge picassofish		X	1
Balistidae	Sufflamen	chrysopterus	Halfmoon triggerfish	10		1
Balistidae	Sufflamen	fraenatus	Bridled triggerfish	3		1
Blenniidae	Antennablennius	variopunctatus	Orange-spot blenny		21	
Blennidae	Aspidontus	taeniatus	Cleanerfish mimic			
Blenniidae	Blenniella	chrysospilos	Red-spotted blenny		x	
Blenniidae	Blenniella	cyanostigma	Striped rockskipper		19	
Blenniidae	Cirripectes	castaneus	Chestnut blenny	3		
Blenniidae	Cirripectes	stigmaticus	Redstreaked blenny	x		
Blenniidae	Entomacrodus	striatus	Blackspotted rockskipper		X	
Blenniidae	Exallias	brevis	Leopard blenny	1		
Blenniidae	Hirculops	cornifer	Highbrow rockskipper		1	
Blenniidae	Istiblennius	lineatus	Lined rockskipper		X	
Blenniidae	Istiblennius	unicolor	Pallid rockskipper		1	
Blenniidae	Meiacanthus	mossambicus	Mocambique fangblenny	3		
Blenniidae	Plagiotremus	rhinorhynchos	Bluestriped fangblenny	1	X	
Blenniidae	Plagiotremus	tapeinosoma	Scale-eating fangblenny	1		X
Blenniidae	Salarias	fasciatus	Jeweled blenny		1	
Caesionidae	Caesio	caerulaurea	Scissor-tailed fusilier	X		
Caesionidae	Caesio	lunaris	Lunar fusilier	6		
Caesionidae	Caesio	teres	Yellowback fusilier	x		
Caesionidae	Caesio	xanthonota	Yellowtop fusilier	x		
Caesionidae	Dipterygonotus	balteatus	Mottled fusilier	x		
Caesionidae	Pterocaesio	chrysozona	Goldband fusilier	30		
Callionymidae	Synichiropus	stellatus	Starry dragonet	x		
Caracanthidae	Caracanthus	madagascariensis	Spotted coral croucher	X		
Caracanthidae	Caracanthus	unipinna	Pygmy coral croucher	х		
Carangidae	Alectis	inidicus	Indian threadfin			х
Carangidae	Carangoides	ferdau	Bar jack	х		
Carangidae	Carangoides	fulvoguttatus	Yellow-dotted trevally	х		
Carangidae	Caranx	herberi	Black-tip trevally	х		
Carangidae	Caranx	ignobilis	Giant trevally			х
Carangidae	Caranx	melampygus	Bluefin trevally	1		

Carangidae	Caranx	papuensis	Brassy trevally	X		
Carangidae	Caranx	sexfasciatus	Bigeye trevally	х		
Carangidae	Gnathanodon	speciosus	Golden trevally			х
Carangidae	Scomberoides	lysan	Doublespot queenfish	х		
Carangidae	Trachinostus	blochii	Silver pompano			X
Carcharhinidae	Carcharhinus	melanopterus	Reef blacktip shark			X
Carcharhinidae	Triaenodon	obesus	Reef whitetip shark	х		
Centriscidae	Aeoliscus	punctulatus	Speckled shrimpfish			х
Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon	auriga	Threadfin butterflyfish	13	х	4
Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon	falcula	Saddleback butterflyfish	x		
Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon	guttatissimus	Spotted butterflyfish	2		
Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon	kleinii	Klein's butterflyfish	x		1
Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon	lineolatus	Lined butterflyfish	x		
Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon	leucopleura	Somali butterflyfish			х
Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon	lunula	Raccoon butterflyfish	14	X	5
Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon	meyeri	Meyer's butterflyfish	4		
Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon	trifascialis	Chevroned butterflyfish	4		
Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon	trifasciatus	Redfin butterflyfish	7		
Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon	vagabundus	Vagabond butterflyfish	,		х
Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon	xanthocephalus	Yellowhead butterflyfish	1		A
Chaetodontidae	Forcipiger	flavissimus	Long-nose butterflyfish	x		
Chaetodontidae	Heniochus	acuminatus	Longfin bannerfish	X		
Chaetodontidae	Heniochus	monoceros	Masked bannerfish	2		
Cirrihitidae	Amblycirrihitus	bimacula	Two-spotted hawkfish	x		
Cirrihitidae	Paracirrhites	arcatus	Monocle hawkfish	2		
Cirrihitidae	Paracirrhites	forsteri	Freckled hawkfish	7		
Cirrihitidae	Cirrhitichthys	oxycephalus	Pixy hawkfish	x		
Cirrihitidae	Cirrhitus	pinnulatus	Stocky hawkfish			х
