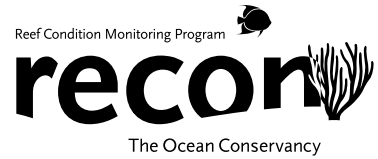


# RECON Survey Site Description



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ RECON ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Dive Site Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Geographic Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Mooring Buoy:  yes  no Mooring Buoy (name/#) - if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Depth Range: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  m  ft Check all that apply:  Boat Dive  Shore Dive

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_° \_\_\_\_\_' \_\_\_\_\_" N Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_° \_\_\_\_\_' \_\_\_\_\_" W GPS?  yes  no

Identify any Chart(s) or Aerial Photos used for site Location or Description: \_\_\_\_\_

RECON Survey Site ID# (To be entered by RECON Program Team only.): \_\_\_\_\_

**Check ANY that apply:**

Orientation:  windward  leeward  other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Reef Type:  patch  fringing  barrier  atoll  bank (specify kind) \_\_\_\_\_

Location:  nearshore  mid-shelf  shelf edge

Zone:  lagoonal  back reef  reef flat  fore reef  other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  NA

Inclination:  platform (<30°)  slope (~30-60°)  wall (>60°)

Habitat:  scattered corals  coral field  bommie  pinnacle  spur & groove  
 other (name/describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Relief:  low (<1 m / <3 ft)  intermediate (~1-2 m / 3-6 ft)  high (>2 m / >6 ft)

Bottom:  mud  sand  rubble  carbonate hardbottom  bedrock

| <b>A. Check the relative abundance (as rare, uncommon, fairly common, very common) for each of the following stony and fire corals, if present at the survey site. Leave blank if absent.</b><br><b>B. Select the kind of stony coral that will be easiest to survey as the 1st choice.</b><br><b>C. If more than one kind of stony coral is suitable for survey, select the second easiest as the 2nd choice.</b> | <b>A.</b> |          |               |             | <b>B.</b>                    | <b>C.</b>                    |
|--|-----------|----------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | Rate      | Uncommon | Fairly Common | Very Common | 1st Choice for RECON Surveys | 2nd Choice for RECON Surveys |
| lobed star ( <i>Montastraea annularis</i> = <i>M. annularis</i> f. <i>annularis</i> )  |           |          |               |             |                              |                              |
| mountainous star ( <i>Montastraea faveolata</i> = <i>M. annularis</i> f. <i>faveolata</i> )  |           |          |               |             |                              |                              |
| boulder star ( <i>Montastraea franksi</i> = <i>M. annularis</i> f. <i>franksi</i> )  |           |          |               |             |                              |                              |
| great star ( <i>Montastraea cavernosa</i> )  |           |          |               |             |                              |                              |
| elkhorn ( <i>Acropora palmata</i> )  |           |          |               |             |                              |                              |
| staghorn ( <i>Acropora cervicornis</i> )   |           |          |               |             |                              |                              |
| brains (e.g., <i>Colpophyllia natans</i> , <i>Diploria strigosa</i> , <i>Diploria labyrinthiformis</i> )   |           |          |               |             |                              |                              |
| mustard hill ( <i>Porites astreoides</i> )   |           |          |               |             |                              |                              |
| massive starlet ( <i>Siderastrea siderea</i> )   |           |          |               |             |                              |                              |
| blade fire ( <i>Millepora complanata</i> )   |           |          |               |             |                              |                              |

**Comments/Other Observations:**

**Directions to the survey site (include depth):**

**Sketch the dive site. Clearly show the survey site area and delineate north:**

**Plan view (horizontal).** Refer to an aerial photo if you have one. Include approximate scale and depth intervals; notable features; locations of any spurs, pinnacles, bommies, or patches; sand grooves or channels; mooring buoy(s) if any; dominant wind direction; dominant current direction(s) and strength(s); approximate horizontal visibility.

**Profile (vertical).** Include approximate scale and depth intervals; notable features; relief; approximate vertical visibility.