



Site Scorecard

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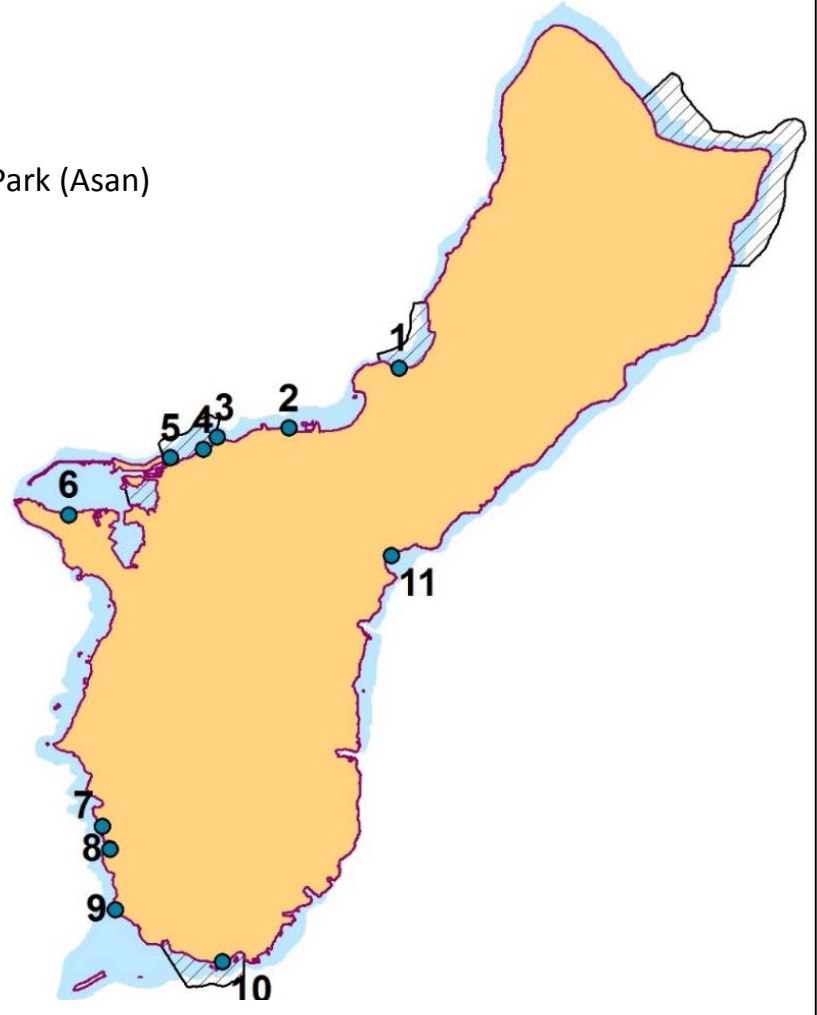


How are Guam's reefs doing? Friends of Reefs Guam (FOR Guam) members conduct reef health monitoring surveys. This scorecard shows what they found at key monitoring sites from 2014 to 2018.

In 2018, the Guam Community Coral Reef Monitoring Program was renamed Friends of Reefs Guam. Si Yu'os Ma'åse to our FOR Guam Monitoring Team members for their time and contribution to coral reef conservation!