Clupeidae	Herklotsichthys	quadrimaculatus	Gold spot herring		х	x
Clupeidae	Spratelloides	gracilis	Blue lateral sprat			X
Congridae	Conger	cinereus	Moustache conger			
Dasyatidae	Himantura	gerrardi	Sharpnose stingray			х
Dasyatidae	Himantura	uarnak	Honeycomb stingray			x
Dasyatidae	Neotrygon	kuhlii	Bluespotted stingray (grey)			x
Dasyatidae	Taeniura	lymma	Bluespotted Stingray Bluespotted Stingray	1		x
Diodontidae	Diodon	hystrix	Porcupinefish	х	х	1
Diodontidae	Diodon	liturosus	Black-blotched porcupinefish	x	X	x
Echeneidae	Echeneis	naucrates	Sharksucker	x		
Ephippidae	Platax	orbicularis	Batfish	7		
Ephippidae	Platax	teira	Longfin spadefish	<u> </u>	X	
Ephippidae	Tripterodon	orbis	African spadefish			
Fistulariidae	Fistularia	commersonii	Cornetfish	6		

Gerreidae	Gerres	longirostris	Smallscale mojarra		X	
Gerreidae	Gerres	oyena	Blacktip mojarra		X	X
Gobiidae	Amblyeleotris	wheeleri	Gorgeous prawn-goby			x
Gobiidae	Cryptocentrus	fasciastus	Barred prawn-goby			X
Gobiidae	Cryptocentrus	lutheri	Luther's prawn-goby			X
Gobiidae	Cryptocentrus	strigilliceps	Target prawn-goby			X
Gobiidae	Ctenogobiops	feroculus	Sandy prawn-goby			X
Gobiidae	Gnatholepis	cauerensis	Eye-bar goby		7	
Gobiidae	Gnatholepis	scapulostigma	Shoulder-spot goby		X	
Gobiidae	Istigobius	ornatus	Ornate goby		4	
Gobiidae	Paragobiodon	modestus	Modest goby	Х		
Gobiidae	Pleurosicya	micheli	Michels ghost goby	X		
Gobiidae	Valenciennea	strigata	Blue-streak goby	Х		X
Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus	albovittatus	Giant sweetlips			X
Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus	chubbi	Dusky sweetlips	X		
Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus	flavomaculatus	Gold-spotted sweetlips	38		20
Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus	gaterinus	Black-spotted sweetlips	29		
Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus	gibbosus	Gibbus sweetlips			x
Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus	paulayi	Diagonal-lined sweetlips			X
Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus	plagiodesmus	Red-lined sweetlips			X
Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus	playfairi	Whitebarred sweetlips	6		
Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus	schotaf	Somber sweetlips	1		X
Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus	sordidus	Black sweetlips			X
Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus	vittatus	Oriental sweetlips	x		
Hemiramphidae	Hyporhamphus	affinis	Insular halfbeak			X
Hemiramphidae	Hemiramphus	far	Spotted halfbeak			5
Holocentridae	Myripristis	adusta	Bronze soldierfish			
Holocentridae	Myripristis	hexagona	Doubletoothed soldierfish	4		
Holocentridae	Myripristis	murdjan	Red soldierfish			X
Holocentridae	Myripristis	pralinia	Scarlet soldierfish			X
Holocentridae	Myripristis	violacea	Violet soldierfish	3		
Holocentridae	Neoniphon	argenteus	Clearfin soldierfish			
Holocentridae	Neoniphon	sammara	Bloodspot soldierfish	x		
Holocentridae	Plectrypops	lima	Cardinal soldierfish		X	
Holocentridae	Sargocentron	caudimaculatum	Tailspot squirrelfish	x		
Holocentridae	Sargocentron	diadema	Crown squirrelfish	2		7
Kuhliidae	Kuhlia	mugil	Barred flagtail		x	
Kyphosidae	Kyphosus	cinerascens	Highfin rudderfish	х		
Kyphosidae	Kyphosus	vaigiensis	Brassy rudderfish	65		
Labridae	Anampses	caeruleopunctatus	Blue-spotted wrasse	3		
Labridae	Anampses	melanurus	White-spotted wrasse	х		
Labridae	Anampses	meleagrides	Yellowtail wrasse	1		

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Labridae	Anampses	twistii	Yellow-breasted wrasse	5		
Labridae	Bodianus	axillaris	Axilspot hogfish	9		
Labridae	Bodianus	diana	Diana's hogfish	X		
Labridae	Cheilinus	chlorourus	Floral wrasse	x		x
Labridae	Cheilinus	oxycephalus	Snooty wrasse	4		
Labridae	Cheilinus	trilobatus	Tripletail wrasse	23		14
Labridae	Cheilio	inermis	Cigar wrasse	2	X	27
