



NOAA's Strategy to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease

Applying Science, Technology and Partnerships to Save A National Treasure

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NOAA S&T Strategies



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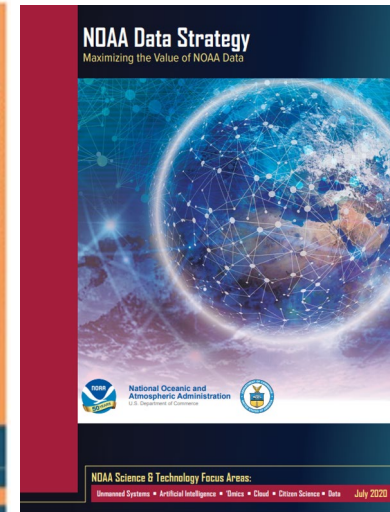
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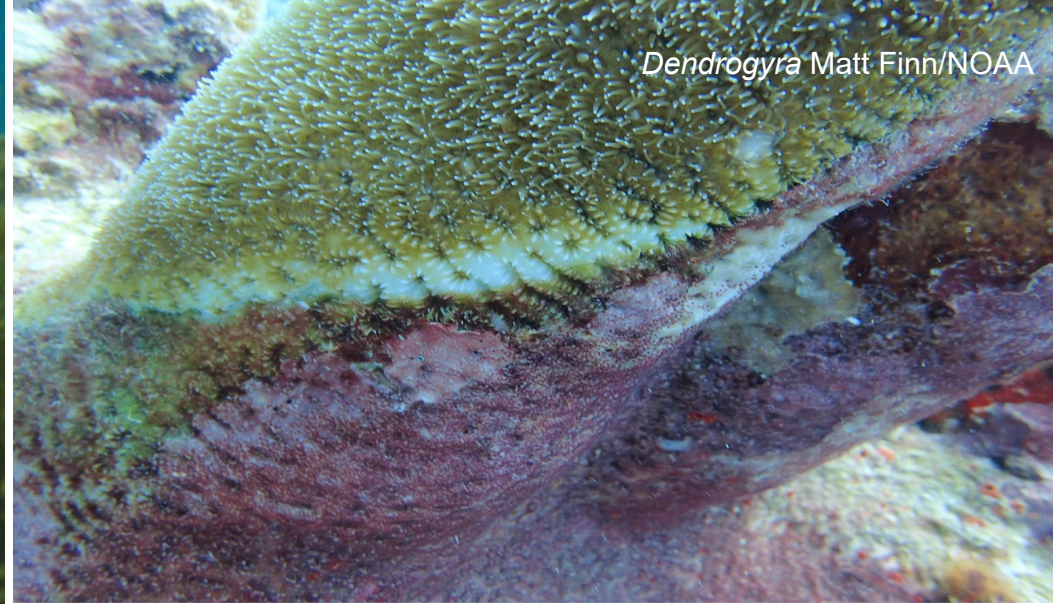
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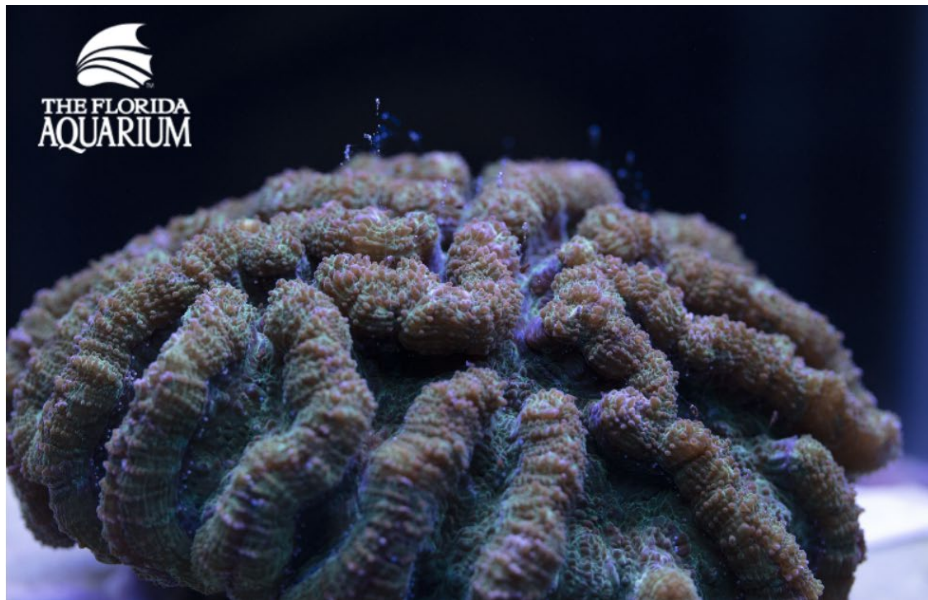


