

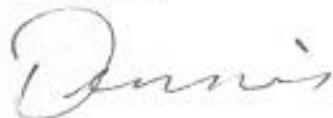
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GH BALAZS FILES  
1970s - 1990s PART 3 of 4

George,

Thank you for the note and the card with Hypnea musciformis on it. It is included with this letter. The other sample is also H. musciformis, and the really great thing would be to find it on Lanai, Kauai, etc. I think I told you it was very very abundant on the beaches, in the drift, by Lahaina. I think the most important information about this species, now, would be here it is located and the date.

The only additional thing that could go in the sample data would be the blue string found in sample 3. I didn't find anything unusual besides that. You note that we have not found H. musciformis at Kawela, but it was in sample 1. I found one distinct hook from this species. Most of these algae are shallow water species and the Botryocladia skottsbergii usually grows under rock overhangs or in caves. This is where we also find Amansia.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis".



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Dear George,

Here is a list of the algae from the last three samples:

Sample 1, Kawela Bay, 3-29-84x 1985

Acanthophora spicifera	Trace
Amansia glomerata	3%
Codium edule	Trace
Hypnea musciformis	Trace
Laurencia cartilaginea	Trace
Martensia fragilis	1%
Pterocladia capillacea	20%
Turbinaria ornata	5%
Ulva reticulata	70%

Black colony ascidians (?)

Sample 2, Kawela Bay, 3-29-1985

Acanthophora spicifera	Trace
Amansia glomerata	1%
Botryocladia skottsbergii	Trace
Cladophoropsis gracillum	Trace
Codium arabicum	Trace
Codium edule	Trace
Griffithsia tenuis	Trace
Leveillia jungermannioides	Trace
Pterocladia capillacea	24%
Sargassum polyphyllum	Trace
Turbinaria ornata	Trace
Ulava reticulata	75%

Black colonial ascidians (?)

Sample 3, Kawela Bay, 3-29-1985

Acanthophora spicifera	Trace
Amansia glomerata	Trace
Codium arabicum	Trace
Gelidiopsis variable	Trace
Griffithsia tenuis	Trace
Martensia fragilis	Trace
Pterocladia capillacea	18%
Turbinaria ornata	1%
Ulava reticulata	80%

Alphabetical listing:

Chlorophyta  
Cladophoropsis gracillum Dawson  
Codium arabicum Kutzning  
Codium edule Silva  
Ulva reticulata Forsskal  
  
Rhodophyta  
Acanthophora spicifera (Vahl) Boerg.  
Amansia glomerata C. Ag.  
Botryocladia skottsbergii (Boerg.) Levр.  
\*Griffithsia tenuis C. Ag.  
Hypnea musciformis (Wulfen) C. Ag.  
Laurencia cartilaginea Yamada  
Leveillia jungermannioides Harv.  
Martensia fragilis Harv.  
Pterocladia capillacea (Gmelin) Bornet  
\*Gelidiopsis variable J. Ag.  
  
Phaeophyta  
Sargassum polyphyllum J. Ag.  
Turbinaria ornata J. Ag.

CHLOROPHYTA SPECIES AND AUTHORS  
PLUS SEAGRASSES  
MASTER LIST OF ALL ALGAE IDENTIFIED TO DATE  
(August 15, 1985)

Avrainvillea lacerata J. Ag.  
Bryopsis hypnoides Lamx.  
Bryopsis pennata Lamx.  
Bryopsis pennata var. secunda (Harvey) Collins and Harvey  
Bryopsis plumosa (Hudson) C. Ag.  
Caulerpa lentillifera J. Ag.  
Caulerpa racemosa (Forsskal) J. Ag.  
Caulerpa racemosa var. peltata (Lam.) Eubank  
Caulerpa racemosa var. macrophysa (Kutzing) Taylor  
Caulerpa racemosa var. turbinata (J. Ag.) Eubank  
Caulerpa racemosa var. uvifera (Turner) Weber van Bosse  
Caulerpa serrulata (Forsskal) J. Ag.  
Caulerpa sertularioides (Gmelin) Howe  
Caulerpa taxifolia (Vahl) C. Ag.  
Caulerpa urvilliana Montagne  
Caulerpa webbiana Mont.  
Caulerpa webbiana var. disticha Weber van Bosse  
Chaetomorpha sp.  
Chlorella sp.  
Chlorodesmis hildebrandtii A. & E. S. Gepp  
Cladophora fascicularis (Mertens) Kützing  
Cladophora socialis Kützing  
Cladophora socialis var. hawaiiana Brand.  
Cladophora trichotoma (Ag.) Kützing  
Cladophora sp.  
Cladophoropsis gracillum Dawson  
Cladophoropsis luxurians Gilbert  
Codium arabicum Kützing  
Codium caneatum Setchell and Gardner  
Codium edule Silva  
Codium phasmaticum Setchell  
Codium reediae Silva  
Codium sp.  
Derbesia fastigiata Taylor  
Derbesia marina (Lyngb.) Sol.  
Dictyosphaeria cavernosa (Försskal) Boerg.  
Dictyosphaeria versluysii Weber van Bosse  
Enteromorpha clathrata (Roth) Grev.  
Enteromorpha clathrata var. crinita (Roth) Hauck  
Enteromorpha tubulosa Kützing  
Enteromorpha sp.  
Halicystis sp.  
Halimeda discoidea Decaisne  
Halimeda micronesica Yamada  
Halimeda opuntia (L) Lamouroux  
Halimeda sp.  
Microdictyon japonicum Setchell  
Microdictyon montagnei Harvey  
Microdictyon setchellianum Howe  
Monostroma oxypermum (Kütz.) Doty

Monostroma sp.  
Pilinia rimosa Kützing  
Pilina sp. nov.  
Pseudobryopsis oahuensis Egerod  
Rhizoclonium hookeri Kützing  
Siphonocladus tropicus (Crouan) J. Ag.  
Ulothrix sp.  
Ulva fasciata Delile  
Ulva reticulata Förskaal  
Ulva rigida C. Ag.  
Ulva sp.  
Urospora sp. nov.  
Valonia aegagropila C. Ag.  
Valonia ventricosa J. Ag.  
Valonia sp.

SEAGRASSES, ETC.

Halophila ovalis (R. Br.) Hook  
Halophila beccarii Ascherson

TERRESTRIAL PLANTS

Casurina equisetifolia L.

PHAEOPHYTA SPECIES AND AUTHORS  
MASTER LIST OF ALL ALGAE IDENTIFIED TO DATE  
(August 15, 1985)

Chnoospora implexa J. Ag.  
Chnoospora sp.  
Colpomenia sinuosa (Roth) Derbes and Solier  
Dictyopteris plagiogramme (Mont.) Vickers  
Dictyota acuteloba J. Ag.  
Dictyota crenulata J. Ag.  
Dictyota divaricata Lamouroux  
Dictyota friabilis Setchell  
Dictyota stolonifera Dawson  
Dictyota sp.  
Ectocarpus breviarticulatus J. Ag.  
Ectocarpus indicus Sonder  
Ectocarpus padinae (Buffham) Savageau  
Hydroclathrus clathratus (C. Ag.) Howe  
Lobophora variegata (Lamx.) Womersley  
Padina japonica Yamada  
Ralfsia occidentalis Hollenberg  
Rosenvingea intricata (J. Ag.) Boerg.  
Rosenvingea orientalis (J. Ag.) Boerg.  
Sargassum echinocarpum J. Ag.  
Sargassum polypyllum J. Ag.  
Sphacelaria furcigera Kützing  
Sphacelaria novae-hollandiae G. Sonder  
Sphacelaria tribuloides Meneghini  
Sphacelaria sp.  
Turbinaria ornata (Turn.) J. Ag.  
Zonaria variegata (Lamoureux) C. Ag.  
Zonaria hawaiiensis (Lamoureux) C. Ag.  
Zonaria sp.

RHODOPHYTA SPECIES AND AUTHORS  
MASTER LIST OF ALL ALGAE IDENTIFIED TO DATE  
(August 15, 1985)

Acanthophora spicifera (Vahl) Boerg.  
Acrochaetium gracile Boerg.  
Acrochaetium sp.  
Actinotrichia fragilis (Forsk.) Boerg.  
Ahnfeltia concinna J. Ag.  
Amansia glomerata C. Ag.  
Amphiroa anastomosans Weber van Bosse  
Amphiroa fragilissima (L.) Lamx.  
Asparagopsis taxiformis (Delile) Coll. and Harvey  
Botryocladia skottsbergii (Boerg.) Levr.  
Callithamnion byssoides Arnott  
Centroceros clavulatum (C. Ag.) Montagne  
Ceramium fimbriatum Set. and Gardner  
Ceramium leutzelburgii Schmidt  
Ceramium tenuissimum (Lyngbye) J. Ag.  
Ceramium sp.  
Champia parvula (C. Ag.) Harvey  
Chondria tenuissima (Good. and Wood) C. Ag.  
Chondria sp.  
Chondrococcus hornemannii (Mert.) Schmitz  
Chrysymenia glebosa Abbott and Litter  
Cladhymenia pacifica Setchell  
Coelothrix irregularis (Harv.) Boerg.  
Corallina sandvicensis Lemm.  
Corallina sp.  
Dasya pedicellata (C. Ag.) C. Ag.  
Dicranema rosaliae Setchell and Gardner  
Falkenbergia rufolanosa Harvey  
Falkenbergia sp.  
Fosliella farinosa (Lamx.) Howe  
Galaxaura cylindrica (Ellis and Solander) Lam.  
Galaxaura fasciculata Kjellman  
Gelidiella acerosa (Forsskal) Feldmann and Hamel  
Gelidiella adnata Dawson  
Gelidiella machrisiana  
Gelidiella myrocladia (Boerg.) Feldmann  
Gelidiella setacea (Feldmann) Feldmann and Hamel  
Gelidiella sp.  
Gelidiopsis variabile J. Ag.  
Gelidium adnata Dawson  
Gelidium crinale (Turner) Lamour.  
Gelidium pluma Loomis  
Gelidium pusillum (Stackhouse) LaJolis  
Gelidium reediae Loomis  
Gelidium sp.  
Gracilaria bursapastoris (Gmel.) Silva  
Gracilaria coronopifolia J. Ag.  
Gracilaria filicina (Wulfen) C. Ag.  
Gracelaria sp.  
Grateloupia filicina (Wulfen) C. Ag.  
Grateloupia hawaiiensis Dawson  
Griffithsia ovalis Harvey

Griffithsia rhizophora Grunow  
Griffithsia tenuis C. Ag.  
Griffithsia sp.  
Haloplegma duperryi Mont.  
Helminthocladia rhizoidea Doty and Abbott  
Herposiphonia nuda Hollenberg  
Herposiphonia parca Setchell  
Herposiphonia variabilis Hollenberg  
Heteroderma subtilissima (Foslie) Foslie  
Hypnea cervicornis J. Ag.  
Hypnea chordaceae J. Ag.  
Hypnea esperi Bory  
Hypnea musciformis (Wulfen) C. Ag.  
Hypnea nidifica J. Ag.  
Hypnea pannosa J. Ag.  
Hypnea spinella (J. Ag.) Kützing  
Hypnea sp.  
Hypneocolax stellaris J. Ag.  
Jania capillacea Harvey  
Jania micrarthrodia Lamx.  
Jania unguilata Yendo  
Laurencia cartilaginea Yamada  
Laurencia carolinensis Saito  
Laurencia decumbens Kützing  
Laurencia galtstoffi Howe  
Laurencia majuscula (Harv.) Lucas  
Laurencia mariannensis Yamada  
Laurencia nidifica J. Ag.  
Laurencia obtusa (Huds.) Lam.  
Laurencia subsimplex Tseng  
Laurencia tenera Tseng  
Laurencia unguilata Yamada  
Laurencia sp.  
Leveillea jungermannioides Harv.  
Liagora maxima Butters  
Liagora papenfussii Abbott  
Liagora sp.  
Martensia fragilis Harvey  
Melobesia sp.  
Nemalion sp.  
Peysonellia sp.  
Plocamium brasiliense (Greville) Howe and Taylor  
Plocamium sandvicense J. Ag.  
Plocamium sp.  
Polysiphonia dotyi Hollenberg  
Polysiphonia howei Hollenberg  
Polysiphonia pokoe Hollenberg  
Polysiphonia pseudovillum Hollenberg  
Polysiphonia saccorrhiza (Collins and Hervey) Hollenberg  
Polysiphonia scropulorum Harvey  
Polysiphonia setacea Hollenberg  
Polysiphonia sparsa (Setchell) Hollenberg  
Polysiphonia sphaerocarpa Boerg.  
Polysiphonia tsudana Hollenberg  
Polysiphonia sp.