Labridae	Coris	aygula	Clown Coris	2		
Labridae	Coris	caudimacula	Spottail Coris	3	1	24
Labridae	Coris	cuvieri	African Coris	1		2
Labridae	Coris	formosa	Queen Coris	1	X	9
Labridae	Epibulus	insidiator	Slingjaw wrasse	2		
Labridae	Gomphosus	caeruleus	Indian bird wrasse	15		
Labridae	Halichoeres	hortulanus	Checkerboard wrasse	26	2	3
Labridae	Halichoeres	marginatus	Dusky wrasse	6		
Labridae	Halichoeres	nebulosus	Nebulous wrasse			45
Labridae	Halichoeres	scapularis	Zigzag wrasse	2	1	3
Labridae	Hemigymnus	fasciastus	Barred thicklip wrasse	6		
Labridae	Hemigymnus	melapterus	Blackedge thicklip wrasse	х		
Labridae	Hologymnosus	annulatus	Ring wrasse	2		2
Labridae	Iniistius	pavo	Blue razorfish			х
Labridae	Iniistius	pentadactylus	Fivefinger razorfish			Х
Labridae	Labrichthys	unilineatus	Tubelip wrasse	5		
Labridae	Labroides	bicolor	Bicolour cleaner wrasse	3		
Labridae	Labroides	dimidiatus	Bluestreak cleaner wrasse	32	6	17
Labridae	Macropharyngodon	bipartitus	Vermiculate wrasse	х		5
Labridae	Novaculichthys	macrolepidotus	Seagrass wrasse			19
Labridae	Novaculichthys	taeniourus	Dragon wrasse	2		
Labridae	Oxycheilinus	bimaculatus	Twospot wrasse	х		
Labridae	Oxycheilinus	digrammus	Bandcheek wrasse	6		
Labridae	Pseudocheilinus	evanidus	Disappearing wrasse	х		
Labridae	Pseudocheilinus	hexataenia	Six-line wrasse	17		
Labridae	Pteragogus	flagellifera	Flagfin wrasse	x		
Labridae	Stethojulis	albovittata	Bluelined wrasse	X	X	28
Labridae	Stethojulis	strigiventer	Three-line wrasse	X	x	
Labridae	Thalassoma	amblycephalum	Two tone wrasse	58	1	х
Labridae	Thalassoma	hardwicke	Six-bar wrasse	19	•	2
Labridae	Thalassoma	hebraicum	Goldbar wrasse	62	11	5
Labridae	Thalassoma	lunare	Crescent wrasse	5	1.1	3
Labridae	Thalassoma	purpureum	Surge wrasse	3		
Labridae	Thalassoma	quinquevittatum	Five-stripe wrasse			X
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Labridae	Thalassoma	trilobatum	Christmas wrasse	X		

Lethrinidae	Gnathodentex	aurolineatus	Yellowspot emperor	х		
Lethrinidae	Lethrinus	harak	Blackspot emperor	1	X	45
Lethrinidae	Lethrinus	lentjan	Pink-ear emperor			х
Lethrinidae	Lethrinus	mehsena	Sky emperor	7		х
Lethrinidae	Lethrinus	microdon	Smalltooth emperor	1		
Lethrinidae	Lethrinus	obsoletus	Orange-stripe emperor	Х		
Lethrinidae	Monotaxis	grandoculis	Big-eye emperor	4		
Lutjanidae	Lutjanus	argentimaculatus	River snapper	11		х
Lutjanidae	Lutjanus	bohar	Red snapper	17		
Lutjanidae	Lutjanus	coeruleolineatus	Blueline snapper			
Lutjanidae	Lutjanus	ehrenbergi	Ehrenberg's snapper			х
Lutjanidae	Lutjanus	fluvus	Flametail snapper	х		
Lutjanidae	Lutjanus	fulviflamma	Blackspot snapper	42	1	2
Lutjanidae	Lutjanus	gibbus	Humpback snapper	3		
Lutjanidae	Lutjanus	kasmira	Blue-lined snapper	1	1	
Lutjanidae	Lutjanus	monostigma	One-spot snapper	х		
Lutjanidae	Lutjanus	rivulatus	Scribbled snapper	Х		
Lutjanidae	Macolor	niger	Black and white snapper	4		
Microdesmidae	Ptereleotris	evides	Blackfin dartfish	50		
Microdesmidae	Ptereleotris	microlepis	Pearly dartfish			х
Mobulidae	Manta	alfredi	Alfred manta			x
Monacanthidae	Acreichthys	tomentosus	Seagrass filefish			
Monacanthidae	Aluterus	scriptus	Scribbled filefish	1		
Monacanthidae	Cantherhines	fronticinctus	Spectacled filefish	X	X	
Monacanthidae	Cantherhines	pardalis	Wire-net filefish	4		x
Monacanthidae	Oxymonacanthus	longirostris	Longnose filefish	2		
Monacanthidae	Paraluteres	prionurus	Saddleback mimic			
Monacanthidae	Pervagor	janthinosoma	Blackbar filefish	2		
Monodactylidae	Monodactylus	argenteus	Silver batfish			10
Mugilidae	Oedalechilus	labiosus	Foldlip mullet		X	
Mugilidae	Valamugil	seheli	Bluespot mullet			x
Mullidae	Mulloidichthys	flavolineatus	Yellowstripe goatfish	2		
Mullidae	Mulloidichthys	vanicolensis	Yellowfin goatfish	X		
Mullidae	Parupeneus	bifasciatus	Two-barred goatfish			X
Mullidae	Parupeneus	barberinus	Dash and dot goatfish	55	X	11