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NOAA SCTLD response & partnerships

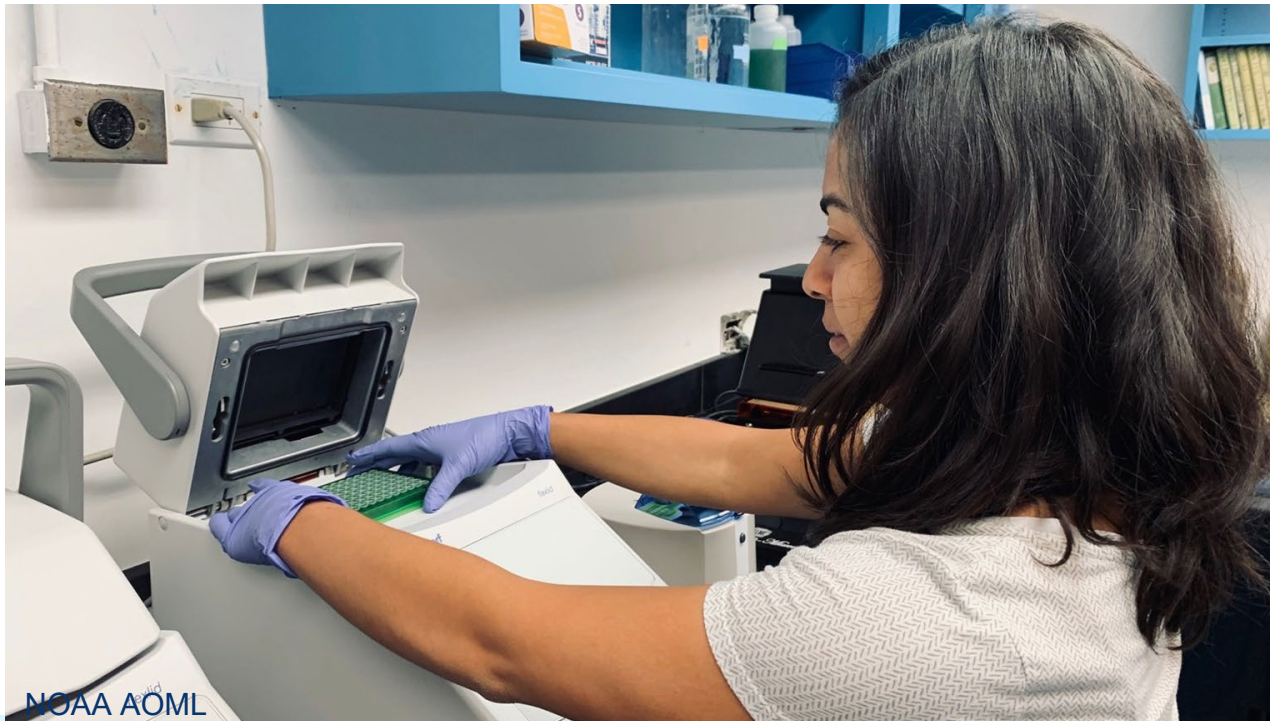
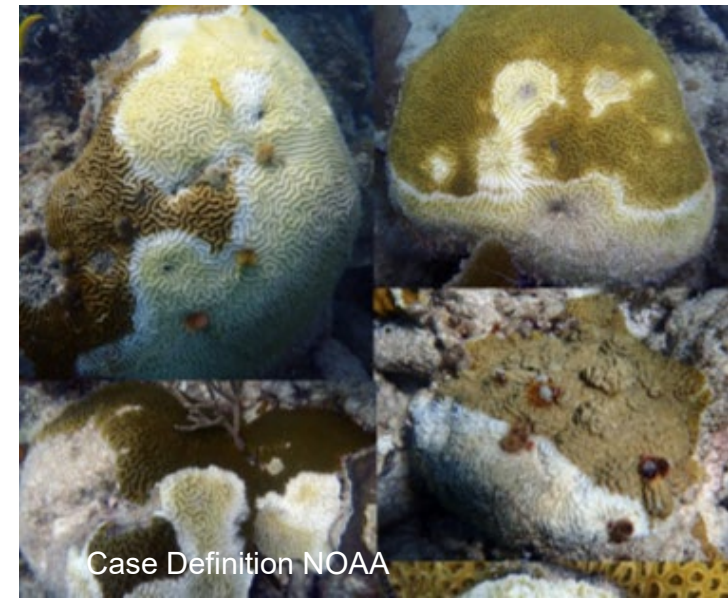