Porolithon gardineri (Foslie) Foslie  
Porolithon sp.  
Pterocladia caeruleescens  
Pterocladia calaglossoides (Howe) Dawson  
Pterocladia capillacea (Gmelin) Bornet  
Pterocladia sp.  
Rhodymenia anastomosans Weber van Bosse  
Spyridia filamentosa (Wulfen) Harvey  
Tolypiocladia calodictyon (Harv.) Silva  
Trailliella sp.  
Trichogloea lubrica (Harv.) Butters  
Wurdemannia miniata (Lamark and DeCandelle) Feldmann and Hamel  
Wurdemannia sp.

CYANOPHYTA SPECIES AND AUTHORS  
MASTER LIST OF ALL ALGAE IDENTIFIED TO DATE  
(August 15, 1985)

Anabaena constricta (Szafer) Geitler  
Anabaena variabilis Kutzning  
Calothrix sp.  
Dermocarpa sphaerica Setchell and Gardner  
Lyngbya cinerescens Kutzning  
Lyngbya lagerheimii (Mobius) Gomont  
Lyngbya majuscula Gomont  
Lyngbya porphyrosiphonis Fremy  
Lyngbya semiplena (C. Ag.) J. Ag.  
Lyngbya sp.  
Microcoleus acutissimus Gardner  
Microcoleus sp.  
Microcystis sp.  
Oscillatoria subtilissima Kutz.  
Oscillatoria sp.  
Rivularia sp.  
Schizonema pascheri Bharadwaja  
Schizothrix calcicola (Ag.) Gomont

DIATOMS SPECIES AND AUTHORS  
MASTER LIST OF ALL ALGAE IDENTIFIED TO DATE  
(August 15, 1985)

Asterionella notata (Grün.) Van Heurck  
Climacosphenia sp.  
Coccconeis sp.  
Coccconeis sp.  
Licmophora sp.  
Mastogloea sp.  
Navicula sp.  
Pyxidicula sp.  
Synedra sp.

- Results of PH 1983 & 1984
- Laysan
- Miscellaneous mortalities



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28 December 1984

Dear George,

These are the results of the latest identifications:

Sample No. 20

Caulerpa racemosa (Forsskal) J. Ag.

Sample No. 23

Caulerpa racemosa (with globular ramulae)  
Bryopsis pennata var. secunda (Harvey) Coll. and Harv.

Sample No. 01 1984

Codium arabicum Kutzning

Sample No. 05

Dictyosphaeria cavernosa (90%)  
Laurencia nidifica (10%)

Sample No. 07

Laurencia nidifica J. Ag. (90%)  
Dictyosphaeria cavernosa (10%)

Sample No. 12

Dictyosphaeria versluyssii Weber van Bosse

Sample No. 13

Centroceros clavulatum (C. Ag.) Montagne  
Polysiphonia pokok Hollenberg (trace)  
Cladophora sp. (trace)  
Laurencia majuscula Harv. Lucas (50%)  
Caulerpa webbiana Mont. (95%)  
Microcoleus acutissimus Gardner  
Lyngbya sp.

Sample 16

Dictyosphaeria cavernosa (99%)

Lyngbya sp. (trace)

Wurdemannia miniata (Lamour.) Feldmann and Hamel (trace)

Sample No. 18

Centroceros clavulatum (trace)

Dictyosphaeria cavernosa (trace)

Hypnea pannosa J. Ag. (trace)

Polysiphonia sp. (trace)

Laurencia undulata Yamada (99%)

Gelidium pusillum (Stackhouse) Le Jolis

Sample No. CCL-45.5, Maui, No. 2, July 84

Pterocladia capillacea (Gmelin) Bornet (90%)

Stone, sand-conglomerates which are not algae (10%)

Sponge (10%)

Gelidium pusillum (10%)

Sample No. PH 1983-1, Mouth

Jania capillacea Harvey (trace)

Laurencia undulata Yamada (90%)

Waikiki Aquarium shell scraping, Hawksbill, 10-15-84

Polysiphonia setacea Hollenberg (90%)

Ectocarpus indicus Sonder (10%)

Schizoneura pascheri Bharadwaja (most are red in color)

Cladophora sp. (covered with diatoms such as, Mastogloea, Licmophora, and Navicula)

Several roundworms 0.5 mm long

Derbesia marina (Lyngb.) Sol.

Lepas (barnacles)

Turtle spewing 02, Sector 01, turtle 5-26-83

Liagora papenfussii (99%)

Turbinaria ornata (Turn.) J. Ag. (1%)

Laurencia sp. (trace)

Turtle spewing, Sector 01, 5-26-83

Trichogloea lubrica (Harv.) J. Ag. (99%)  
Turbinaria ornata (trace)  
Padina japonica (trace)

Kiholo Bay reef collection 8-84

Ceramium sp. (trace)  
Valonia aegagropila C. Ag. (10%)  
Hypnea pannosa (trace)  
Gelidium sp.

\* Gelidiella machrisiana (90%) I am not sure of this identification and will work more to find out what it is.

Dillingham Field, Oahu, spear mortality

Amansia glomerata C. Ag.

Green turtle mortality, Oahu, SL-76.7cm, Balazs, July 1984

Amansia glomerata (99%)  
Spyridia filamentosa (Wulfen) Harvey (1%)  
Turbinaria ornata (Turner) J. Ag. (trace)  
Codium edule Silva (trace)

Sample No. 83-PH 1mm/8, Mouth, PH 1983-8

Laurencia sp. (99%)  
Foraminifera shells  
Jania capillacea (trace)  
Lyngbya sp. (trace)  
Centroceros clavulatum (trace)

PH 83/1MM-11 Mouth PH 1983-11

Dictyosphaeria versluysii (20%)  
Laurencia sp. (80%)  
Halimeda discoidia Decaisne (trace)  
Centroceros clavulatum (trace)  
Ceramium sp. (trace)

Mouth PH 1983-12 PH83/1MM-12

Laurencia cartilaginea Yamada  
Griffithsia sp. (trace)  
Lyngbya majuscula (trace)

Mouth PH 1983-13, PH 83-1MM/13

Laurencia cartilaginea

Turtle scraping tag #3499, 8-84

Sphacelaria novaehollandiae Sonder (90%)  
Acrochaetium sp.  
Chaetomorpha sp. (?)  
Jania capillacea  
Peysonellia sp. (red crust) (10%)  
Mytilis edulis (mussel)

Hilo, 1984, 40kg green turtle

\* Green masses of chopped seaweed with Cocconeis (diatoms) on them  
Pterocladia sp. ? (cannot identify because it is too finely chopped)

\* Rinsed feces, 1984

Amansia glomerata (trace)  
Pterocladia sp. ? finely chopped (99%)

Kiholo fresh water pond 8-84

Enteromorpha clathrata var. crinita (Roth) Hauck, tubular green  
finely branched, (40%)  
Ulothrix sp. (fine unbranched green alga) (50%)  
Higher plant material (grass ?) (5%)  
Many small gastropods (5%)

#### SUMMARY LIST OF ALGAE IN THESE SAMPLES

##### CHLOROPHYTA

Bryopsis pennata var. secunda (Harvey) Coll. and Harv.  
Caulerpa racemosa (Forsskal) J. Ag.  
Caulerpa webbiana Mont.  
Chaetomorpha sp.  
Cladophora sp.  
Codium arabicum Kutzning  
Codium edule Silva  
Derbesia marina (Lyngb.) Sol.  
Dictyosphaeria cavernosa (Forsskal) Boerg.  
Dictyosphaeria versluyssii Weber van Bosse  
Enteromorpha clathrata var. crinita (Roth) Hauck  
Halimeda discoidia Decaisne  
Ulothrix sp.  
Valonia aegagropila C. Ag.

\* My delay was largely due to trying to ID these samples.

RHODOPHYTA

- Acrochaetium sp.  
Amansia glomerata C. Ag.  
Centroceros clavulatum (C. Ag.) Montagne  
Ceramium sp.  
Gelidiella machrisiana\*  
Gelidium pusillum (Stackhouse) Le Jolis  
Gelidium sp.  
Griffithsia sp.  
Hypnea pannosa J. Ag.  
Jania capillacea Harvey  
Laurencia cartilaginea Yamada  
Laurencia majuscula Harv. Lucas  
Laurencia nidifica J. Ag.  
Laurencia sp.  
Laurencia undulata Yamada  
Liaogora papenfussii ~~Abbott~~  
Peysonellia sp.  
Polysiphonia poko Hollenberg  
Polysiphonia setacea Hollenberg  
Polysiphonia sp.  
Pterocladia capillacea (Gmelin) Bornet  
Pterocladia sp.  
Trichogloea lubrica (Harv.) J. Ag.  
Spyridia filamentosa (Wulfen) Harvey  
Wurdemannia miniata (Lamour.) Feldmann and Hamel

PHAEOPHYTA

- Ectocarpus indicus Sonder  
Padina japonica Yamada  
Sphaelaria novaehollandiae Sonder  
Turbinaria ornata (Turn.) J. Ag.

CYANOPHYTA

- Lyngbya majuscula Gomont  
Lyngbya sp.  
Microcoleus acutissimus Gardner  
Schizonema pascheri Bharadwaja

DIATOMS (CHRYSTOPHYTA)

- Cocconeis  
Licmophora  
Mastogloea  
Navicula

\*I need to find the authors to these species.

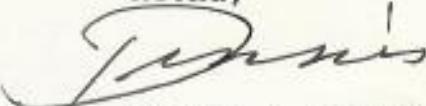
George,

Thank you for the "History of Sea Turtles at Polihua Beach, Northern Lanai", and for the articles you have sent to me. This past week (December 12-23, 1984) I was with a Hawaiian Marine Biology class on Maui. I found piles of limu on the beach at Launiupoko Park, about 3 miles toward Olowalu from Lahaina. It was Hypnea musciformis, which was originally introduced to Kaneohe Bay. It was not present at this park two years ago, but now is abundant there and also at Halama Park in Kihei. This alga was in your samples numbered GB-29; GB-533; GB-601; GB-755; GB-757; GB-758; GB-1041; and GB-1042. I am trying to get a manuscript out on Acanthophora and may include Hypnea musciformis distribution in it as well. Sometime in the future I might ask you for the locations and dates of these samples.

Just a few hundred yards off shore at Launiupoko we saw two green turtles swimming near the bottom in about 30 ft of water. My trip was too quick and we spent only two hours on Oahu, so maybe next time I'll give a call and try to visit you.

I'm sending the samples under a separate cover.

Aloha,



Dennis J. Russell



15 February 1983

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Dear George,

Fortunately, I was able to take a class to Maui this past December holiday for two weeks. Afterwards I spent two quick days on Oahu, visited the U. of H. and some friends. I called your home once, but must have missed you. As soon as school started again I received two manuscripts back from publishers for revision and have just finished those etc. Your samples are on my desk with nothing else and I hope to finish them all before March 11, when I leave with a study tour to Mexico. With all of this activity one would seem to think all was going well and secure, but our university is calling for a 3% cut this year and maybe another 3% cut next year and I only hope my job will survive. Time will tell.

In the mean time, enclosed are two sample bottles and a short list of the algae found inside them. I am sending them first since you indicated a need for them sooner than the others. I hope all is going well with you and your family.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that appears to read "Dennis".

Lisianski 8/27/82

#6312 & 6313

<u>Gelidium pusillum</u> (Stackhouse) LaJolis	99%
<u>Jania capillacea</u> Harvey	1%
<u>Herposiphonia</u> sp.	Trace

Lisianski 8/27/82

#6314 & 6415

<u>Gelidium pusillum</u>	4%
<u>Jania capillacea</u> Harvey	95%
<u>Caulerpa racemosa</u> (Forsskal) J. Ag.	1%
<u>Laurencia tenera</u> Tseng	Trace
<u>Ceramium</u> sp.	Trace
<u>Polysiphonia</u> sp.	Trace

Identified by Dennis J. Russell, Seattle Pacific University,  
15 February 1983.

LA · 83 mouth sample recovered from turtle number  
**5897 5898** that was caught while snorkeling  
31 March 1982, 'NW Cove Reef' (near camp)

LA · 85 mouth sample recovered from turtle number  
**5880 5881**, that was caught while it was  
feeding on a NW Cove reef that was awash  
on 19 March 1982.