Mullidae	Parupeneus	ciliatus	Whitesaddle goatfish	X		
Mullidae	Parupeneus	cyclostomus	Yellow-saddle goatfish	1		
Mullidae	Parupeneus	indicus	Indian goatfish	2		10
Mullidae	Parupeneus	macronema	Longbarbel goatfish	X		2
Mullidae	Parupeneus	rubescens	Rosy goatfish x			x
Mullidae	Upeneus	tragula	Blackstriped goatfish			X
Muraenidae	Echidna	leucotaenia	Whiteface moray	X	1	

Muraenidae	Echidna	nebulosa	Snowflake moray	х	1	
Muraenidae	Gymnomuraena	zebra	Zebra moray		х	
Muraenidae	Gymnothorax	chilospilos	Lipspot moray			
Muraenidae	Gymnothorax	favagineus	Honeycomb moray			х
Muraenidae	Gymnothorax	flavimarginatus	Yellow-margined moray	х		
Muraenidae	Gymnothorax	grisea	Geometric moray	X		
Muraenidae	Gymnothorax	pictus	Peppered moray		X	
Muraenidae	Gymnothorax	undulatus	Undulated moray			
Muraenidae	Scuticaria	tigrinus	Tiger snake moray	х		
Muraenidae	Uropterygius	marmoratus	Marbled snake moray			
Myliobatidae	Aetobatus	ocellatus	Spotted eagle ray			X
Nemipteridae	Scolopsis	ghanam	Arabian spinecheek	2	x	
Ophichthidae	Callechelys	marmorata	Marbled snake eel			X
Ophichthidae	Myrichthys	colubrinus	Harlequin snake eel	х		
Ophichthidae	Myrichthys	maculosus	Spotted snake eel	X		
Ostraciidae	Lactoria	cornuta	Longhorn cowfish		X	
Ostraciidae	Lactoria	fornasini	Thornback cowfish		X	
Ostraciidae	Ostracion	cubicus	Yellow boxfish	х	A	
Ostraciidae	Ostracion	meleagris	Whitespotted boxfish	X		1
Pegasidae	Eurypegasus	draconis	Short dragonfish	A		1
Pempheridae	Pempheris	bexillion	Short drugonnish	х		
Pempheridae	Pempheris	flavicycla		76	20	
Pempheridae	Pempheris	spp.		70	20	
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Pempheridae	Pempheris	spp.				
Pinguipedidae	Parapercis	hexophthalma	Speckled sandperch	2		
Platycephalidae	Papilloculiceps	longiceps	Indian Ocean crocodilefish			х
Platycephalidae	Sunagocia	arenicola	Broadhead flathead			х
Platycephalidae	Thysanophrys	chiltonae	Longsnout flathead			х
Plotosidae	Plotosus	limbatus	Darkfin catfish			х
Plotosidae	Plotosus	lineatus	Striped catfish		X	х
Pomacanthidae	Centropyge	multipinis	Brown dwarf-angelfish	10		
Pomacanthidae	Pomacanthus	chrysurus	African angelfish	1	X	х
Pomacanthidae	Pomacanthus	imperator	Emperor angelfish	х		х
Pomacanthidae	Pomacanthus	semicirculatus	Semicircle angelfish	5	X	5
Pomacanthidae	Pygoplites	diacanthus	Regal angelfish	x		
Pomacentridae	Abudefduf	notatus	Yellow-tail sergeant		X	
Pomacentridae	Abudefduf	septemfasciastus	Banded sergeant			х

Pomacentridae	Abudefduf	sexfasciatus	Scissor sergeant	77	X	X
Pomacentridae	Abudefduf	sordidus	Black-spot sergeant		X	5
Pomacentridae	Abudefduf	sparoides	False-eye sergeant	23	X	2
Pomacentridae	Abudefduf	vaigiensis	Indo-Pacific sergeant	4	21	29
Pomacentridae	Amphiprion	akallopisos	Skunk anemonefish	1		
Pomacentridae	Amphiprion	allardi	Allard's anemonefish	X		3
Pomacentridae	Chromis	dimidiata	Half and half chromis	100		30
Pomacentridae	Chromis	nigura	Blacktail chromis	6		
Pomacentridae	Chromis	ternatensis	Ternate chromis	x		
Pomacentridae	Chromis	viridis	Blue-green chromis	40		
Pomacentridae	Chromis	weberi	Weber's chromis	15		
Pomacentridae	Chrysiptera	annulata	Blackbarred demoiselle		X	15
Pomacentridae	Chrysiptera	biocellata	Twospot damsel		1	
Pomacentridae	Chrysiptera	brownriggi	Surge demoiselle		7	36
Pomacentridae	Chrysiptera	glauca	Grey demoiselle		1	
Pomacentridae	Chrysiptera	unimaculata	One spot demoiselle		X	
Pomacentridae	Dascyllus	aruanus	Humbug dascyllus	2		
Pomacentridae	Dascyllus	carneus	Indian dascyllus	5		
Pomacentridae	Dascyllus	trimaculatus	Three-spot dascyllus	8	X	48
Pomacentridae	Neoglyphidodon	melas	Black damsel	Х		
Pomacentridae	Neopomacentrus	azysron	Yellowtail demoiselle	33		
Pomacentridae	Neopomacentrus	cyanomos	Regal demoiselle	X		
Pomacentridae	Plectroglyphidodon	dickii	Dick's damsel	6		
Pomacentridae	Plectroglyphidodon	imparipennis	Brighteye damsel		X	