NOAA Strategy for SCTL D Response & Prevention



Goal 1: Expand research & data collection capacity



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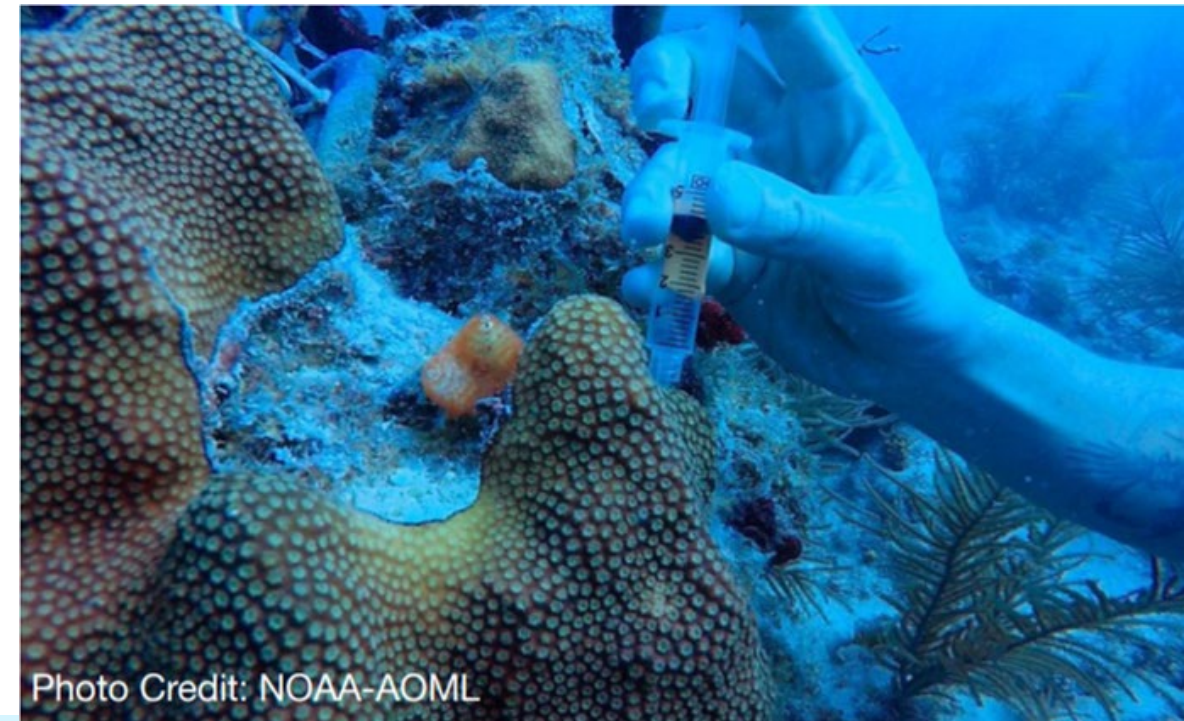