— A —

No aspirated samples or gut samples.  
Information is not included in the 1982 paper

The marine algae collected from sea turtles and from the reefs on Laysan Island,  
by Alan Kam in March and April 1982. Identified by Dennis J. Russell ac-  
cordingly as this list, May 1983.

LA 01

Plocamium brasiliense (male, female and tetrasporophytes)  
Laurencia sp.  
Dictyota friabilis  
Bryopsis pennata  
Jania micrarthrodia

LA 02

Laurencia cartilaginea 90%  
Dictyota friabilis 10%  
Zonaria sp.  
Amphiroa fragilissima

LA 03

Bryopsis plumosa 99%  
Plocamium sandvicensis 1%  
Dictyota friabilis Trace  
Laurencia nidifica Trace  
Corallina sp. Trace

LA 04

Asparagopsis taxiformis

LA 05

Turbinaria ornata 40%  
Laurencia cartilaginea 40%  
Bryopsis hypnoides 15%  
Asparagopsis taxiformis 5%  
Amphiroa fragilissima Trace  
Jania capillacea Trace

LA 21

Caulerpa racemosa var. peltata 90%  
Halimeda discoidea 10%  
Corallina Trace

LA 22

Asparagopsis taxiformis 90%  
Chondrococcus hornemannii 10%  
Halimeda discoidea Trace

LA 23

Microdictyon montagnei

LA 37

Microdictyon montagnei

LA 38

Asparagopsis taxiformis

LA 39

Caulerba webbiana 99%  
Chondrococcus hornemannii 1%  
Halimeda opuntia

LA 40

Asparagopsis taxiformis 80%  
Halimeda discoidea 10%  
Dictyota fragilis 5%  
Chondrococcus hornemannii 5%  
Hypnea spinella Trace  
Ceramium sp. Trace  
Amphiroa fragilissima Trace  
Caulerpa webbiana Trace

LA 60

Asparagopsis taxiformis 20%  
Halimeda discoidea 5%  
Codium edule 5%  
Dictyota stolonifera Trace  
Caulerpa racemosa var. peltata 5%  
Ulva fasciata 40%  
Plocamium sandvicensis Trace  
Corallina sp. Trace  
Amphiroa anastomosans 10%  
Martensia fragilis 10%  
Laurencia decumbens 5%

LA 70

Sargassum echinocarpum  
Zonaria sp.  
Dictyosphaeria versluysii  
Halimeda discoidea  
Champia parvula  
Microdictyon montagnei  
Dictyota acuteloba  
Laurencia nidifica  
Polysiphonia saccorrhiza (on Laurencia)  
Ceramium sp.  
Laurencia galtsoffii  
Chondria sp.

LA 81

Polysiphonia tsudana

LA 82

Polysiphonia tsudana

Barnacles Trace

Diatoms Trace

Cladophora sp. Trace

LA 83

Caulerpa lentillifera 90%

Caulerpa racemosa var.peltata 10%

LA 84

Cladophoropsis membranacea

Microdictyon sp. Trace

Herposiphonia parca

LA 85

Caulerpa lentillifera

LA 86

Caulerpa lentillifera

Herposiphonia parca (abundant as an epiphyte)

Microdictyon montagnei

Herposiphonia variabilis

Laurencia sp.

The following is a listing of the different species contained in the above samples:

#### CHLOROPHYTA

Bryopsis hypnoides Lamx.

Bryopsis pennata Lamx.

Bryopsis pennata var. secunda (Harvey) Collins and Harvey

Bryopsis plumosa (Hudson) C. Ag.

Caulerpa lentillifera J. Ag.

Caulerpa racemosa var. peltata (Lam.) Eubank

Caulerpa racemosa var. turbinata (J. Ag.) Eubank

Caulerpa webbiana Mont.

Cladophora sp.

Cladophoropsis membranacea (C. Ag.) Boerg.

Codium edule Silva

Dictyphaeria versluysii Weber van Bosse

Halimeda discoidea Decaisne

Halimeda micronesica Yamada

Halimeda opuntia (L.) Lamx.

Halimeda sp.

Microdictyon montagnei Harvey

Microdictyon sp.

Monostroma oxyspermum (Kutzing) Doty

Ulva fasciata Delile

Valonia aegagropila C. Ag.

PHAEOPHYTA

Dictyota acuteloba J. Ag.  
Dictyota friabilis Setchell  
Dictyota stolonifera  
Hydroclathrus clathratus (C. Ag.) Howe  
Sargassum echinocarpum J. Ag.  
Turbinaria ornata (Turner) J. Ag.  
Zonaria sp.

RHODOPHYTA

Amphiroa anastomosans Weber von Bosse  
Amphiroa fragilissima (L.) Lamx.  
Asparagopsis taxiformis (Delile) Coll. and Harvey  
Ceramium sp.  
Champia parvula (C. Ag.) Harvey  
Chondria sp.  
Chondrococcus hornemannii (Mert.) Schmitz  
Corallina sandvicensis Lemm.  
Corallina sp.  
Fosliella farinosa (Lamx.) Howe  
Gelidium crinale (Turn.) Lamx.  
Herposiphonia parca Setchell  
Herposiphonia variabilis Hollenberg  
Hypnea spinella (J. Ag.) Kützing  
Jania capillacea Harvey  
Jania micrarthrodia Lamx.  
Laurencia cartilaginea Yamada  
Laurencia decumbens Kützing  
Laurencia galtsoffi Howe  
Laurencia nidifica J. Ag.  
Laurencia sp.  
Martensia fragilis Harvey  
Plocamium brasiliense (Greville) Howe and Taylor  
Plocamium sandvicense J. Ag.  
Polysiphonia saccorhiza (Collins and Hervey) Hollenberg  
Polysiphonia tsudana Hollenberg  
Trailliella sp.



18 May 1983

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Dear George,

I have finally finished the algae identifications for you. Enclosed is the master list of sample contents and the summary of species according to Division. All went well, a few species stumped me for awhile, but eventually I found them in the literature (Plocamium brasiliense may be a new record for Hawaii). A better algologist than myself may differ in their opinion as to the species according to published observations, but fortunately you have all of the life stages in your sample! This will help anyone following to better pin-point the species. It is a very narrow thallus, highly branched and very interesting.

I must admit, to my embarrassment, that somehow I must have mixed No. 26 in with another sample. I have the algae identified, but cannot find the sample. I hope this does not effect your data. Please excuse the error.

The bill for this work has been sent to Mary L. Godfrey, the samples have been placed into jars (most of them), and into their original bags, and are being sent to you by separate mail.

I certainly hope everything is working out for the best for you and your family. We receive no news about Hawaii state at all, but I assume all is normal. Please feel free to send more samples as you gather them and set a dead-line if you need to have the results quicker than this last batch.

Aloha,  
*Dennis*  
Dennis J. Russell

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GB-1000

Acanthophora spicifera  
Hypnea sp.

GB-1001

Cladophora socialis var. hawaiiana

GB-1005

<u>Ulva rigida</u>	94%
<u>Codium edule</u>	1%
<u>Gelidiella myrocladia</u>	1%
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	1%
<u>Cladophora trichotoma</u>	1%
Terrestrial grass	1%
<u>Casuarina equisetifolia</u> (tree)	1%

GB-1010

Acanthophora spicifera  
Centroceros clavulatum

GB-1011

<u>Codium</u> sp.	Trace
<u>Oscillatoria</u> sp.	"
<u>Hypnea cervicornis</u>	"
<u>Jania capillacea</u>	"

GB-1012

Laurencia sp.

GB-1013

<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	90%
<u>Valonia aegagropila</u>	Trace
Isopod	Trace
Mucus balls	10%

GB-1014

Gelidium pusillum

GB-1020

<u>Gelidium pusillum</u>	99%
Sponge	1%

GB-1030

Valonia ventricosa  
Gelidium pusillum  
Valonia aegagropila  
Tolypiocladia calodictyon  
Jania capillacea  
Dictyota friabilis  
Ceramium sp.  
Biddulphia sp. (pseudothallus)  
Herposiphonia nuda

GB-1040 (Lilipuna, 1980, Hirota)

<u>Hypnea musciformis</u>	99%
<u>Codium edule</u>	1%
<u>Lyngbya majuscula</u>	Trace
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	Trace
<u>Laurencia nidifica</u>	Trace
<u>Gracilaria coronopifolia</u>	Trace

GB-1041 (Lilipuna)

<u>Hypnea musciformis</u>	99%
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	1%
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	Trace
<u>Sargassum echinocarpum</u>	Trace

GB-1042

<u>Hypnea musciformis</u>	99%
<u>Gracilaria coronopifolia</u>	Trace
<u>Sargassum echinocarpum</u>	Trace
<u>Codium edule</u>	Trace
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	1%

GB-1050

<u>Gelidium pluma</u>	
<u>Dictyota friabilis</u>	Trace

GB-1051

Pterocladia capillacea  
Laurencia nidifica  
Jania capillacea  
Dasya pedicellata  
Galaxaura fasciculata  
Turbinaria ornata  
Valonia aegagropila

GB-1052

Gracilaria coronopifolia  
Corallina sandvicensis  
Amphiroa fragilissima  
Laurencia majuscula  
Galaxaura cylindrica  
Amansia glomerata  
Jania capillacea  
Chondrococcus hornemannii

GB-1053

Plocamium sandicense  
Amphiroa fragilissima  
Asparagopsis taxiformis  
Spyridia filamentosa  
Martensia fragilissima  
Colpomenia sinuosa  
Laurencia galtsoffi  
Laurencia subsimplex  
Valonia aegagropila  
Microdictyon japonicum

GB-1060

Gelidium reediae

GB-1061

Amansia glomerata (tetrasporic)

GB-1062

Gelidium pusillum

GB-1063

Hypnea pannosa

GB-1064

Gelidium reediae  
Ulva reticulata Trace

GB-1065 (Napili, 22 Apr 1981)

Acanthophora spicifera

GB-1066

Ulva rigida

GB-1067

Galaxaura cylindrica  
Ulva reticulata Trace

GB-1068

Pterocladia caerulescens

GB-1069 (Napili, 22 Apr 81)

<u>Ulva reticulata</u>	Trace
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	Trace
<u>Gelidium reediae</u>	Trace

GB-1070

<u>Jania capillacea</u>
<u>Dictyota friabilis</u>

GB-1071

Amphiroa sp.

GB-1072

<u>Sargassum echinocarpum</u>	
<u>Ectocarpus padinae</u>	Epiphytic

GB-1080

<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	55%
<u>Ulva reticulata</u>	10%
<u>Hypnea cervicornis</u>	5%
<u>Gelidiella acerosa</u>	5%
<u>Laurencia nidifica</u>	Trace
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	Trace
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	Trace
<u>Gelidium pusillum</u>	Trace

GB-1081

<u>Codium arabicum</u>	40%
<u>Codium edule</u>	30%
<u>Gelidium pusillum</u>	Trace
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	Trace
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	Trace
Black Colonial animal	Several lumps

GB-1082

<u>Ulva reticulata</u>	90%
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	10%
<u>Valonia aegagropila</u>	Trace
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	Trace
<u>Gelidium pusillum</u>	Trace
Black Colonial animal	Several lumps

List of algae in samples GB-1000 to GB-1082

CHLOROPHYTA

- Cladophora socialis var. hawaiiana Brand.  
Cladophora trichotoma (Ag.) Kützing  
Codium arabicum Kützing  
Codium edule Silva  
Codium sp.  
Microdictyon japonicum Setchell  
Ulva reticulata Forsskal  
Ulva rigida C. Ag.  
Valonia aegagropila C. Ag.  
Valonia ventricosa J. Ag.