Pomacentridae	Plectroglyphidodon	johnstonianus	Johnston damsel	7		
Pomacentridae	Plectroglyphidodon	lacrymatus	Jewel damsel	103		
Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus	aquilus	Dark damsel	3	5	58
Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus	baenschi	Baensch's damsel	4		1
Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus	caeruleus	Blue-yellow damsel	2	X	3
Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus	pavo	Blue damsel	х	X	
Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus	sulfureus	Sulphur damsel	15		
Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus	trichrous	Pailtail damsel	x		
Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus	trilineatus	Three-line damsel		X	X
Pomacentridae	Stegastes	fasciolatus	Pacific gregory	2		
Priacanthidae	Heteropriacanthus	cruentatus	Glasseye	X		
Priacanthidae	Priacanthus	hamrur	Goggle-eye	2		
Pseudochromidae	Pseudochromis	leucorhynchus	White-nose dottyback			X
Rhinobatidae	Glaucostegus	halaci	Halavi ray			X
Scaridae	Calotomus	carolinus	Stareye parrotfish	39		
Scaridae	Cetoscarus	bicolor	Bicolour parrotfish	х		
Scaridae	Chlorurus	atrilunula	Black crescent parrotfish	7		
Scaridae	Chlorurus	capistratoides	Pale bullethead parrotfish	1		

Scaridae	Chlorurus	sordidus	Bullethead parrotfish	67		12
Scaridae	Chlorurus	strongylocephalus	Indian Ocean steephead parrotfish	X		
Scaridae	Hipposcarus	harid	Indian Ocean longnose parrotfish	1		
Scaridae	Leptoscarus	vaigiensis	Seagrass parrotfish	2	X	47
Scaridae	Scarus	frenatus	Bridled parrotfish			
Scaridae	Scarus	ghobban	Bluebarred parrotfish	11		1
Scaridae	Scarus	niger	Swarthy parrotfish	8		
Scaridae	Scarus	psittacus	Palenose parrotfish	6		
Scaridae	Scarus	rubroviolaceus	Redlip parrotfish	12		
Scaridae	Scarus	scaber	Dusky-capped parrotfish	X		
Scombridae	Rastrelliger	kanagurta	Striped mackerel			
Scorpaenidae	Dendochirus	zebra	Zebra lionfish			
Scorpaenidae	Parascorpaena	mossambica	Mozambique scorpionfish			X
Scorpaenidae	Pterois	antennata	Spotfin lionfish	X		
Scorpaenidae	Pterois	miles	Common lionfish	1	X	
Scorpaenidae	Pterois	mombasae	Mombasa lionfish	Х		
Scorpaenidae	Pterois	radiata	Clearfin lionfish	X	X	
Scorpaenidae	Scorpaenopsis	oxycephala	Tassled scorpionfish	X	6	
Scorpaenidae	Scorpaenopsis	venosa	Raggy scorpionfish	X		
Scorpaenidae	Sebastapistes	cyanostigma	Yellowspotted scorpionfish	12		
Scorpaenidae	Sebastapistes	strongia	Barchin scorpionfish			X
Scorpaenidae	Synanceia	verrucosa	Stonefish			
Scorpaenidae	Taenianotus	triacanthus	Leaf scorpionfish	X		
Serranidae	Aethaloperca	rogaa	Redmouth grouper	X		
Serranidae	Cephalopholis	argus	Peacock grouper	2		X
Serranidae	Cephalopholis	leopardus	Leopard hind	X		
Serranidae	Cephalopholis	miniata	Coral hind	X		
Serranidae	Cephalopholis	sonnerati	Tomato grouper	X		
Serranidae	Dermatolepis	striolata	Smooth grouper	X		
Serranidae	Epinephelus	areolatus	Areolate grouper	X		
Serranidae	Epinephelus	caeruleopunctatus	Whitespotted grouper			
Serranidae	Epinephelus	fasciatus	Blacktip grouper	1		
Serranidae	Epinephelus	fuscoguttatus	Brown-marbled grouper	X		
Serranidae	Epinephelus	lanceolatus	Giant grouper			х
Serranidae	Epinephelus	longispinis	Longspine grouper			
Serranidae	Epinephelus	macrospilos	Snubnose grouper			X
Serranidae	Epinephelus	malabaricus	Malabar grouper	X		
Serranidae	Epinephelus	merra	Honeycomb grouper	X		2
Serranidae	Epinephelus	ongus	Specklefin grouper	х		
Serranidae	Epinephelus	spilotoceps	Foursaddle grouper	Х		
Serranidae	Epinephelus	tauvina	Greasy grouper			Х
Serranidae	Epinephelus	tukula	Potato grouper			Х

Serranidae	Grammistes	sexlineatus	Six-striped soapfish		1	X
Serranidae	Plectropomus	laevis	Saddleback coralgrouper	X		
Serranidae	Plectropomus	punctatus	Marbled coralgrouper	1		
Serranidae	Pseudanthias	squamipinnis	Lyretail anthias	x		
Serranidae	Variola	louti	Lyretail grouper	x		
