



PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA Marine National Monument

A World Heritage Site

#### NOAA ONMS Update September 23, 2021 - December 15, 2021

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#### **Education & Outreach**

#### **Coral Champions Teacher Workshop**



NOAA Data in the Classroom Coral Bleaching Module with participating teachers and staff (Photo: Justin Umholtz)

#### Third Thursday Talks at Mokupāpapa Discovery Center





Top: (Photos: Ilana Nimz/Oikonos) Bottom: (Photos: PMDP)

#### Newsletter



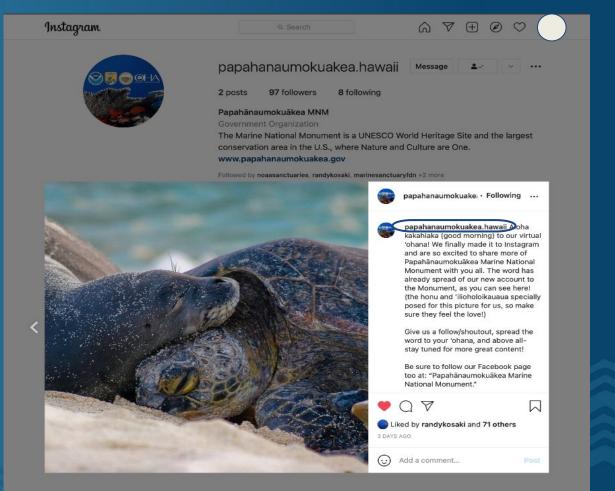
#### KUʻI KA LONO - NEWS Okakopa - October 2021

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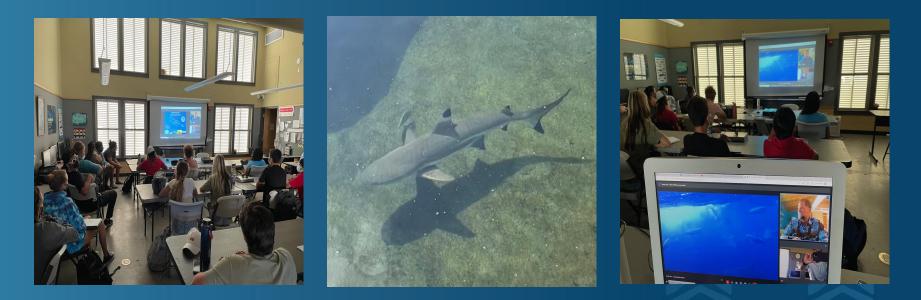
PMNM's newsletter serves as a means to share all of the wonderful activities taking place within and in support of Papahānaumokuākea. For the October newsletter, Ku'i Ka Lono means "the news spread" and also acknowledges the arrival of the Makahiki season when the star cluster Makali'i (Pleiades) rises shortly after sunset.

#### Instagram



Papahānaumokuākea launched our official account on the social media site Instagram (@papahanaumokuakea.hawaii) to continue to connect with the public and share the wonders of the Marine National Monument and UNESCO World Heritage site.

### PMNM Staff gives talk on Sharks in Monument and Careers in Marine Science



Images: (Left) Students watching a virtual presentation on PMNM and sharks (Center) WHEA's experimental shark tank (photos: Erik Swenson/WHEA) (Right) Mr. Hauk describing shark behavior from a bait ball video taken in PMNM during a decompression stop (Photo: Keo Lopes)

### Kamehameha Schools Students Connect with MDC education team





MDC educators Malia Evans and Justin Umholtz teach about the foundational coral polyp to 6 classrooms of students at Kamehameha. (Photo: Waianuhea Paleka/Kamehameha)

> Students create their own coral colony, each coral polyp unique and valuable to the whole. (Photo: Waianuhea Paleka/Kamehameha)



#### **Research & Field Operations**

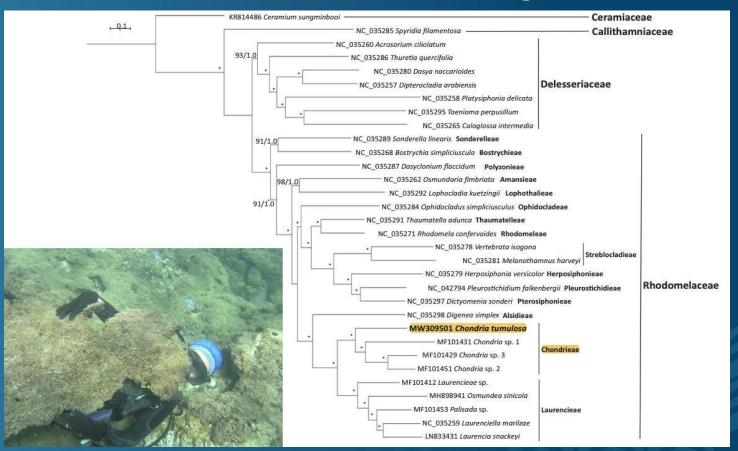
#### **Nautilus Expeditions**



NautilusLive Q&A about the mapping expedition currently active in Papahānaumokuākea. (Photo: Ocean Exploration Trust)

The 40 minute-long event showcased the mapping capabilities aboard E/V Nautilus, why they are mapping the current area within Papahānaumokuākea, and an overview of the Monument and its cultural significance to Native Hawaiians. You can watch the recorded broadcast at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/nautiluslive/videos/bb/b/cubrent/cubrent/loc/bb/b/cubrent/loc/bb/b/cubrent/loc/bb/b/cubrent/loc/bb/b/cubrent/loc/bb/b/cubrent/loc/bb/b/cubrent/loc/bb/b/cubrent/loc/b/cubrent/l

### Chloroplast Genome of the Nuisance Alga Chondria tumulosa Sequenced



Molecular phylogeny of Chondria tumulosa and 31 representative species of the Ceramiales (Rhodophyta), based on complete chloroplast genomes downloaded from GenBank. Maximum Likelihood method with 1000 bootstrap replicates clearly places the new alga within the genus Chondria. Inset: Chondria mat invasively overgrowing slow-moving diver Taylor Williams.



# Awards



#### LTJG Evancoe receives 2021 NOS EEO & Diversity Award



LTJG Evancoe received a 2021 NOS EEO and Diversity Award for promoting diversity and inclusiveness and interest in NOS careers through his work with and mentorship of Native Hawaiian youth. This award recognizes significant contributions to NOS programs in promoting diversity and equal opportunities for advancement in the workplace and the demonstration of exceptional and sustained effort toward the accomplishment of NOS missions.

## **Upcoming Events**

#### • **December 16:** No webinar in December.

 January 20, 2022 at 12 PM HST: Luna Kekoa from Division of Aquatic Resources about "State of Hawai'i Holomua: Marine 30×30 Initiative." Register for webinar here: https://register.golowebinar.here



#### Mahalo! Questions?