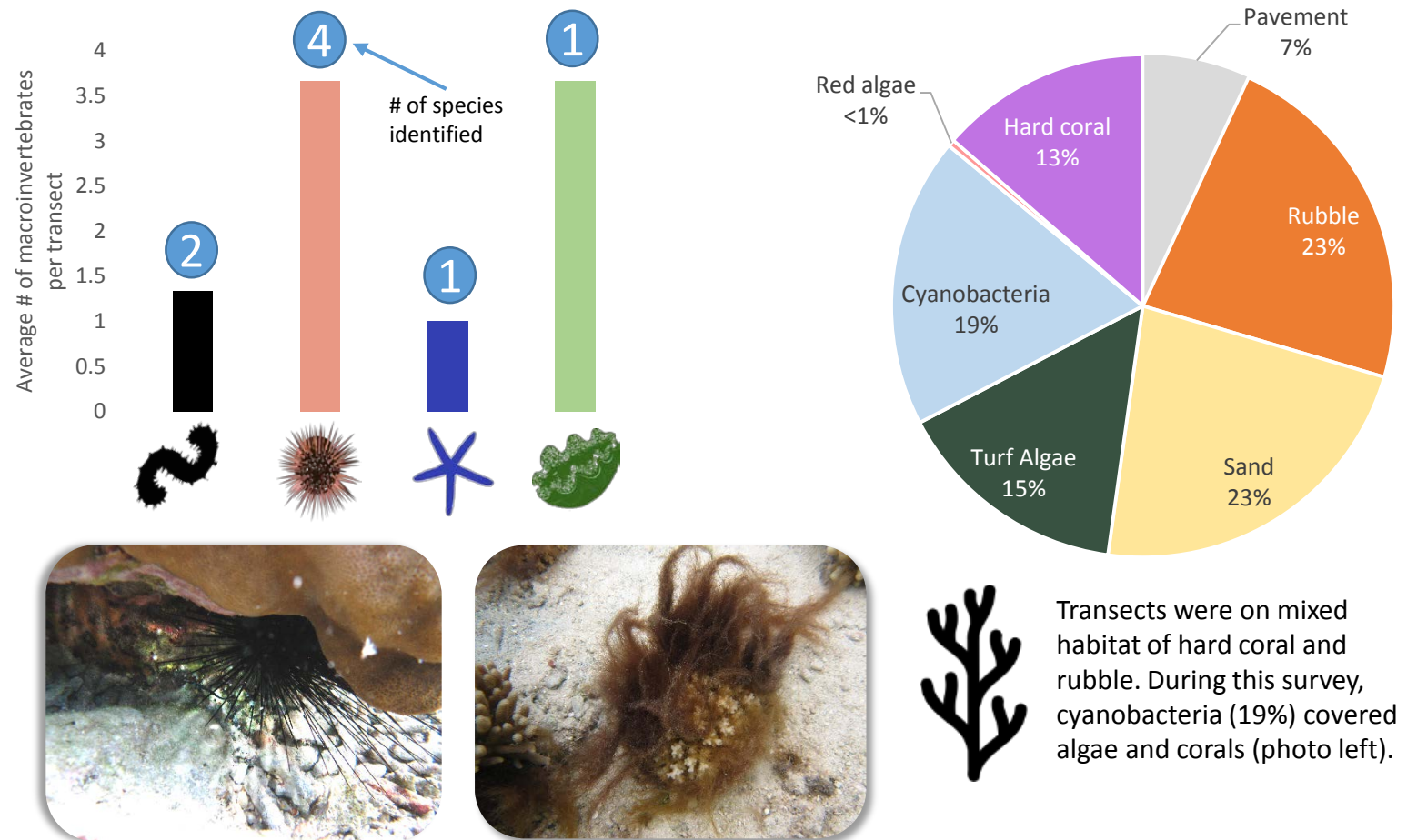
FOR Guam Monitoring Sites

- 1) Joseph Flores Memorial Beach Park
- 2) West Hagåtña
- 3) War in the Pacific National Historical Park (Asan)
- 4) Tepungan Beach Park
- 5) Tepungan Channel
- 6) Gab Gab Beach
- 7) Fouha Bay
- 8) Umatac Bay
- 9) Tomoge
- 10) As Gadao
- 11) Francisco Perez Park