Signidae	Siganus	argenteus	Forktail rabbitfish	x		X
Signidae	Siganus	luridus	Squaretail rabbitfish			
Signidae	Siganus	stellatus	Stellate rabbitfish	3		2
Signidae	Siganus	sutor	African whitespotted rabbitfish	75	X	379
Soleidae	Pardachirus	marmoratus	Moses sole			2
Solenostomidae	Solenostomus	cyanopterus	Ghost pipefish			
Sphyraenidae	Sphyraena	barracuda	Great barracuda			X
Sphyraenidae	Sphyraena	flavicauda	Yellowtail barracuda			X
Sphyraenidae	Sphyraena	forsteri	Blackspot barracuda			10
Sphyraenidae	Sphyraena	jello	Pickhandle barracuda			X
Sphyraenidae	Sphyraena	putnamiae	Sawtooth barracuda			X
Sphyraenidae	Sphyraena	qenie	Blackfin barracuda			X
Sygnathidae	Corythoichthys	schultzi	Guilded pipefish	x		
Sygnathidae	Doryhamphus	excisus	Bluestripe pipefish			
Sygnathidae	Hippocampus	hystrix	Thorny seahorse			
Sygnathidae	Micrognathus	andersonii	Short-nose pipefish		X	
Synodontidae	Synodus	dermatogenys	Sand lizardfish	x		1
Synodontidae	Saurida	gracilis	Graceful lizardfish	x	1	
Tetraodontidae	Arothron	hispidus	Whitespotted puffer			2
Tetraodontidae	Arothron	immaculatus	Immaculate puffer			X
Tetraodontidae	Arothron	тарра	Globe puffer			X
Tetraodontidae	Arothron	meleagris	Guineafowl puffer			X
Tetraodontidae	Arothron	nigropunctatus	Blackspotted puffer	4		
Tetraodontidae	Arothron	stellatus	Star puffer			1
Tetraodontidae	Canthigaster	amboinensis	Ambon toby			X
Tetraodontidae	Canthigaster	bennetti	Bennett's toby	6	X	20
Tetraodontidae	Canthigaster	janthinopera	Honeycomb toby	х		
Tetraodontidae	Canthigaster	petersii	Peters toby	5	1	
Tetraodontidae	Canthigaster	valentini	Blacksaddle toby	9	X	1
Theraponidae	Terapon	jarbua	Crescent-banded grunter		X	
Torpedinidae	Torpedo	sinuspersici	Marbled electric ray	х		
Zanclidae	Zanclus	cornutus	Moorish idol	19		1

Appendix 2b – Species lists for Echinoderms, Molluscs and Crustacea

Phylum	Class	Genus	Species	English	Reef	Intertidal	Subtidal
Echinodermata	Asteroidea	Culcita	schmideliana	Cake star	X	X	X
Echinodermata	Asteroidea	Dactylosaster	cylindricus		1		
Echinodermata	Asteroidea	Euretaster	cribrosus	Dimple star			X
Echinodermata	Asteroidea	Leiaster	coriaceus	Mottled star		X	X
Echinodermata	Asteroidea	Linckia	laevigata	Blue star	3	X	
Echinodermata	Asteroidea	Linckia	multifora	Irregular arm star		X	
Echinodermata	Asteroidea	Monachaster	sanderi	Pygmy plate star	X	1	
Echinodermata	Asteroidea	Nardoa	variolata	Red dot star	X	X	
Echinodermata	Asteroidea	Protoeaster	lincki	Red crown star	X	X	
Echinodermata	Echinoidea	Astropyga	radiata	Radiant urchin	X	X	X
Echinodermata	Echinoidea	Diadema	savingyi	Blue star urchin	23	1	
Echinodermata	Echinoidea	Diadema	setosum	Anal spot urchin	5	X	
Echinodermata	Echinoidea	Echinometra	matthaei	Rockpool urchin	44	275	
Echinodermata	Echinoidea	Echinostrephus	molaris	Burrowing urchin	198		
Echinodermata	Echinoidea	Echinothrix	calamaris	Black and white urchin	18	X	
Echinodermata	Echinoidea	Echinothrix	diadema	Reef urchin	257	161	
Echinodermata	Echinoidea	Eucidaris	metularia	Rough pencil urchin			X
Echinodermata	Echinoidea	Toxopneustes	pileolus	Flower urchin	2	X	X
Echinodermata	Echinoidea	Tripneustes	gratillia	Seagrass urchin	х	11	X
Echinodermata	Holothurioidea	Actinopyga	echinites	Hedgehog cucumber		X	
Echinodermata	Holothurioidea	Actinopyga	mauritiana	White belly cucumber	X	1	
Echinodermata	Holothuroidea	Actinopyga	miliaris	Military cucumber		X	
Echinodermata	Holothuroidea	Bohadschia	sp.	Red dot cucumber		X	
Echinodermata	Holothuroidea	Bohadschia	subrubra	Patch cucumber	X		
Echinodermata	Holothuroidea	Holothuria	atra	Common black cucumber	1		
Echinodermata	Holothuroidea	Holothuria	scabra	Tasty cucumber			X
Echinodermata	Holothuroidea	Patinapta	crosslandi	Worm cucumber		X	
Echinodermata	Holothuroidea	Pearsonothuria	graeffei	Black palp cucumber	X		
Echinodermata	Holothuroidea	Synapta	maculata	Seagrass cucumber			X