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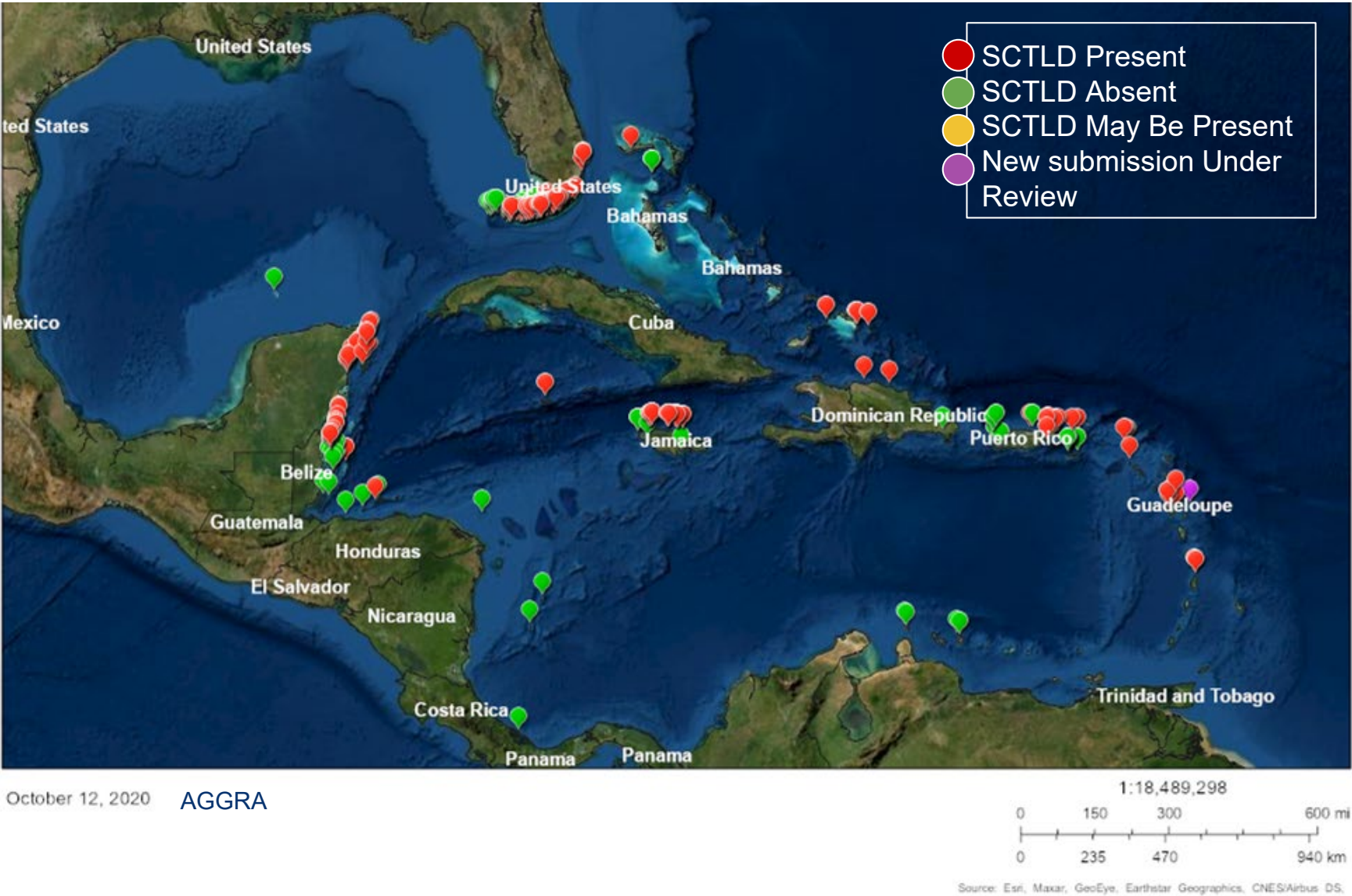


Goal 2: Support coral rescue, propagation and restoration operations, research and partnerships





Goal 3: Strengthen & expand international partnerships for surveillance & information sharing

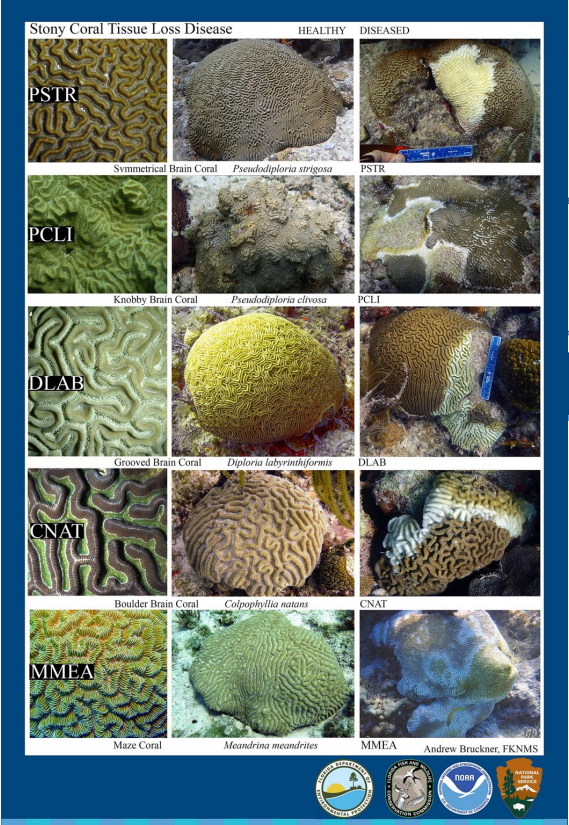


Goal 4: Promote awareness of SCTLD science, status, & indicators





Goal 5: Build capacity for coral disease detection, prevention & intervention



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Goal 6: Prevent the spread of SCTLD to the Indo-Pacific region



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Goal 7: Work with regional fisheries managers to ensure that SCTLD is considered in management consultations



A diver in a black wetsuit and mask is swimming underwater near a coral reef. The diver is holding a GoPro camera. The reef is made of various types of coral, including some that are bleached white. The water is clear and blue.