RHODOPHYTA

- Acanthophora spicifera (Vahl) Boerg.  
Amansia glomerata C. Ag.  
Amphiroa fragilissima (L.) Lamx.  
Amphiroa sp.  
Asparagopsis taxiformis (Delile) Coll. and Harvey  
Centroceros clavulatum (C. Ag.) Montagne  
Ceramium sp.  
Chondrococcus hornemannii (Mert.) Schmitz  
Corallina sandvicensis Lemm.  
Dasya pedicellata (C. Ag.) C. Ag.  
Dermatolithon sp. Heteroderma subtilissima (Foslie) Foslie  
Galaxaura cylindrica (Ellis and Solander) Lam.  
Galaxaura fasciculata Kjellman  
Gelidiella acerosa (Forsskal) Feldmann and Hamel  
Gelidiella myrocladia (Boerg.) Feldmann  
Gelidium pluma Loomis  
Gelidium pusillum (Stackhouse) Le Jolis  
Gelidium reediae Loomis  
Gracilaria coronopifolia J. Ag.  
Herposiphonia nuda Hollenberg  
Hypnea cervicornis J. Ag.  
Hypnea musciformis (Wulfen) C. Ag.  
Hypnea pannosa J. Ag.  
Hypnea sp.  
Jania capillacea Harvey  
Laurencia galtstoffi Howe  
Laurencia majuscula (Harv.) Lucas  
Laurencia nidifica J. Ag.  
Laurencia subsimplex Tseng  
Laurencia sp.  
Martensia fragilis Harvey  
Plocamium sandvicense J. Ag.  
Pterocladia caerulescens (I cannot find the author of this one)  
Pterocladia capillacea (Gmelin) Bornet  
Spyridia filamentosa (Wulfen) Harvey  
Tolypiocladia calodictyon (Harv.) Silva

PHAEOPHYTA

Colpomenia sinuosa (Roth) Dérbes and Solier  
Dictyota friabilis Setchell  
Ectocarpus padinae (Buffham) Savageau  
Sargassum echinocarpum J. Ag.

CYANOPHYTA

Lyngbya majuscula (Dillw.) Harvey  
Oscillatoria sp.

BACILLARIOPHYTA (Diatoms)

Biddulphia sp.

TRACHEOPHYTA (Higher Plants)

Casuarina equisetifolia L.

George,

I will be making a master list of all the algae that I have identified for you up until now. I will use this list to validate the author's names and to facilitate future identification jobs you may have for me. If you want a copy of this list just let me know.

Dennis

## ALGAE SAMPLES

- GB 1000 Porkchop Reef, Kaneohe Bay Tag. 3332  
3/24/81
- 1001 Scrapings from outside of turtle shell,  
specimen from Hull Island, Phoenix
- 1005 Fecal pellet # 2936
- 1010 Kiholo Bay, Hawaii, 5-8 March 1981 # 3297
- 1011 " # 3312
- 1012 " 3304
- 1013 " 3297
- 1014 " 3320
- 1020 Kiholo Lagoon, 6 March 1981 SCUBA  
bottom sample alga
- 1030 Kiholo Bay 7 March 1981 10-15' deep  
outside area SCUBA - Kam
- 1040 Hirota - Lilipona 1980 Primary Stomach
- 1041 " Secondary
- 1042 " Intestines
- 1050 Poipu, Kauai - Brennecke Beach 6 April 1981
- 1051 Kaaakaanio, Kauai O 9 April 1981
- 1052 " ② total sample  
1053 " ③ divided into  
3 bottles

AE SAMPLES

cont'd

GB 1060 - 1072 Napili, Maui 22 April 1981  
(13 samples sent)

1080 Fish + Game confiscation "evidence" 1981 PRIMARY  
1081 " SECONDARY  
1082 " INTESTINES

SAVED and put aside for Bruce Cook

① GB 1021 Kiholo Lagoon, 6 March 1981 Scuba  
bottom sample sediment

GB 1043 Hirota - Lilipona 1980 parasites  
Ozeobranchus?



8 July 1981

George,

I found sample MB-828 —  
traces of Hypnea cervicornis  
Jania capillacea  
Padina japonica  
Ceramium sp.

Aloha,

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Send more if you have them.

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GB-800

<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	1%
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	50
<u>Codium edule</u>	49

GB-801

<u>Codium edule</u>	75%
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	25
<u>Pterocladia capillacea</u>	trace
<u>Dictyosphaeria versluyssii</u>	trace
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	trace

GB-802

<u>Codium edule</u>	90
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	5
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	5
<u>Halophila ovalis</u>	trace

GB-803

<u>Sphacelaria tribuloides</u>	98
<u>Acrochaetium sp.</u>	1
<u>Gelidiella adnata</u>	1
<u>Lyngbya sp.</u>	trace

GB-804

<u>Spyridia filamentosa</u>	100
<u>Laurencia sp.</u>	trace

GB-805

<u>Laurencia majuscula</u>	99
<u>Centroceros clavulatum</u>	
<u>Ceramium sp.</u>	
<u>Sphacelaria sp.</u>	
<u>Acrochaetium sp.</u>	

GB-806

<u>Spyridia sp.</u>
Fine acellular material

GB-807

<u>Galaxaura cylindrica</u>
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GB-808

<u>Lyngbya majuscula</u>	Mostly
<u>Lyngbya lagerheimii</u>	(mixture of
<u>Anabaena constricta</u>	other blue-greens)
<u>Anabaena variabilis</u>	

GB-809  
Spyridia filamentosa

GB-810  
Animal-colonial ascidian?

GB-811  
Microdictyon setchellianum

GB-812  
Animal-tube worms?

GB-813  
Spyridia filamentosa

GB-814  
Halimeda opuntia 50  
Sphacelaria tribuloides trace  
Centroceros clavulatum trace  
Spyridia filamentosa 50

GB-815  
Laurencia tenera

GB-816  
Zonaria hawaiiensis

GB-817  
Halimeda opuntia 50  
Dictyota divaricata 50  
Spyridia filamentosa trace

GB-818  
(no sample)

GB-819  
Red alga (genus ?)  
Bacteria

GB-820  
Gelidium sp. trace  
Jania sp. trace

GB-821  
Valonia aegagropila

GB-822  
Gelidiella adnata trace

GB-823  
Gelidiella adnata trace  
Oscillatoria sp. trace

GB-824  
Pterocladia sp. trace

GB-825  
Pterocladia sp. trace  
Valonia aegagropila trace

GB-826		
<u>Polysiphonia</u> sp.	trace	
<u>Ceramium</u> sp.	trace	
<u>Jania capillacea</u>	trace	
GB-827		
<u>Pterocladia calaglossoides</u>		
GB-828		
(no sample)		
GB-829		
<u>Pterocladia calaglossoides</u>		
<u>Hypnea</u> sp.	trace	
<u>Valonia aegagropila</u>	mostly	
<u>Ulva</u> sp.	trace	
GB-830		
<u>Gelidiella adnata</u>		
GB-831		
<u>Hypnea</u> sp.	trace	
<u>Spyridia filamentosa</u>	mostly	
<u>Pterocladia</u> sp.	trace	
Man-made red fibers	trace	
GB-832		
<u>Gelidiella adnata</u>		
GB-833		
<u>Pterocladia</u> sp.	trace	
GB-834		
<u>Gelidiella adnata</u>		
GB-835		
<u>Laurencia</u> sp.	trace	
<u>Valonia aegagropila</u>	trace	
<u>Gelidiella</u> sp.	trace	
GB-836		
<u>Oscillatoria</u> sp.	trace	
<u>Centroceros clavulatum</u>	trace	
<u>Gelidiella setacea</u>	trace	
GB-837		
<u>Spyridia filamentosa</u>		
GB-838		
<u>Halophila hawaiiana</u>		
GB-839		
<u>Halimeda opuntia</u>	trace	
<u>Spyridia filamentosa</u>	trace	
GB-840		
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	99	
<u>Dictyota divaricata</u>	1	

GB-841		
<u>Dictyota divaricata</u>	90	
<u>Halophila hawaiiana</u>	10	
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	trace	
GB-842		
<u>Dictyota divaricata</u>		
GB-843		
<u>Padina japonica</u>	99	
<u>Halophila hawaiiana</u>	1	
GB-844		
<u>Sphacelaria</u> sp.		
GB-845		
<u>Hypnea cervicornis</u>	99	
GB-846		
<u>Callithamnion byssoides</u>		
GB-847		
<u>Lyngbya majuscula</u>		
GB-848		
<u>Polysiphonia sphaerocarpa</u>		
GB-849		
<u>Ceramium</u> sp.		
GB-850		
<u>Codium edule</u>	90	
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	10	
Black leathery non-algal material		
GB-851		
<u>Caulerpa sertularioides</u>	90	
<u>Turbinaria ornata</u>	5	
<u>Derbesia fastigiata</u>	5	
<u>Sphacelaria furcigera</u>	trace	
<u>Halimeda discoidea</u>	trace	
a few micromollusks (snails)		
GB-852		
<u>Caulerpa sertularioides</u>	95	
<u>Turbinaria ornata</u>	5	
<u>Microdictyon setchellianum</u>	trace	
<u>Halimeda discoidea</u>	trace	
GB-853		
<u>Turbinaria ornata</u> (not digested)	95	
<u>Caulerpa sertularioides</u>	5	
<u>Microdictyon setchellianum</u>	trace	
One small worm (placed into a special vial so you can find it)		
GB-854		
<u>Ulva fasciata</u>		
<u>Laurencia?</u>	trace	

GB-855  
Animal material, many 1 mm diameter eggs, mollusk shells

GB-856  
Animal material  
Shells

GB-857  
Ulva reticulata 99  
Codium edule 1

GB-858  
Codium edule  
Ulva reticulata

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GB-900  
Microdictyon setchellianum

GB-901  
Halimeda discoidea

GB-902  
Porolithon gardinerii

GB-903  
Porolithon sp.

GB-904  
Porolithon gardinerii  
Cladophoropsis luxurians

GB-905  
Dictyosphaeria versluyssii

GB-906  
Lyngbya majuscula

GB-907  
Schizothrix calcicola

GB-908  
Polysiphonia (new species ?) tetrasporic  
Valonia aegagropila

GB-909  
(no sample)

GB-910  
Caulerpa urvilliana

GB-911  
Halimeda discoidea

GB-912  
Laurencia majuscula

GB-913

Red patches are animal material

GB-914

Porolithon sp.

List of algae in samples GB-800 to GB-858 and GB-900 to GB-914

**CHLOROPHYTA**

Caulerpa sertularioides (Gmelin) Howe

Caulerpa urvilliana Montagne

Codium arabicum Kützing

Codium edule Silva

Derbesia fastigiata Taylor

Dictyosphaeria versluysii Weber van Bosse

Halimeda discoidea Decaisne

Halimeda opuntia (L) Lamouroux

Micromdictyon setchellianum Howe

Ulva sp.

Ulva fasciata Delile

Ulva reticulata Forsskål

Valonia aegagropila C. Ag.

**RHODOPHYTA**

Acanthophora spicifera (Vahl) Boerg.

Acrochaetium sp.

Amansia glomerata C. Ag.

Callithamnion byssoides Arnott

Centroceros clavulatum (C. Ag.) Montagne

Ceramium sp.

Galaxaura cylindrica (Ellis and Solander) Lamouroux

Gelidiella adnata Dawson

Gelidiella setacea (Feldmann) Feldmann and Hamel

Hypnea sp.

Hypnea cervicornis J. Ag.

Jania sp.

Jania capillacea Harvey

Laurencia sp.

Laurencia majuscula (Harvey) Lucas

Laurencia tenera Tseng

Pterocladia sp.

Pterocladia calaglossoides

Pterocladia capillacea (Gmelin) Bornet

Polysiphonia sp.

Polysiphonia sphaerocarpa Boergesen

Porolithon sp.

Porolithon gardineri (Foslie) Foslie

Spyridia sp.

Spyridia filamentosa (Wulfen) Harvey

PHAEOPHYTA

Dictyota divaricata Lamouroux  
Padina japonica Yamada  
Sphacelaria sp.  
Sphacelaria tribuloides Meneghini  
Sphacelaria furcigera Kützing  
Turbinaria ornata (Turn.) J. Ag.  
Zonaria hawaiiensis (Lamoureux) C. Ag.

CYANOPHYTA

Anabaena constricta (Szafer) Geitler  
Anabaena variabilis Kützing  
Lyngbya sp.  
Lyngbya lagerheimii (Möbius) Gomont  
Lyngbya majuscula Gomont  
Oscillatoria sp.  
Schizothrix calcicola (Ag.) Gomont

SEAGRASS

Halophila ovalis (R. Br.) Hook

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George,

13 Jan' 81

Thank you for the calendar - I love it!

Sorry I missed you when I was  
in Hawaii. My main effort was  
to wrestle with my committee  
over my dissertation - Yes, it is still  
in limbo. I didn't finish your  
samples on time so had to come back  
& work on them some more. Here  
(over)

are the results. If you have more  
please send them. I shouldn't  
be so busy for the next 4-5 months.

Alice,

Dennis

P.S. Your publication is impressive,  
Thanks for the acknowledgement.