Echinodermata	Ophiuroidea	Amphiura	dejectoides	Brittlestar		41	
Echinodermata	Ophiuroidea	Ophiocentrus	dilalatus	Brittlestar	Х		
Echinodermata	Ophiuroidea	Ophiocoma	erinaceus	Brittlestar	2		
Echinodermata	Ophiuroidea	Ophiocoma	scolopendrina	Brittlestar	8	268	
Echinodermata	Ophiuroidea	Ophiomastix	venosa	Brittlestar		7	
Mollusca	Bivalvia	Chione	toreuma			1	
Mollusca	Bivalvia	Tridacna	maxima	Burrowing giant clam	2	1	
Mollusca	Bivalvia	Tridacna	sqaumosa	Fluted giant clam	53	X	
Mollusca	Cephalopoda	Octopus	cyanea	Common reef octopus	1	X	X

Mollusca	Gastropoda	Asteronotus	cespitosus			Х	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Ceritium	nodulosum			3	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Charonia	tritonis	Giant triton	х		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Conus		Sand dusted coneshell	А	10	
Mollusca	1	Conus	arenatus	Cat coneshell	1	2	
	Gastropoda		catus	Crowned coneshell	1		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Conus	coronatus	Black and white		1	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Conus	ebraeus	coneshell		88	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Conus	litteratus	Lettered coneshell		4	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Conus	lividis	Livid coneshell	2	18	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Conus	rattus	Rat coneshell		3	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Conus	striatellus	Coneshell		2	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Chromodoris	spp.	Nudibranch	х		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Clypeomorus	bifasciatus			3	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Cypraea	tigris	Leopard cowrie		X	X
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Cypraecassis	rufa	Bullmouth helmetshell		X	X
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Dolabella	auricularia	Wedge seahare		X	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Drupa	fusconigra			X	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Drupella	rugosa	Rugose drupe		58	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Engina	mendicaria	Bumblebee shell	1	261	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Flabellina	exoptata	Desirable flabellina	2		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Giberellus	giberellus	Humpback conch		2	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Glossodoris	hikuerensis	Nudibranch	х		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Halgerda	formosa	Nudibranch	9		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Halgerda	tessellata	Nudibranch	Х		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Halgerda	wasinensis	Nudibranch	Х		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Hastula	lanceata			2	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Hypselodoris	regina	Nudibranch			Х
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Jorunna	rubsecens	Nudibranch	Х		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Lambis	chiragra (arthritica)	Arthritic spider conch	5		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Lambis	lambis	Spider conch	1		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Lambis	truncata	Giant spider conch	х		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Littoraria	scabra	Mangrove periwinkle		2	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Littoraria	undulata	Periwinkle	1	1	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Mauritia	histrio	Harlequin cowrie		2	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Mirta	paupercula	Miter shell			