Goal 8: Collaborate with the coral reef management community to reduce stressors to coral reefs and build ecosystem resilience



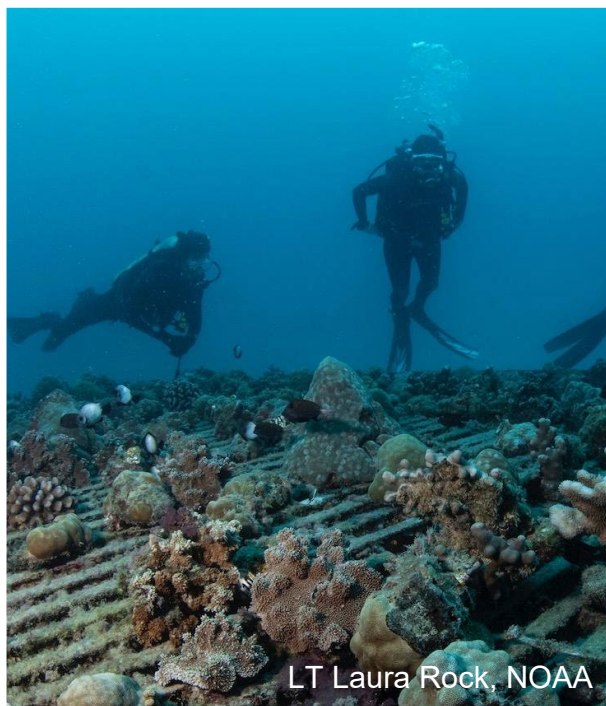
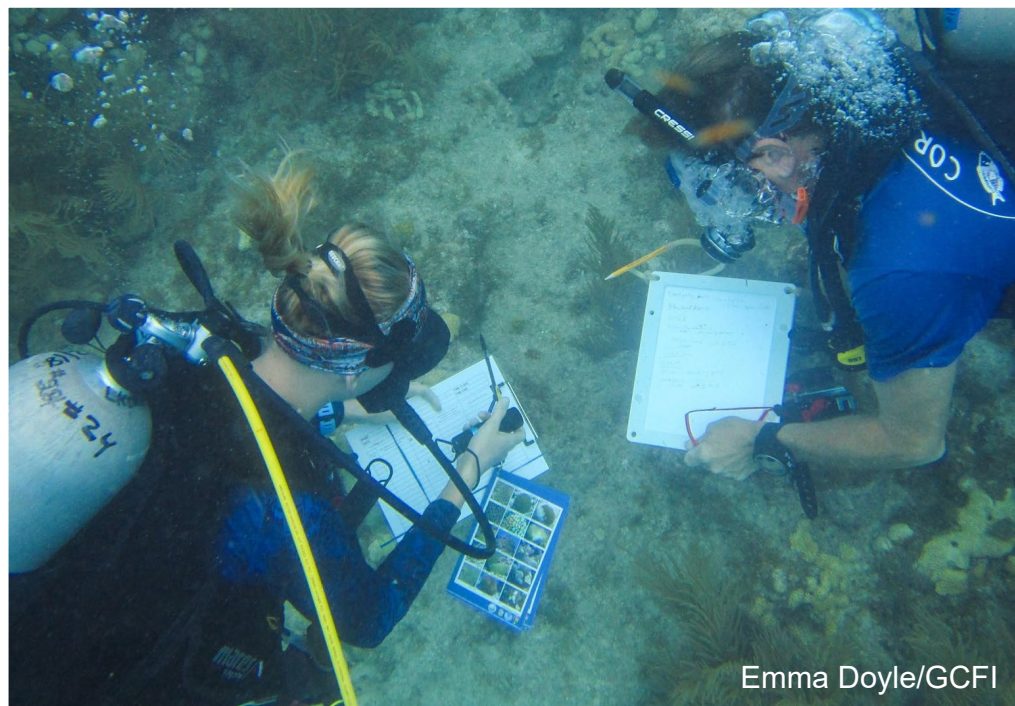
NOAA SCTLD Strategy Alignment



- NOAA CRCP Strategic Plan
 - Local SCTLD response plans
- US Virgin Islands - done
- Puerto Rico and Florida - in development



The Way Ahead





Thank You!