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GB-700 3/18/80 3318+3322 PL Scraping Percent of Sample

Acrochaetium gracile 99  
Black sand

GB-701 " 3303 stomach

Oscillatoria sp.  
Plus an unknown alga

GB-702 " 3311 stomach

Oscillatoria sp.  
Wurdemannia miniata

GB-703 " 3299 stomach

Oscillatoria sp. 90  
Wurdemannia miniata 10  
Sponge spicules Tr  
Epithelial cells Numerous

GB-704 " 3305 stomach

Gelidium sp. 99  
Microcystis sp. 1

GB-705 5/7/80 2544, 2545 stomach

Oscillatoria sp. 100

GB-706 5/7/80 bellows 2542, 2543 stomach

Oscillatoria sp. 100  
Claw-shaped objects (1 mm long)

GB-707 3/25/80 KURE 253B stomach

Not recognizable

GB-708 " kure 2482 → 2485 stomachs

Ulva fasciata  
Acrochaetium sp.  
Hypnea cervicornis

GB-709 2/78 algae growing on loggerhead barnacle

Gelidiella adnata

GB-710 3/25/80 KURE 2471 growth on tag

Jania unguis  
Sphaerocladia furcigera

GB-711 4/11/80 Bellows 2538,2539 chin scrapings

Enteromorpha tubulosa 90  
Cladophora sp. 10

GB-712 4/11/80 Bellows 2540,2541 stomach  
(vial not present?)

GB-713 5/14/80 Bellows 2335 stomach

Ulva fasciata  
Sargassum polyphyllum (?) too small of a scrap to tell on this specimen  
Hypnea cervicornis

GB-714 >> >> 3461,3462 skin algae

Lyngbya semiplena 50  
Polysiphonia scropulorum Tr  
Sphaerelaria furcigera 50

GB-715 >> >> 3455,3456 stomach

Oscillatoria sp. 100

GB-716 >> >> 3461,3462 stomach

Hypnea cervicornis  
Ulva fasciata

GB-717 >> >> 3090 stomach

A fungus of some sort. I could not find fruiting bodies to be sure.

GB-718 >> >> 3465,3466 stomach

Claw-like objects

GB-719 >> >> 2335 stomach

Ulva fasciata

GB-720 >> >> 3457 stomach

Oscillatoria sp. 50  
Monostroma sp. (I am not sure of this ID because it may be a scrap  
of Enteromorpha) 50

GB-721 >> >> tag unknown - stomach

Oscillatoria sp. Tr

Hypnea cervicornis Tr

Sargassum polyphyllum (?) Tr

GB-722 >> >> 3459,3460 stomach

Hypnea cervicornis

Amphipod

GB-723 >> >> 3453,3454 stomach

Terrestrial grass

GB-724	5/14/80	Bellows	3325	from mouth
<u>Oscillatoria</u> sp.				Tr
<u>Ulva fasciata</u>				
GB-725	)	)	3090	Scraping from tag
<u>Gelidiella adnata</u>				80
<u>Sphaerelaria furcigera</u>				20
A siphonous green filament				Tr
GB-726	(	GB 726-740	- April 17-19, 1980	Bellows feces)
<u>Codium edule</u>				90
<u>Ulva rigida</u>				10
<u>Halimeda discoidea</u>				Tr
<u>Polyopes</u> sp.				Tr
<u>Chnoospora</u> sp.				Tr
Terrestrial grass				
Black and white animal (3 cm long x 0.5 cm wide)				
GB-727				
<u>Ulva rigida</u>				50
<u>Codium edule</u>				50
<u>Gelidium</u> sp.				Tr
Terrestrial grass				
Opalescent animal?				
GB-728				
<u>Codium edule</u>				70
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>				30
Blade of grass				
GB-729				
<u>Codium edule</u>				50
<u>Ulva rigida</u>				50
Opalescent animal				
Terrestrial plants				
GB-730				
<u>Ulva rigida</u>				70
<u>Codium edule</u>				20
Terrestrial plants				10
GB-731				
<u>Ulva rigida</u>				30
<u>Codium edule</u>				70
<u>Chnoospora</u> sp.				Tr
GB-732				
<u>Ulva rigida</u>				50
<u>Codium edule</u>				50
<u>Chnoospora</u> sp.				Tr

## GB-733

<u>Codium edule</u>	70
<u>Ulva rigida</u>	30
<u>Dictyosphaeria versluyssii</u>	Tr
<u>Padina japonica</u>	Tr
<u>Chnoospora</u> sp.	Tr
Terrestrial plants	Tr

## GB-734

<u>Codium edule</u>	50
<u>Ulva rigida</u>	50

## GB-735

<u>Ulva rigida</u>	50
<u>Codium edule</u>	50
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	Tr
Terrestrial plants	Tr

## GB-736

<u>Codium edule</u>	50
<u>Ulva rigida</u>	50
<u>Gelidium pusillum</u>	Tr

## GB-737

<u>Codium edule</u>	90
<u>Ulva rigida</u>	10
Plant fibers	Tr

## GB-738

<u>Codium edule</u>	30
<u>Ulva rigida</u>	30
<u>Gelidium pusillum</u>	30
Black leathery mass (animal?)	

## GB-739

<u>Ulva rigida</u>	99
<u>Gelidium pusillum</u>	1
<u>Codium edule</u>	Tr
Fishing line	
Animal hairs	
Ironwood tree branches	

## GB-740

<u>Ulva fasciata</u>	99
<u>Gelidium pusillum</u>	1
Plastic sheet	
Animal hairs	
Ironwood tree branches	
Terrestrial grass	

GB-741 3/18 - 3/24/80 Kitolo - tide pool sluice gate

Gelidium crinale

GB-742		
<u>Gelidium crinale</u>	80	
<u>Amphiroa fragilissima</u>	20	
GB-743		
<u>Gelidium pusillum</u>		
GB-744		
<u>Gelidium pusillum</u>		
GB-745		
<u>Ahnfeltia concinna</u>		
GB-746 3/18 - 3/24/80 KitHoLo		
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>		
GB-747		
<u>Gelidiopsis variabile</u>		
GB-748		
<u>Valonia aegagropila</u>		
GB-749		
<u>Pterocladia calaglossoides</u>		
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	Tr	
GB-750		
<u>Gelidium crinale</u>		
GB-751		
<u>Ralfsia occidentalis</u>		
GB-752		
<u>Ahnfeltia concinna</u>		
GB-753		
<u>Ulva fasciata</u>		
GB-754 Bellows 5/13-5/15/80 from net		
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	80	
<u>Griffithsia ovalis</u>	5	
<u>Hypnea spinella</u>	5	
<u>Halimeda discoidea</u>	10	
GB-755		
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	10	
<u>Spyridia filamentosa</u>	50	
<u>Hypnea musciformis</u>	10	
<u>Gelidiopsis variabile</u>	30	

Bellows  
5/13 - 5/15/80 from net

GB-756

Ahnfeltia concinna  
Hypnea cervicornis

GB-757

Hypnea musciformis

GB-758

Hypnea musciformis  
Laurencia nidifica

99

1

GB-759

Hypnea cervicornis

GB-760

Rosenvingea intricata

GB-761

Hypnea cervicornis

GB-762

Hypnea cervicornis

GB-763 3/24 - 3/26/80 KURE, EAST REEF collection

Sargassum echinocarpum (probably)

GB-764

Laurencia mariannensis

GB-765

Trichogloea lubrica

GB-766

Caulerpa racemosa

GB-767

Liagora maxima

GB-768

Rosenvingea intricata

List of algae in samples GB-700 to GB-768

CHLOROPHYTA

Caulerpa racemosa (Forsskal) J. Ag.  
Cladophora sp.  
Codium arabicum Kützing  
Codium edule Silva  
Dictyosphaeria versluysii Weber van Bosse  
Enteromorpha tubulosa Kützing  
Halimeda discoidea Decaisne  
Monostroma sp. ?  
Ulva fasciata Delile  
Ulva rigida C. Ag.  
Valonia aegagropila C. Ag.

RHODOPHYTA

Acanthophora spicifera (Vahl) Boerg.  
Acrochaetium gracile Boerg.  
Acrochaetium sp.  
Ahnfeltia concinna J. Ag.  
Amphiroa fragilissima (L.) Lamx.  
Gelidiopsis variabile J. Ag.  
Gelidium adnata Dawson  
Gelidium crinale (Turn.) Lamx.  
Gelidium pusillum (Stackhouse) LaJolis  
Gelidium sp.  
Griffithsia ovalis Harvey  
Hypnea cervicornis J. Ag.  
Hypnea musciformis (Wulfen) C. Ag.  
Hypnea spinella (J. Ag.) Kützing  
Jania unguilata Yendo  
Laurencia mariannensis Yamada  
Laurencia nidifica J. Ag.  
Liagora maxima Butters  
Polysiphonia scropulorum Harvey  
Pterocladia calaglossoides (Howe) Dawson  
Spyridia filamentosa (Wulfen) Harvey  
Trichogloea lubrica (Harv.) Butters  
Nurdemannia miniata (Lamark and DeGandelle) Feldmann and Hamel

PHAEOPHYTA

Chnoospora sp.  
Padina japonica Yamada  
Ralfsia occidentalis Hollenberg  
Rosenvingea intricata (J. Ag.) Boerg.  
Sargassum echinocarpum J. Ag.  
Sargassum polypyllum J. Ag.  
Sphacelaria furcigera Kützing

CYANOPHYTA

Lyngbya semiplena (C. Ag.) J. Ag.  
Microcystis sp.  
Oscillatoria sp.

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GB-501 JUNE 79	Percent of Sample	
<u>Gelidiella acerosa</u>	80%	Connally larva 1st stomach
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	5	
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	10	
<u>Pterocladia</u> sp.	2	
<u>Codium edule</u>	3	
Colonial animal (ascidian ?)	trace	
GB-502 June 1979		Connally larva 2nd stomach
<u>Gelidiella acerosa</u>	30	
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	40	
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	10	
<u>Codium edule</u>	15	
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	5	
Colonial animal	trace	
GB-503 June 1979		Rutka 1st stomach
<u>Codium edule</u>	90	
<u>Pterocladia capillacea</u>	1	
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	trace	
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	9	
Plant fibers	trace	
Cartilagenous animal tissue	trace	
Colonial animal	trace	
Foliose rhodophyte	trace	
GB-504 June 1979		Rutka 2nd stomach
<u>Codium edule</u>	90	
<u>Gelidiella acerosa</u>	3	
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	3	
<u>Ulva fasciata</u>	1	
Black colonial animals (4 lumps)	1	

GB-505

June 1979

Rutba - small intestine

<u>Gelidiella acerosa</u>	1
<u>Codium edule</u>	75
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	24
<u>Ulva reticulata</u>	trace
<u>Pterocladiia</u> sp.	trace
<u>Ulva fasciata</u>	trace
<u>Achrochaetium</u> (on <u>Codium</u> )	trace
Black colonial animals	trace

GB-506

July 1979 Bellows torso 1st stomach

<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	50
<u>Codium edule</u>	3
colonial animals	2
Silicate sponge (on Amansia)	45

GB-507

July 1979 Bellows torso 2nd stomach

<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	100
Membranous animal material	trace

GB-508

FG Oct 1979 Mortality 1st stomach

<u>Codium reediae</u>	45
<u>Ulva fasciata</u>	45
<u>Gracilaria coronopifolia</u>	5
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>	3
<u>Hypnea cervicornis</u>	2
<u>Cladophora</u> sp.	trace
<u>Ulva reticulata</u>	trace
<u>Gratelouphia filicina</u>	trace
Animal tissue (skin?)	

