

## **Project Update: March 2016**

We have surveyed four sites and removed 100 crown of thorns (cots) starfish. Unfortunately, coral cover declined significantly in most sites due to the cots outbreaks. We also measured fecundity of the starfish and unfortunately they were full of gonads and ready to spawn.

We are measuring the proportion of live versus dead coral cover and looking at coral size structure distribution which will give us information on the recovery potential of different species and sites.

We are also collaborating with four resorts trying to involve as many staff and guest as possible.



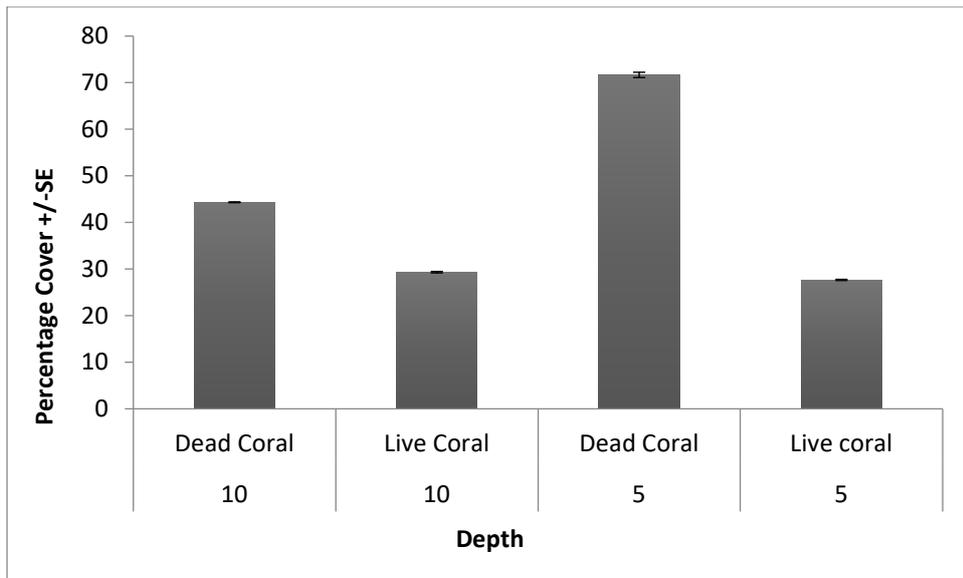


Figure 1 Percentage Live and Dead coral cover at 10m and 5m in 2016.