

National Coral Reef Monitoring Program 2019 U.S. Virgin Islands & Puerto Rico



NOAA's National Coral Reef Monitoring Program (NCRMP) biological sampling for benthic (corals and algae) and fish populations in the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico occurs every other year. In 2019, dive surveys occurred throughout summer and fall months in shallow-water (0-30 meters) coral reef areas. Data are used to inform coral and fish population management strategies, document the occurrence of endangered species and coral disease, and assist with local monitoring efforts. To learn more about NCRMP methods, data, and data products, please visit <https://www.coris.noaa.gov/monitoring/biological.html>



NCRMP By The Numbers

**Benthic
Composition**

Reef Fish

Sites Sampled

656

839

Area Surveyed

21,194 m²

288,816 m²

Dives

1,305

1,641

Number Surveyed

21,305

350,892

Coral
Colonies

Fish
Recorded