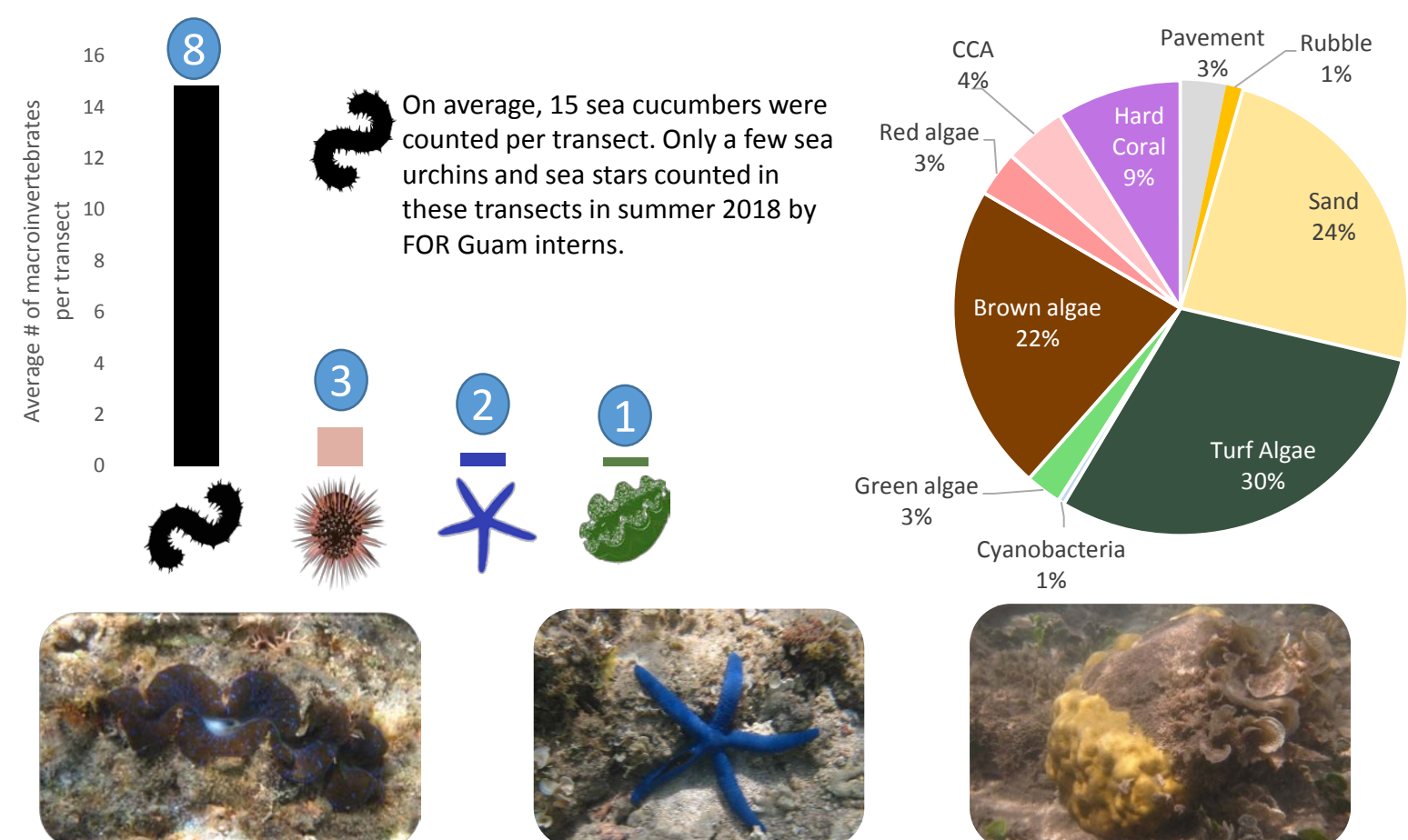


Above is a map of FOR Guam Monitoring Sites. In this Site Scorecard, we include results from Tepungan Beach Park (4) and Tepungan Channel (5) in Piti and Tomoge (9) and As Gadao (10) in Merizo.

