

Project Update: December 2014



Siderastrea siderea: A major reef building boulder coral in the Caribbean. It grows in almost all environments in which you can find corals in Belize. Our lab has done extensive research on this species and the past and we will return to Belize in 2015 to continue this work.

Acropora Palmatta: A once common (and beautiful) species in the Caribbean, this coral is now threatened and quite rare. This thicket was located in Hol Chan Marine Reserve, the only place on the Belize reef where you can see this much Acropora in one place.



Pseudodiploria strigosa: One of our study species. This coral is a common brain coral on reefs in Belize and was present at all of our sites. We will return to the field to core this species in 2015.

To read all about the trip visit my blog (undertheblog.wordpress.com) and check out this post: <http://undertheblog.wordpress.com/2014/12/04/coral-research-in-belize-a-cultural-melting-pot-field-season-2014/>