GB-509

FG Oct 1979 Mortality 2nd stomach

<u>Ulva fasciata</u>	80
<u>Ulva reticulata</u>	10
<u>Ulva rigida</u>	10
<u>Gracilaria coronopifolia</u>	trace

GB-510

Bellows fecal recoveries

5 Sept 1979

<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizomes)	100
Animal hairs (human?)	trace
Skin? (gray)	trace
Cotton fibers	trace
(generally on-descript pieces)	

Bellows fecal  
Recoveries 9/5/79

GB-511

<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizomes)	trace
<u>Codium phasmaticum</u>	90 (combined)
<u>Codium edule</u>	
<u>Halophila ovalis</u> blades etc.	10
<u>Dictyota</u> sp.	trace

GB-512

<u>Halophila ovalis</u>	50
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	50
Animal hair (stiff, black)	trace

GB-513

<u>Codium arabicum</u>	50
<u>Halophila ovalis</u>	50
<u>Ulva fasciata</u>	trace
(sample badly digested)	

GB-514

<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizomes)	50
<u>Codium phasmaticum</u>	
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	50 (combined)
Brown algal fragment	trace
Bryozoan	trace
Hairs	trace
Blue plastic ? skin ?	trace

GB-515

<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizomes)	10
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	90
<u>Ulva fasciata</u>	trace
Blue skin ?	trace

GB-516

<u>Codium arabicum</u>	50
<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizomes)	50
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	trace
Hair	trace
(Badly digested)	

Bellows fecal  
recoveries 9/5/79

GB-517	
<u>Codium</u> sp. (digested)	60
<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizomes)	30
<u>Ulva fasciata</u>	5
Plastic sheet	trace
Hair	trace
Detritus	5

GB-518	
<u>Codium</u> sp. (digested)	50
<u>Ulva</u> sp. (digested)	50

GB-519	
<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizomes)	50
<u>Codium</u> sp. (digested)	50
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	trace
Hair	trace

GB-520	
<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizomes)	70
<u>Codium</u> sp. (digested)	20
Feather quill	10
<u>Ulva</u> sp. (digested)	trace

GB-521	
<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizomes)	45
<u>Sargassum echinocarpum</u>	45
<u>Codium phasmaticum</u>	10
<u>Codium</u> sp. (digested)	trace
Feather	trace
Hair	trace

There is still a lot of cytoplasm in the Codium filaments, but the outer portions of the filaments have lost most of the characteristic features needed for positive identification to species.

GB-522	
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	99 (combined)
<u>Codium phasmaticum</u>	
Round worm associated with <u>Codium</u>	
Coarse black hair	trace

Bellows fecal  
Recoveries 9/5/79  
↓

GB-523		
<u>Codium phasmaticum</u>	90	
<u>Codium</u> sp. (digested)	10	
<u>Polysiphonia</u> sp.	trace	
GB-524		
<u>Codium</u> sp. (digested)	95	
<u>Ulva fasciata</u>	5	
Fragments, detritis		
GB-525		
<u>Codium</u> sp. (digested)	90	
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	5	
<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizome)	5	
Feather	trace	
Hair	trace	
GB-526		
<u>Codium phasmaticum</u>	40 (combined)	
<u>Codium</u> sp. (digested)		
Terrestrial grass	20	
<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizome)	20	
<u>Ulva fasciata</u>	20	
<u>Ulva rigida</u>	trace	
GB-527		
<u>Codium</u> sp. (digested)	75	
<u>Ulva fasciata</u>	25	
Terrestrial grass	trace	
Sample badly digested		
GB-528		
<u>Codium</u> sp. (digested)	90	
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	trace	
Gnarled mass of tissue	10	
GB-529		
<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizome)	70	
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	20	
<u>Ulva rigida</u>	5	
<u>Grateloupia hawaiiana</u>	5	
<u>Dictyota divaricata</u>	trace	
Hair	trace	

GB-530		bellows fecal
Sheet of plastic	75	Recoveries 9/5/69
<u>Ulva rigida</u>	20	↓
<u>Codium</u> sp. (digested)	5	
<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizomes)	trace	
Hair	trace	
GB-531		
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	50	
<u>Codium phasmaticum</u>	50	
<u>Codium</u> sp. (digested)	trace	
GB-532		
<u>Codium arabicum</u>	95 (combined)	
<u>Codium phasmaticum</u>		
<u>Halophila ovalis</u> (rhizome)	3	
<u>Amansia glomerata</u>	1	
<u>Gratelouphia filicina</u>	1	
Cartilagenous material		
GB-533 (Reef Sample)		
<u>Acanthophora spicifera</u>		
<u>Asparagopsis taxiformis</u>		
<u>Centroceras clavulatum</u>		
<u>Ectocarpus breviarticulatus</u>		
<u>Enteromorpha tubulosa</u>		
<u>Gratelouphia hawaiiana</u>		
<u>Hypnea cervicornis</u>		
<u>Hypnea chordacea</u>		
<u>Hypnea musciformis</u>		
<u>Sargassum echinocarpum</u>		
<u>Spyridia filamentosa</u>		
<u>Ulva fasciata</u>		

This looks like a Kaneohe Bay sample, if you collected it from some other bay on Oahu or from another island the exotics it contains would be very important records.

Received 9/7/80

List of the algae in samples GB-501 to GB-533

CHLOROPHYTA

- Codium arabicum Kützing  
Codium edule Silva  
Codium phasmaticum Setchell  
Codium reediae Silva  
Codium sp.  
Enteromorpha tubulosa Kützing  
Ulva fasciata Delile  
Ulva reticulata Forsskal  
Ulva rigida C.Ag.  
Ulva sp.

SEAGRASS

- Halophila ovalis (R. Br.) Hook

PHAEOPHYTA

- Dictyota divaricata  
Dictyota sp.  
Ectocarpus breviarticulatus J. Ag.  
Sargassum echinocarpum J. Ag.

RHODOPHYTA

- Acanthophora spicifera (Vahl) Boerg.  
Acrochaetium sp.  
Amansia glomerata C. Ag.  
Asparagopsis taxiformis (Delile) Coll. and Harvey  
Centroceros clavulatum (C. Ag.) Montagne  
Gelidiella acerosa (Forsskal) Feldmann and Hamel  
Gracilaria coronopifolia J. Ag.  
Grateloupia filicina (Wulfen) C. Ag.  
Grateloupia hawaiiensis Dawson  
Hypnea cervicornis J. Ag.  
Hypnea chordacea J. Ag.  
Hypnea musciformis (Wulfen) C. Ag.  
Pterocladia capillacea (Gmelin) Bornet  
Pterocladia sp.  
Spyridia filamentosa (Wulfen) Harvey

Algae from Chelonia mydas stomach  
Collected at French Frigate Shoals, III-1976,  
by George Balasz

Det. by M. S. Doty, IV-1976, whose herbarium numbers appear at the left below.

- brown*  
31561. Turbinaria ornata (Turner) J. Agardh.

Sterile and free of epiphytes. Composing about 45 per cent of the contents.

- ppd*  
31562. Spyridia filamentosa (Wulfen) Harvey.

Sterile. Composing about 45 per cent of the contents.

- Reb*  
31563. ?Gracilaria n. sp.  
*species*

Cystocarpic. Forming about 9 per cent of the contents.

- ppd*  
31564. Ceramium sp. \*

- blue green*  
31565. Microcoleus lyngbyaceus (Kuetzing) Thuret.

- ppd*  
31567. Polysiphonia sp. \*

Tetrasporic.

- brown*  
31568. Sphaelaria tribuloides Meneghini. short little \*

31569. Roschera sp. \*

\* dissecting scope needed  
for ID \* Having  
grows in clumps in wild

New records of the introduced marine alga Hypnea musciformis  
(Wulfen) J. Ag. (Rhodophyta: Gigartinales) in Hawaii

by

Dennis J. Russell, and George Balazs and Bill Magader

INTRODUCTION

*This will be re-written  
It's just a start!*

Abbott (1987) reported on approximately six alien marine algae that have been introduced to Hawaii since 1950. The species of concern to Hawaiian residents at the time she wrote this article was Hypnea musciformis, an alga native to the Caribbean and tropical Atlantic, but which was just recently introduced to Hawaii. The first alien alga recognized in Hawaii, was Acanthophora spicifera (Vahl) Boerg. It was introduced in about 1954 from Guam (Doty, 1961) and spread quickly to most of the Hawaiian islands by 19--. Also, during the early 1970s several species were introduced to Oahu for commercial and experimental purposes (Doty, 1988; Glenn and Doty, 1990). Two ecotypes of Eucheuma isiforme (C. Ag.) J. Ag. and Gracilaria tikvahiae McLachlan were introduced to Hawaii in from southern Florida (Russell, 1991) and H. musciformis probably came in with E. isiforme thalli in January 1974. All of these species are valued for their agar or carrageenan production and are farmed in other parts of the world (Dawes, etc.). (a sentence or two about Hypnea's commercial worth)

Little work has been published on the ecological consequences of these introductions, in spite of the inevitable

competition by some of them with native algae and the potential introduction of parasites from their place of origin. (tell about 2-3 publications on their ecology)

Studies in Hawaii about Hypnea species (Mshigeni 1977 etc.)

#### ORIGIN AND DISTRIBUTION

On 1976? H. musciformis began showing up in sea turtle stomach samples and from the reefs where sea turtles were recovered. This report summarizes what we have found concerning the spread of H. musciformis in Hawaii since its introduction.

#### A. Summary of occurrence in sea turtle research

1. Where and when (all data)
2. Amounts in turtles %
3. Amounts on reefs %
4. Observations

#### B. Summary of herbarium collections records

#### C. Observations and conclusions

(glean more information from any articles published about Hypnea musciformis in Hawaii or in the Caribbean)

List of Locations of Hypnea musciformis from Turtle Samples

ID#	Location	Source	Date
1 GB-29	Kaneohe Bay, Oahu	turtle	28 Oct 77
2 GB-533	Bellows, Oahu	rocky shore	5 Sep 79
GB-601	Bellows, Oahu	capture net	4 Jan 80
GB-755	Bellows, Oahu	capture net	13 May 80
GB-758	Bellows, Oahu	capture net	14 May 80
GB-1041	Lilipuna, Kaneohe, Oahu	dead turtle	16 Jul 80
GB-1042	Lilipuna, Kaneohe, Oahu	dead turtle	16 Jul 80
-----	Kawela Bay, Oahu	dead turtle	28 Mar 85
-----	Punaiuu, Oahu	algal drift	19 Mar 85
-----	Kuouou, Niu Valley, Oahu <i>Kuilioou</i>	algal drift	4 Apr 85
3 -----	Kahului Harbor, Maui	rocky shore	5 May 85
-----	Kahaluu, Kaneohe Bay, Oahu	dead turtle	3 Jun 85
GB-8464	Kahului <i>Bay</i> , Maui	live turtle	17 Jun 85

----- Kaneohe Bay, Oahu dead turtle 22 Jun 85

----- Airport Lagoon Drive, Oahu dead turtle 13 Jul 85

4 GB-8514 Shipwreck Beach, Kuahua, Lanai live turtle 16 Jul 85

----- Kaneohe Bay, Oahu dead turtle 14 Aug 85

----- Haleiwa Harbor, Oahu dead turtle 26 Mar 86

----- Sand Island, Oahu dead turtle -- Mar 86

----- Kahaluu, Oahu dead turtle 27 Jun 86

----- Kaneohe Bay, Oahu dead turtle 19 Jun 86

----- Kaneohe Bay, Oahu dead turtle 13 Sep 86

----- Kailua Bay, Oahu dead turtle 12 Jan 87

----- Kaneohe Bay, Oahu dead turtle 27 Jan 87

#3448 Kaneohe Bay, Oahu drowned turtle 11 Mar 87

----- Mokuleia, Oahu dead turtle 5 Sep 87

----- Kualoa Beach, Oahu dead turtle 17 Aug 87

----- Mauanalua Bay, Oahu dead turtle 2 Jun 87

7 #9874 Palau, Molokai dead turtle 13 Jul 88  
 ----- Kahala Beach, Oahu dead turtle 21 Feb 88  
 ----- Kahuku, Oahu dead turtle 18 Sep 88  
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 ----- Kaneohe Bay, Oahu dead turtle stomach 8 Oct 89

----- *TURTLE Bay, Oahu*  
 (Turtle Bay - Kahuku Point)  
 Location (?) from (?)

Dead turtle

1 Nov 89

----- Location (?) (?) (15 Apr 90) X  
 Chun's Reef (Location ?) dead turtle stomach 8 Jul 90

----- Haleiwa, Oahu dead turtle stomach 10 Jul 90

N490 *Kaneohe Bay* live turtle stomach flush 3 Aug 90  
 Location (?)

