

2024 U.S. Caribbean Pulse Coral Workshop
Draft Agenda
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La Parguera, Puerto Rico

Zoom Meeting Information:

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Meeting Notes:

Objectives:

- Increase coordination/communication on invasive pulse corals among U.S. coral jurisdictions
- Share information on response efforts, including surveillance, monitoring, removal, permitting, and funding.
- Share information on communication strategies and resources.
- Provide feedback on USVI standard operating procedures for removal.
- Provide context for site visit.

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Agenda- Wednesday, August 7, 2024

- 9:30 am – Welcome, introductions, icebreaker, review goals and objectives- *Elise Keister & Darimar Dávila Ortiz (30 minutes)*
- 10:00 am – Introduction to invasive pulse corals- *Courtney Tierney (15 minutes)*
- 10:15 am – Invasive Pulse Corals in Puerto Rico
 - Overview- timeline of invasion, current spread- *Dr. Maria Vega Rodriguez (5 minutes)*
 - DNER Strategic response plan for the removal of the invasive octocoral (what we know, evaluating distribution, removal efforts, essays with new removal methods, addressing protected species)- *Dr. Nilda Jimenez (20 minutes)*
 - Shadows over Caribbean reefs: Identification of a new invasive soft coral species, *Xenia umbellata*, in southwest Puerto Rico- *Daniel Toledo (10 minutes)*
 - Permitting- *Dr. Maria Vega Rodriguez & Helena Antuon (15 minutes)*
 - Funding (cost of response, where are funds coming from, additional funds needed, funding strategies)- *Ricardo Lugo (10 minutes)*

- Additional Q&A time (30 minutes)
- 11:45 am – Lunch
- 12:45 pm – Communications
 - Puerto Rico- *Sandra Schleier* (10 minutes)
 - U.S. Virgin Islands- *Alex Fireman* (10 minutes)
 - Florida- *Ana Zangroniz* (10 minutes)
 - Additional Q&A (30 minutes)
- 1:45 pm – Break
- 2:00 pm – Invasive Pulse Corals in Hawai'i
 - Overview- timeline of invasion, surveillance & monitoring current spread-*Kevin Lino* (15 minutes)
 - Removal methods (lessons learned, tips for removal, info on efficacy, monitoring results of removal efforts)- *Kevin Lino* (30 minutes)
 - Permitting & Funding (cost of response, funding sources, additional funds needed, funding strategies)- *Kevin Lino* (5 minutes)
 - Additional Q&A time (40 minutes)
- 3:30 pm – Break
- 3:45 pm – U.S. Virgin Islands Standard Operating Procedures for Removal- *Jordan Schneider* (30 minutes)
- 4:15 pm - Overview of site visit- *Dr. Maria Vega Rodriguez*