

Project Update: February 2014



Baum Outreach photos show one of the outreach activities we did with kids this year at Tennessee Primary School, in which they drew a mural of their favourite ocean creatures and made fish mosaics. This builds on our ongoing outreach programme with the schools in Tennessee (one of the four villages on Kiritimati), in which we focus on education about coral reef and shark biology and conservation.



Baum Underwater Survey shows one of our underwater benthic surveys



Baum Underwater Life shows one of Kiritimati's beautiful large plating corals



Baum Interviews shows team members conducting one of the household surveys on Kiritimati.



We have other photos from this year's fieldwork on the lab website at: <http://baumlabs.weebly.com/fieldwork.html>

This academic year (September - April) I have two undergraduate students working on processing the data we collected last summer (e.g. entering the interview data into computer and starting to analyse it, identifying coral and algal species from the benthic photos etc.).



This coming summer, four of us (myself, these two undergraduate students (one of whom conducted the fieldwork with me), and my PhD student Danielle Claar who helped conduct the fieldwork), will work together to analyse all of the data, prepare it for publication to a peer-reviewed journal, and as reports for the Kiribati government.