

Mokupāpapa Discovery Center



Third Thursday Lecture Series Presents:

Marine Invertebrates

Topics in Marine Alien Species and Biodiversity

Marine invertebrate organisms represent the most numerous component of animal diversity in the oceans. These animals are important to every function of coral reefs but also can represent a threat when they are not native. The Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument is a relatively pristine marine ecosystem but still has marine alien species established. Of the 18 alien species recorded in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, 14 are marine invertebrates. The source of these introductions is the population of over 400 marine aliens established in the populated southeastern portion of the Hawaiian Archipelago.

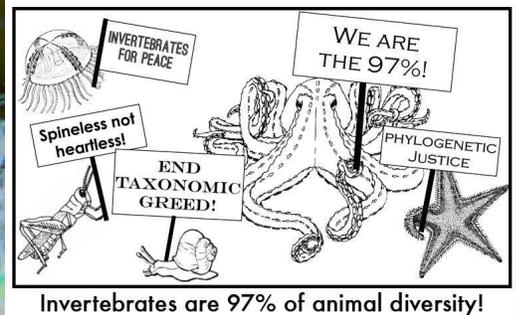
This presentation will introduce the importance of marine invertebrate species within coral reefs and give examples of both native and alien species. Additionally, the details of Marine Alien Species Management Program at the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument will be presented. This program focuses on survey and monitoring and the prevention of new introductions by controlling transport by a variety of man-made pathways.

Presented By:

Scott Godwin



OCTOPI WALL STREET



Thursday, December 15th, 2011

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Mokupāpapa Discovery Center, Hilo

FREE EVENT