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----- Kailua Beach Park, Oahu dead turtle stomach 4 Aug 90

----- Castle Point, Kailua, Oahu dead turtle stomach 20 Aug 90

----- Waikane, Kaneohe Bay, Oahu dead turtle stomach 6 Sep 90

----- Laenani Beach Park dead turtle stomach 24 Sep 90  
 Oahu (Kaneohe Bay)

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Kahaluu, Kaneohe Bay  
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dead turtle  
stomach

27 Sep 90

~~Hawaiian~~ Kaneohe Bay  
----- ~~PAHO - Location ?~~

dead turtle  
stomach

30 Oct 90 X

Kaneohe Bay  
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dead turtle  
stomach

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dead turtle 14 Nov 90

SAME  
TURTLE

Z227(A) Waikiki, Oahu

dead turtle 17 Dec 90

Z227(B) Waikiki, Oahu

dead turtle 17 Dec 90

N741 Waikiki, Oahu

stomach flush  
live turtle 15 Mar 91

N844 Waikiki, Oahu

" " live turtle 26 Apr 91

N846 Kaneohe Bay, Oahu

" " live turtle 29 Apr 91

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dead turtle  
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SWFC Honolulu Laboratory F/SWC2  
2570 Dole Street  
Honolulu, HI 96822-2396

15 October 1991

Dear George,

I received the samples from Eve Clute (Lahaina) and wrote a letter to her (copy enclosed). The Safe Solutions group has a number of interesting people associated with it, so I have taken the chance of, perhaps enlisting their help in monitoring the Hypnea musciformis distribution and spread. It will be interesting to see what they do next. Anything information they send me will, of course, have to be verified by a professional, so don't worry, I am not going to put hearsay into a publication.

Although the manuscript does have data gaps in it I am progressing and will have a draft ready to send to you soon. I have too, since this is part of my sabbatical justification!

The samples from twenty necropsies arrived and I hope to find more H. musciformis in them. I'll work with them this week. Thank you for keeping me informed with articles like "Turtle Tag", etc. from your local news media, it really give me confidence when talking to my colleagues in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis".

*Copy*

Eve Clute  
Safe Solutions  
P.O. Box 11634  
Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii 96761

15 October 1991

Dear Eve,

George Balazs of the National Marine Fisheries Service sent me the samples of algae (limu) that you mailed to him for identification, plus a copy of the letter of 10 Sep 1991 that you wrote him. I am a consultant on the Sea Turtle Recovery Team and it is my job to identify the algae present in sea turtle stomach samples. He gave the limu you sent for identification to me as he would his own samples. My Ph.D. training and degree is from the University of Hawaii, primarily in the area of limu ecology and specifically in the ecology of those limu species (alien seaweeds) introduced to Hawaii from abroad. These are the identifications and a brief description of each I made from your samples:

- \*Acanthophora spicifera (coarse, spiny, yellow-brown to deep red or black colored seaweed)
- Amansia glomerata (deep red leafy and curly seaweed)
- Cladophora sp. (green slime algae as reported in Maui News 1 May 1991)
- Gracilaria coronopifolia (ogo)
- \*Hypnea musciformis (fine, red seaweed with distinct small hooks among its branches)
- Jania sp. (crunchy, calcified, pink, tufted seaweed)
- Ulva fasciata (green tissue-like sea lettuce)
- Ulva reticulata (green tissue-like, full of holes or netted sea lettuce)

\*these two are alien species

Presently, George and I are writing a paper on the spread of Hypnea musciformis (present in five of the bags you sent). Many of the records of its spread from its primary place of introduction (Kaneohe Bay, Oahu) come from my collections, the Bishop Museum herbarium and sea turtle gut analysis. Upon attempting to write a paper on the spread of this introduced seaweed I find gaps in data collecting. One gap is that we have no records from Kauai, only a few from Lanai and only a few from Hawaii (the Big Island).

*copy*

I looked at the list of members in your organization and wonder if you would, by chance be willing to enlist them to make specific collections of this one species (*Hypnea musciformis*) from Kauai, Lanai and Hawaii and/or report that it is not present at specific locations they may visit. Would you be willing to do this? It would be an excellent way for your people to become involved in helping us understand how this unwanted alien seaweed is spreading in Hawaii and help us understand its potential threat to Hawaii's reef ecology. I would acknowledge your contributions in my publications and papers presented at meetings as they indeed add to the study.

Simply collect only 1/4 cup of the seaweed with hooks (*Hypnea musciformis*), blot it dry so there is no liquid present, let it air dry for an hour, place it into a small ziploc bag along with the collection location, date, name and address of the collector and mail it to me.

Dr. Dennis J. Russell  
Biology Department  
Seattle Pacific University  
Seattle, WA 98119

*three*  
I have enclosed ~~3~~ photos of *Hypnea musciformis* showing the characteristic hooks, so your people will not waste their time sending me a lot of limu not relevant to this study. Thank you for your interest in Hawaiian limu ecology. I place great value on public interest in science and our environment.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Russell

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# Algae bloom topic of council meeting

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Asked whether the algae bloom could be related to the abundance of seaweed washing up on shores on other parts of the island, Abbott could not say. Historically, she said, seaweed did wash up on Kihei and Kahului beaches a century ago, and the question now is not whether such occurrences are normal but how much over normal the present situation is.

Abbott said divers can gather some "quick and dirty data" on the algae bloom if they will stake out a specific spot and tidal period and collect everything they can from that area on a regular basis, say every two weeks. If they dry and weigh the collected seaweed and document it, divers can begin to scientifically monitor the bloom, she suggested.

The state Health Department's ocean water testing section has not learned anything new since it began watching the algae bloom last spring, supervisor Eugene Akazawa said.

Lack of resources to study the bloom is the major limiting factor for the state, Akazawa said. The state is hiring a new staff member to help the single person who now does all water quality testing for the state in Maui County, and an Oahu person may be assigned to monitor Molokai and Lanai.

With that additional help, the state may be able to do more offshore testing to supplement its existing program, Akazawa said.

Such routine data collection may be useful in eventually understanding the algae problem, but "it's not going to give us immediate answers," Akazawa said.

The literature on algae says warmth, sunshine, high nitrogen, phosphorus or runoff are conducive to its growth, Akazawa said. The same algae is found elsewhere in land waters, but is not out of control as it is off Maui.

1991

# Without scientific study,

## Council panel meets Tuesday with experts

By JILL ENGLEDOW  
Staff Writer

WAILUKU — The green and growing algae infesting West Maui waters will be the topic of discussion at a County Council Pub-

lic Works Committee meeting Tuesday morning.

The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Committee Chairman Pat Kawano has invited a number of experts to attend the meeting to discuss the algae and offer suggestions on what to do about it. One visitor, Bishop Museum marine botanist William Magruder, will present his proposal for a study to sur-

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# algae bloom will stay a mystery

vey the Cladophora bloom along the coast from Kaanapali to Kapalua.

If the council should find funds to support Magruder's study, it would be the first time any official agency has done so.

"No one has put their money where their mouth is," University of Hawaii botanist Dr. Isabella Abbott said.

From a scientist's point of view, until an extensive and probably costly study of the problem is done, there can be no definite an-

swers about where it comes from and what to do about it.

Those who frequent Kaanapali coasts have opinions about what is causing the bloom, and they are emphatic about its effect on water quality, ocean life and the segment of the tourist industry that involves visitors who come here to dive or snorkel.

The algae is as bad if not worse than it was in the spring, when it first raised alarms among divers along the coast, diver Kevin

McAfee said of the situation at Kapalua Bay. McAfee said the algae cuts visibility in the bay, which tends to collect the algae, and it is killing coral heads. He said he has photos of coral that was healthy in February or March but which is now dead because of the algae sticking to it.

McAfee said his neighbors, who have

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# Council sees how algae bloom is a problem

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found no sign of excess nutrients from the golf course or sewer treatment plant. There was no algal bloom off Kaanapali last year. Several other visiting and resident divers warned that the growth is ruining water quality, killing coral, threatening marine life and likely to do great damage to Maui's tourist trade.

They emphasized the necessity for immediate action because the bloom is growing fast and killing coral that will take decades to replace. Steven Dollar, a marine biologist at the University of Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, said he's never seen anything like the bloom the videotape depicted, and thinks "some change in the environment" has caused a disruption in the natural input of nutrients from land to sea to cause the bloom.

Dollar did a study last year, following the 1989 bloom, but concentrated on the water off Kaanapali and

found no sign of excess nutrients from the golf course or sewer treatment plant. There was no algal bloom off Kaanapali last year.

He said he did not know there was algae elsewhere along the coastline at the time, or he would have tested there.

Now, Dollar said, he "would love to be involved" in any effort to determine what is feeding the algae off West Maui. He specializes in studying how the "nutrient subsidy" of run-off from activities on the land affect the ocean. He said Maui has an unusual amount of "channelization" like the culvert the Keuper-Bennetts mentioned, and he has always wondered if that could cause problems in the sea.

Dollar said he's sampled water off every coastal golf course in the state and found few problems. "We don't see this kind of situation" anywhere in the islands, he said.

The kind of study Dollar specializes in would follow a study proposed by William Magruder, a marine botanist from the Bishop Museum. Magruder's proposal outlines a five-week study in which divers would document the location and extent of the bloom and would suggest the next step.

The study would cost \$14,880, and would result in "an educated opinion" about possible causes, and "our best ideas for managing it," Magruder said.

Magruder said ongoing monitoring is important, because a bloom like this could have been started by some event that took place months ago, such as a major storm washing nutrients into the sea.

Dollar said he's sampled water off the U.H. Sea Grant Extension Service, said Magruder's study "sounds like a good first step." He said Maui Community College Ma-

rine Options Program students might be able to help conduct the study. Tabata said U.H. botanist Isabella Abbott, an expert on seaweeds and especially on this particular alga, told committee analyst Wayne Botello she would oversee a laboratory experiment to learn how the alga, Cladophora, responds to different elements.

Tabata said he would like work with all the interested parties to solve the problem. Eugene Akazawa, supervisor for the state's ocean water testing section, said his department would support any such effort by providing data the state has collected in monitoring the coastline. Akazawa said there have been findings of excess nitrogen at test sites in South Kihei, Waihikuli and Mahinahina, which "seems to indicate there is a problem" that could come from "anything on land."



10 December 1983

George Balazs  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96812

Dear George,

These are the results of the latest identifications:

#7481 11-6 Mouth

Bryopsis pennata

#7481 11-6 Scrapings

Lyngbya semiplena

Polysiphonia tsudana

Urospora sp.

(possibly Pilinia rimosa Kützing)

Pilinia sp. (May be a new species. This genus has not been reported from the tropical pacific, as far as I know.)

Horizontal creeping rhizoids of irregular square cells, erect branches mostly not branched. Cells 15-30  $\mu$ m thick, band-shaped, lobed chloroplast, lateral globose sporangia near the base. Erect branches tapering to a long cellular hair. See the drawing which I enclosed.

Microscopic round worms

#7485 11-6 Skin

Acrochaetium sp.

Polysiphonia tsudana

Lyngbya semiplena

Round worms

Amphipods

Black mites (see drawing)

#7495

(same as #7485 including the mites)



#7495 11-8 Stomach

Climacosphenia sp. (diatom) only one cell

Mostly squamous epithelial cells

Some filamentous bacteria

#7485 11-6 Mouth

Acrochaetium epiphytic on one of the ramuli of...

Caulerpa racemosa var. macrophysa (largest piece in the vial)

#7509 11-9 Fecal

75% Caulerpa racemosa var. uvifera

25% Bryopsis pennata

#7512 Skin

Barnacles

Urospora sp. (abundant)

Polysiphonia tsudana (abundant)

Pilinia sp. (abundant)

Acrochaetium sp. (abundant)

Cladophora sp. (30-50  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter cells, only one small trace piece)

Dermocarpa sphaerica (epiphytic on Cladophora sp.)

Lyngbya semiplena (frequent)

(Cladophora sp. had unilaterial branching from nearly every cell, branches were arched, and the alga was entirely procumbent)

#7512 11-10 Stomach

Mostly epithelial cells

One spherical component of Caulerpa racemosa var. uvifera

Several cells of Climacosphenia sp. (diatoms)

Oscillatoria filaments (trace)

#7565 11-13 Stomach

Bryopsis pennata

Amphipod

Epithelial cells

Pyxidicula (diatom cells)

Oscillatoria filaments

#7555 11-11 Mouth

Squamous epithelial cells

Flattened strands of "protein" (?) twisted into bundles.

Some bacteria filaments, sand grains, etc.

Blue-green algae (species ?)

Caulerpa racemosa var. macrophysa fragment, filled with starch grains and characteristic twists of cellulose strands.

#7560 11-12 Mouth scrap

Bryopsis pennata var. secunda

Three diatom cells (Pyxidicula sp.)

#7565 11-13 Scraping

Acrochaetium sp.

Polysiphonia tsudana

Sphaelaria tribuloides

Urosopora sp.

Lyngbya semiplena

Pilinia sp.

