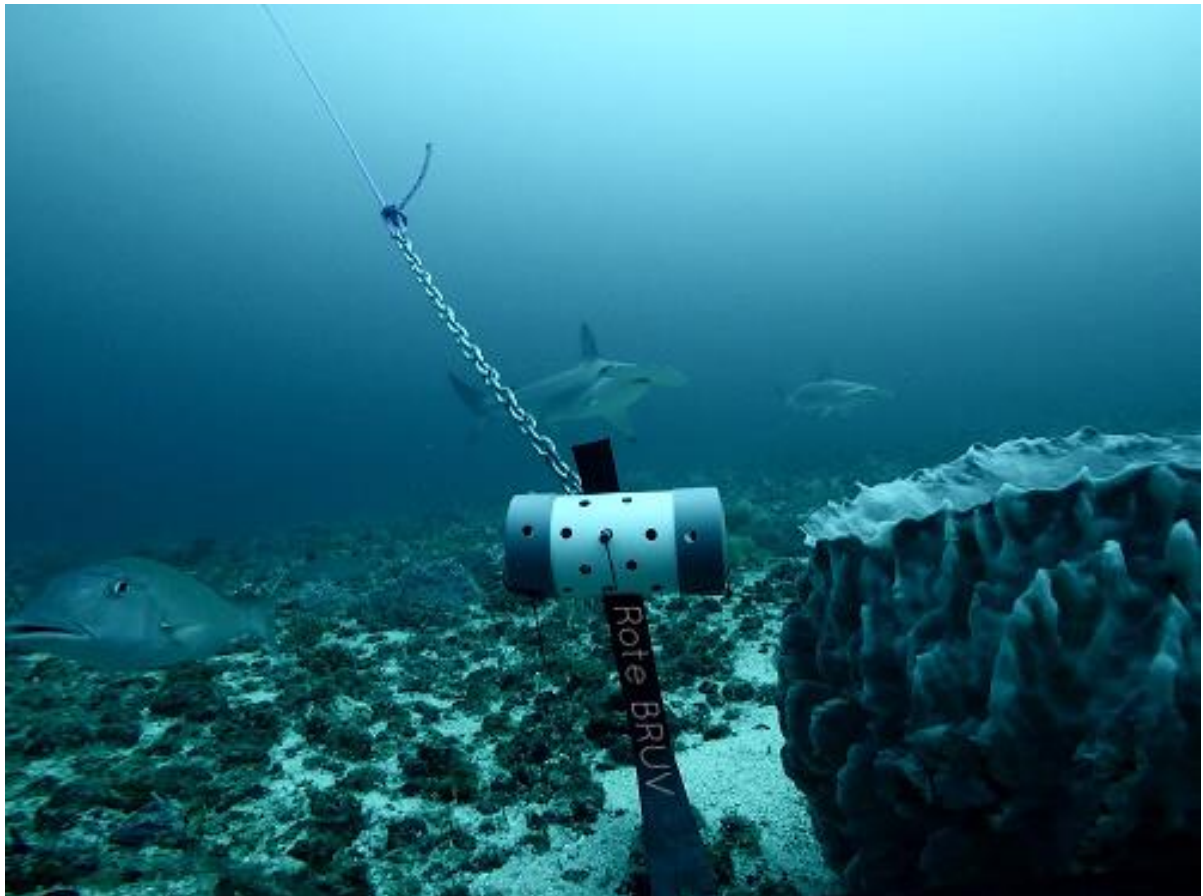


Project Update: June 2019

We have been getting a number of new species that haven't been recorded from the area in the last 3 weeks. Our first day of BRUV deployment was full of hard lessons from the ocean that we didn't expect to be getting so early on in the project. These lessons included lost GoPros, rigs getting stuck and hard day out at sea. But no worries, we have reassessed the procedure completely after the first day of deployment and our second day was a major success.

We have been lent some extra cameras from Indonesian Manta Project to continue the survey and have put extra security and screws on them so they won't disappear from the rigs again. On another positive note, we have got scalloped hammerheads on the camera from our first week of deployment and lots of interesting sharks and rays from the fisheries catch data. I'm sending you some photos with this email. Do let me know if the sizes of the photos are too big and you need me to resize them. And also, please let me know if you need me to write a proper update on a pdf form now or if I can send one to you after the end of next month with more photos and updates from the field.



Scalloped Hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*) captured on BRUV survey at Rote Island.
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Nesha ready to deploy the first BRUV rig of the project, which comprised of a cross metal rig with a bait canister attached on one side and a GoPro camera on the other. ©Mica Erdmann.



Whitespotted wedge fish caught on hand line by one of the local fishing boat. Fins

are sent off to Kupang, while the rest of the body is sold or consumed by locals for a quarter of the price of the fins. ©Mica Erdmann



Nesha Ichida (project leader) measuring the sharks and rays landed at Nemberala harbour for the diversity and abundance data of the region. ©Mica Erdmann.