

## Project Update: July 2014

### 1. Actions for invasion control

The mapping of the invaded sites guided the start of action to control alien coral at TSB. Removal colonies have been held in four of the six points infested to date and about 8600 colonies were already removed (Fig. 3A and B). This is being accomplished with partner institutions (NGO PRO-MAR, Biota Aquatica and Projeto Coral-Sol) working together to train volunteer divers in the removal and quantification of colonies. Joint efforts are also being made to contribute to the actions of environmental agencies (e.g. Brazilian Institute of Environmental and Renewable Natural Resources - IBAMA) inspecting the main vector of introduction of invasive coral, oil platforms, probable cause of the infestation in the TSB (Fig. 3B).



Figure 3. Colonies removal of invasive coral *Tubastraea* spp.: A) removed colonies, B) Diver removing invasive coral colonies on oil rigs in TSB.

### 2. Communication with civil society

Project actions have been regularly disseminated to civil society ([www.facebook.com/projetocoraisdabaia](http://www.facebook.com/projetocoraisdabaia)) as a way to expand knowledge on the issue of invasion of coral *Tubastraea* spp. and other issues relevant to the conservation of coral reefs of the TSB. This information was transmitted twice in the newspaper with the largest regional circulation (*Jornal A Tarde*). The matter has also been discussed in biology courses to students at the Federal University of Bahia.



Figure 4. Project visual identity with new short name.