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Monetaria	annulus	Goldring cowrie		5	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Morula	granulata	Mulberry shell	2		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Nerita	albicilla	Blotched nerite		111	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Ovula	ovum	Common egg cowrie	Х		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Phyllidia	varicosa	Nudibranch	3	X	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Phyllidiella	meandrina	Nudibranch	Х	X	

Mollusca	Gastropoda	Phyllidiella	zeylonica	Nudibranch	7	Х	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Phyllidiopsis	striata	Nudibranch	Х		X
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Pleuroploca	trapezium	Tulip shell			Х
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Pollia	fumosus	Smoky goblet		9	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Pollia	undodsus	Waved goblet		1	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Pteraeolidea	ianthina	Blue dragon school	x		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Rhinoclaris	sinensis	Chinese cerith	1		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Terebra	dimidiata	Giraffe screwshell			х
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Thuridilla	indopacifica	Nudibranch	Х		
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Vasum	ceramicum	Ceramic vaseshell		1	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Vasum	rhinocerus	Rhinocerus vaseshell		2	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Vasum	turbinellus	Black and white vaseshell	3	4	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Vexillium	rugosum	Ribbed miter		2	
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Volema	paradisiaca	Pear melongena		1	
Mollusca	Polyplacophora	Acanthopleura	gemmata	Splashzone chiton		5	
Crustacea	Anomura	Dardanus	deformis	Anemone hermit crab		X	
Crustacea	Anomura	Dardanus	lagopodes	Hairy hermit crab	X		
Crustacea	Anomura	Dardanus	megistos	Bluespot hermit crab	X	X	
Crustacea	Anomura	Neopetrolisthes	maculatus	Anemone crab		X	
Crustacea	Brachyura	Calappa	hepatica	Box crab			X
Crustacea	Brachyura	Cardisoma	carnifex	Red land crab		X	
Crustacea	Brachyura	Eriphia	smithi	Redeye rockpool crab		X	
Crustacea	Brachyura	Estisus	slendidus	Red crab	X		
Crustacea	Brachyura	Graspus	tenuicrustatus	Surge crab		Х	
Crustacea	Brachyura	Lydia	annulipes	Striped stone crab		X	
Crustacea	Brachyura	Ocypode	ceratophthalmus	Horny eyed ghostcrab		X	
Crustacea	Brachyura	Ocypode	cordimanus	Smooth handed ghostcrab		X	
Crustacea	Brachyura	Ocypode	ryderi	Pink ghostcrab		X	
Crustacea	Brachyura	Percnon	planissium	Flat coral crab	X		
Crustacea	Brachyura	Tetralia	glaberrima	Acropora coral crab	X		
Crustacea	Brachyura	Trapezia	rufopunctata	Spotted coral crab	X		
Crustacea	Caridea	Hymenocera	picta	Harlequin shrimp		X	
Crustacea	Caridea	Rhynchocinetes	durbanensis	Jagged shrimp	Х		
Crustacea	Caridea	Stenopus	hispidus	Banded cleaner shrimp	X	X	
Crustacea	Palinura	Panulirus	versicolor	Painted spiny lobster	Х	X	
Crustacea	Stomatopoda	Gonodactylus	chiragar	Sandy mantis shrimp		X	
Crustacea	Stomatopoda	Gonodactylus	platysoma	Spotted mantis shrimp		X	
Crustacea	Stomatopoda	Odontodactylus	scyllarus	Peacock mantis shrimp	X		

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Family	Genus	Reef	Intertidal
Acroporidae	Acropora	X	X
	Alveopora		X
	Astreopora	X	X
	Montipora	X	
Agarciidae	Gardineroseris	X	
_	Leptoseris	X	
	Pavona	X	X
Coscinaraeaidae	Anomastrea		X
	Coscinaraea	X	X
Dendrophyllidae	Turbinaria	X	
Euphyllidae	Plerogyra	X	
Faviidae	Cyphastrea	X	
	Echinopora	X	
	Favia	X	X
	Favites	X	X
	Goniastrea	X	X
	Leptastrea	Х	х
	Leptoria	Х	
	Montastrea	Х	
	Oulophyllia	X	
	Platygyra	Х	х
	Plesiastrea	X	
Fungiidae	Ctenactis	Х	
	Fungia	X	
	Herpolitha	Х	
	Podabacia	Х	
Merulinidae	Hydnophora	Х	X
	Merulina	X	
Mussidae	Acanthastrea	X	
	Blastomussa	X	
	Lobophyllia	X	
	Symphyllia	X	
Oculinidae	Galaxea	X	
Pectiniidae	Echinophyllia	Х	
	Mycedium	X	
	Pectinia	X	
Pocilloporidae	Pocillopora	X	
Poritidae	Goniopora	X	
	Porites	X	X
Siderastreidae	Psammocora	X	