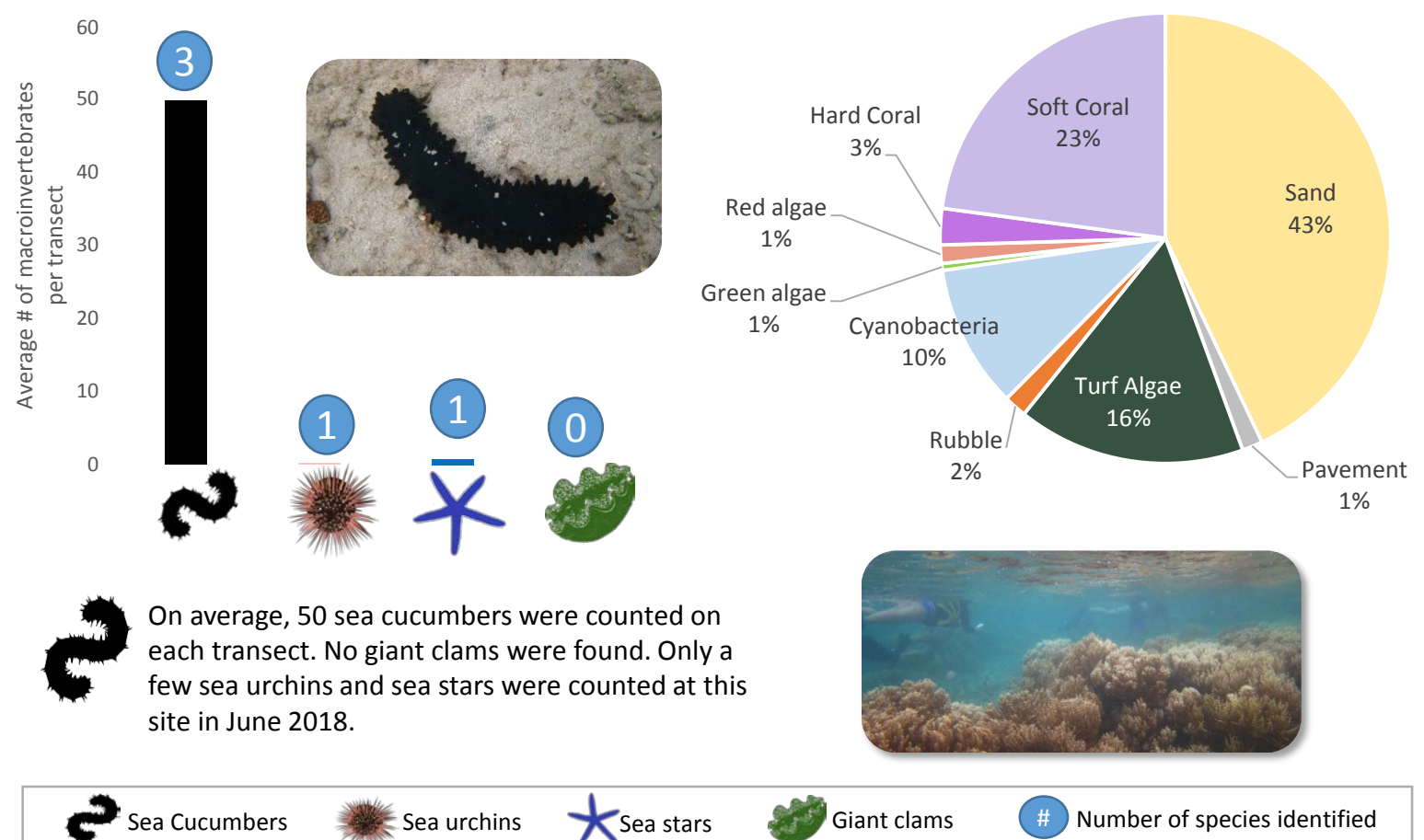
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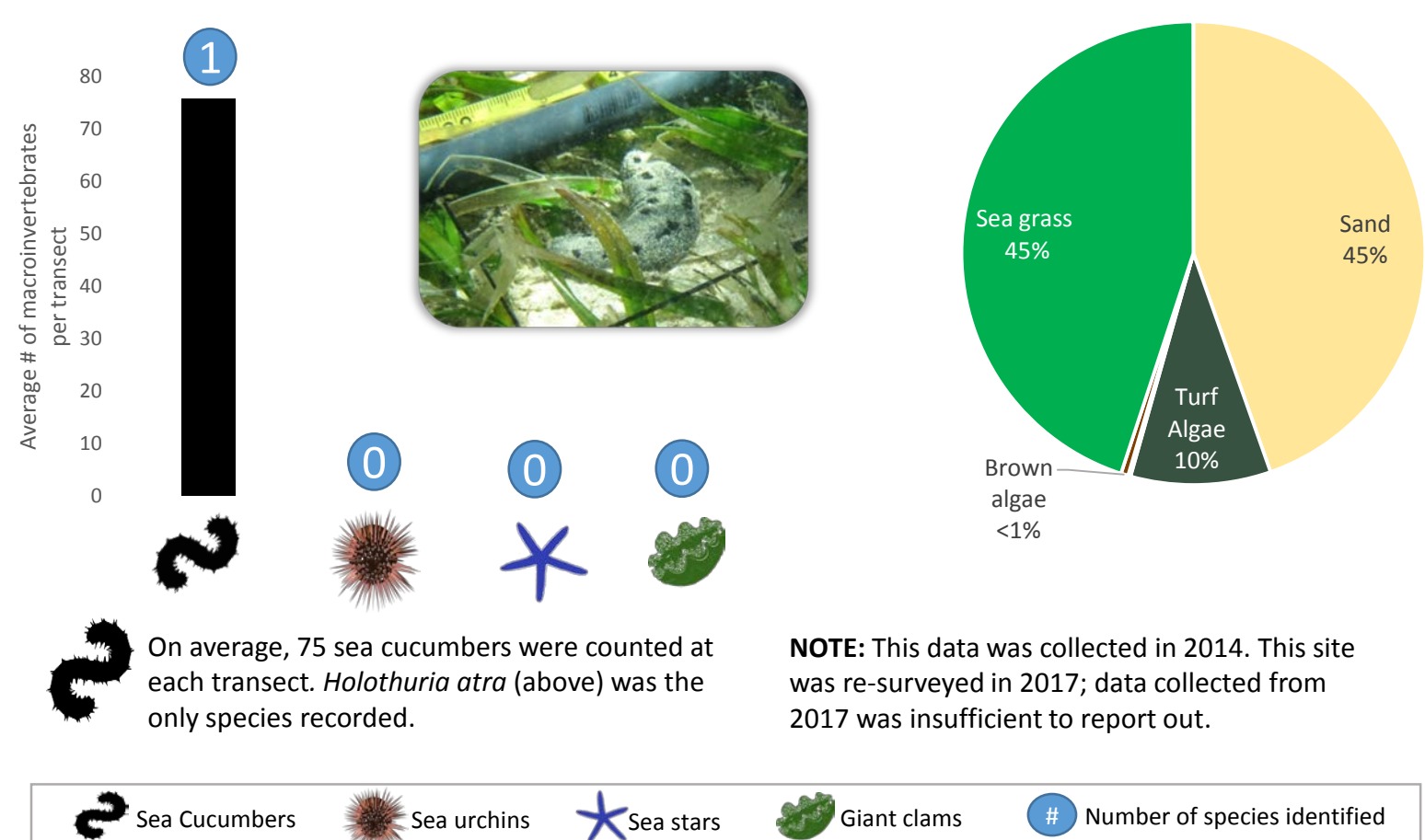
Tomoge



Tepungan Beach Park

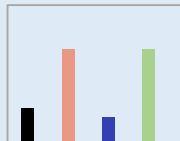


As Gadao



How to read the Scorecard

This reference guide provides information about the macroinvertebrate and benthic survey data FOR Guam collects. The graphs in the scorecard show the average values for each set of surveys collected at a site. At least three surveys need to be completed at the site to be included in the scorecard.



Macroinvertebrates

Macroinvertebrates include sea cucumbers, sea urchins, and other marine animals without a backbone large enough to see in plain sight.

Bar graphs in this scorecard show the average number of animal per transect. Pay attention to the scale. Some sites have a high number of sea cucumbers, so scale may be different by site.



Look for this balâti, or sea cucumber, symbol for a brief description about macroinvertebrates observed at sites.

Why are macroinvertebrates important?

Macroinvertebrates, such as sea cucumbers and sea urchins, provide services that help maintain good water quality, which is a key feature for healthy coral habitat.

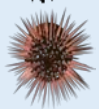
Macroinvertebrate Key



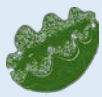
Sea Cucumbers
(Balâti')



Sea stars
(Puti'on tasi)



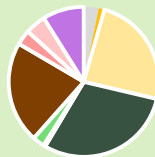
Sea urchins
(La'on)



Giant clams
(Hima')



Number of species identified



Benthic Cover

Benthic cover means "bottom cover" on the ocean floor, such as corals, algae, and substrate types – like sand. Look for the pie chart symbol to learn more about the habitat at our reef flat monitoring sites.

The pie chart shows you how much of the sea floor is covered by coral and algae. Percent values of coral, algae, and more (benthic cover) tells you what you can commonly see at that monitoring site.



Look for this coral symbol for more information about benthic cover, such as algae and coral, at each site.

Why is benthic cover important?

Benthic cover data tells us more about the health of reef habitats. Monitoring benthic cover over time can tell us if reef flat habitat is improving or declining. Healthier reef habitat means more fish and sea creatures for our island to enjoy.

Benthic Cover Key



Sand



Green Algae



CCA



Turf algae



Red Algae



Soft coral



Pavement



Brown Algae



Hard coral



Rubble



Cyanobacteria



Seagrass



Access our program field guide for photos of species monitored and how we conduct surveys



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What do we survey?

Macroinvertebrates



Sea cucumber
(Balåti')



Sea urchin
(La'on)



Sea star
(Puti'on tasi)



Giant Clam
(Hima')

Benthic Cover



Hard corals



Soft corals



Brown algae



Green algae



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