Foraminifera

DIVE # 14 11-5

Caulerpa serrulata (yellow-green with some saw-toothed blades)

Avrainvillea lacerata (gray-green flat blades)

Hydrocoleum lyngbyaceum (large, pink, slimy cushions)

Zonaria sp. (on a coral piece)

Polysiphonia sp. (trace)

DIVE # 13 11-4

Gelidium pusillum (all of it)

Ceramium sp. (trace)

USCG Confiscation 22 Aug '83 Stomach

Gelidium pusillum (99%)

Codium arabicum (1%)

Dictyota friabilis (trace)

HOGG Kailua Stomach 15 Oct '83

Hypnea cervicornis 80%

Caulerpa sertularioides 10%

Codium edule 5%

Dictyota acuteloba (trace)

Dictyopteris plagiogramme (trace)

Terrestrial grass (one piece)

Halimeda discoidea 5%

Summary:

CHLOROPHYTA

Avrainvillea lacerata J. Ag.

Bryopsis pennata Lamx.

Bryopsis pennata var. secunda (Harvey) Coll. and Harv.

Caulerpa racemosa var. macrophysa (Kützing) Taylor

Caulerpa racemosa var. uvifera (Turner) Weber von Bosse

Caulerpa serrulata (Forsk.) J. Ag.

Caulerpa sertularioides (Gmel) Howe

Cladophora sp.

Codium arabicum Kützing

Codium edule Silva

Pilinia sp. nov. (?)

or Pilinia rimosa Kützing

Urospora sp.nov. (?)

PHAEOPHYTA

Dictyopteris plagiogramme (Mont.) Vickers

Dictyota acuteloba J. Ag.

Dictyota friabilis Setch.

Sphaelaria tribuloides Meneghini

Zonaria sp.

RHODOPHYTA

Acrochaetium sp.

Ceramium sp.

Gelidium pusillum (Stackhouse) LaJolais

Hypnea cervicornis J. Ag.

Polysiphonia sp.

Polysiphonia tsudana Hollenberg

CYANOPHYTA

Dermocarpa sphaerica Setchell and Gardner  
Lyngbya semiplena (C. Ag. ) J. Ag.  
Oscillatoria sp.

BACILLARIOPHYTA (diatoms)

Climacosphenia sp.  
Pyxidicula sp.

George,

I am sending this list tonight so it will have a chance to get to you sooner. I will re-read your letters tomorrow and answer the questions in that letter. Then maybe I'll have a chance to look-up some of those references you asked about, and will have time to tally a bill. Our Hawaiian Marine Biology class is at a Methodist camp in Kailua this week (my "home" town). Maybe next year I will be in Hawaii.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis".

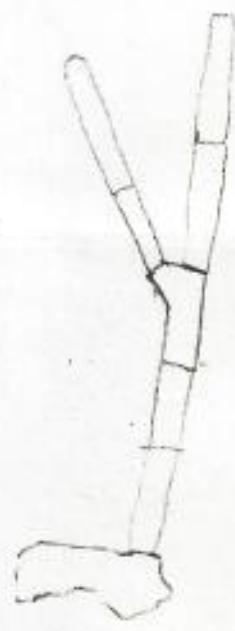
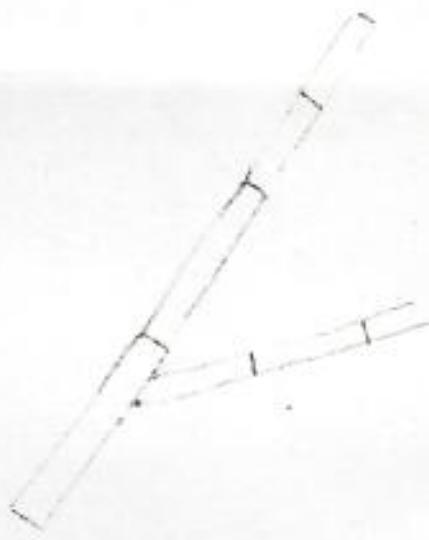
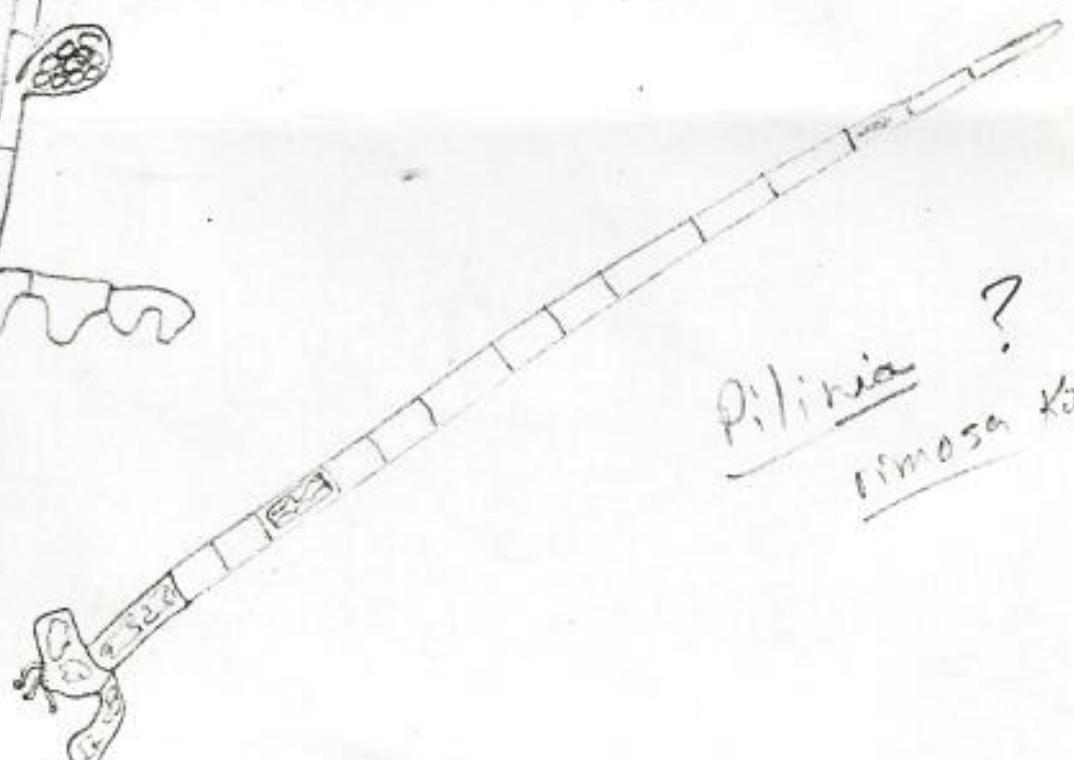
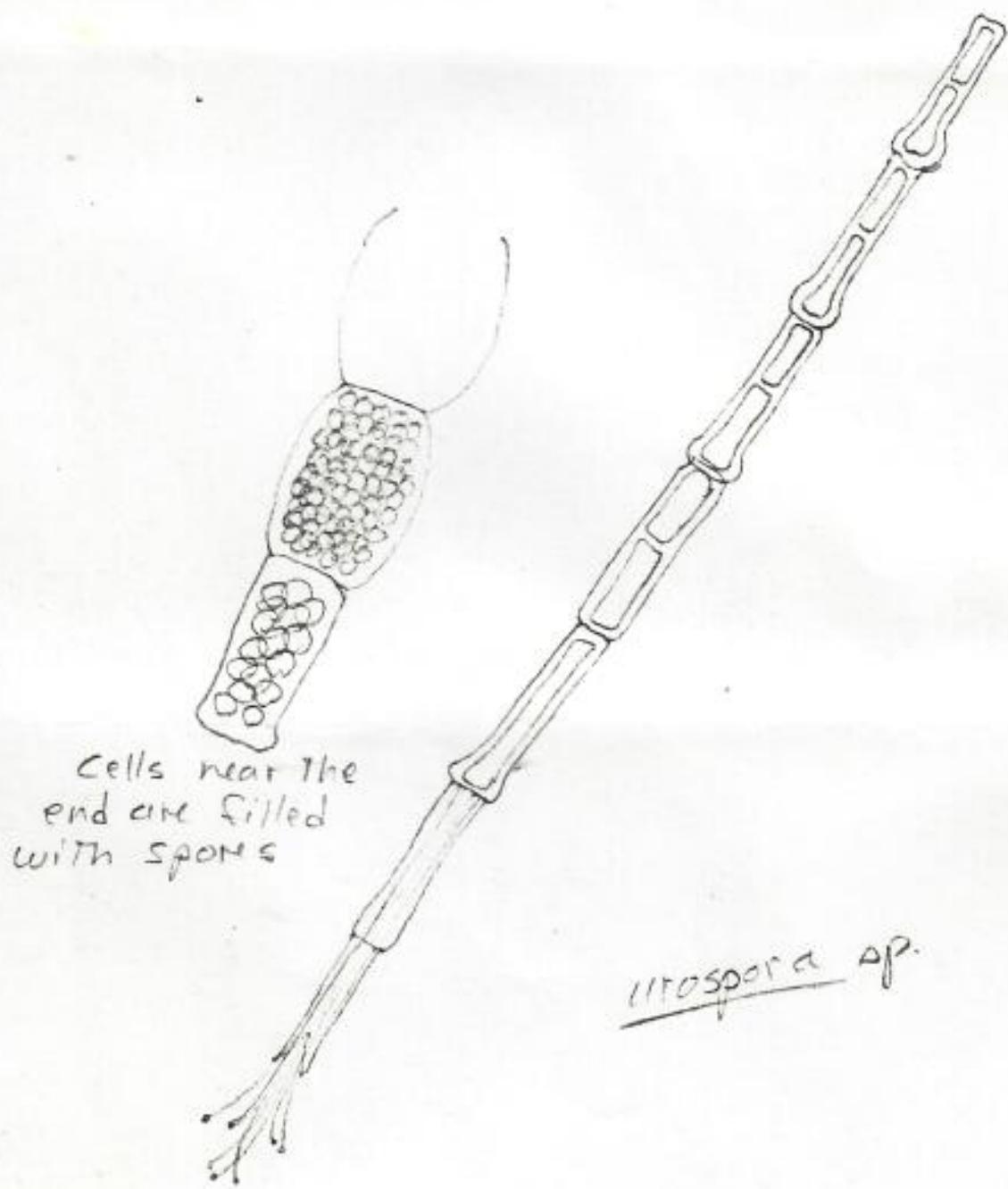


Fig. 5-9



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Cells near the  
end are filled  
with spores

Urticaria ap.

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25 December 1983

George Balazs  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
2570 Dole Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Dear George,

I have finished the "rush" order you wanted and have sent the results to you in another letter. The bill for this job of 25 vials of algae to be identified is \$250.00. Please make the payment to:

Dr. Dennis J. Russell  
Department of Biology  
Seattle Pacific University  
Seattle, Washington 98119

Thank you for this opportunity to work with you on your projects.

Sincerely,

*Dennis J. Russell*  
Dennis J. Russell



25 December 1983

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1. How long can Bryopsis remain detached in drifts on the bottom and still appear green and alive?

Bryopsis is a coenocytic alga (multinuclear siphons or tubular filaments). When the branches are cut or torn the cytoplasm retracts from the cut ends to constrictions at the branch base where a plug is formed and the alga can build a protective wall and a new filament. Some algae, such a Codium can grow, push out beyond the cut ends and even re-attach themselves go the substratum (Ramus, 1972). Nearly all algae can remain alive for quite a long while and even grow while unattached. Their biggest restriction is fertilizer and many will not produce reproductive spores unless they are attached. (a minor problem for those algae that reproduce asexually by fragmentation) Finely branched filamentous algae such as Bryopsis have less problems surviving in the conditions you described, than do the heavier fleshy algae, since Bryopsis has much higher surface area to volume ratio. Ramus: Am. J. Bot. 59(5): 478-452.

Bryopsis could probably remain health and unattached indefinitely, as long as fertilizers were sufficient and currents weak enough to prevent their being washed away.

2. Do you know of good literature references (descriptions and ecology) for Bryopsis and Caulerpa we are finding here?

I would need some more time to collect better references on these species. The references exist, but I do not have them at my fingertips. Do you want me to collect them for you?

Stewart, W. D. P. 1974. Algal Physiology and Biochemistry. Botanical Monographs, Vol. 10, University of California Press, i-xi; 989 pp.

Taylor, W. R. 1967. Marine Algae of the Eastern Tropical and Subtropical Coasts of the Americas. University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor, i-ix; 870 pp.

Trono, G. C. 1968. The Taxonomy and Ecology of the Marine Benthic Algae of the Caroline Islands. Ph.D. dissertation University of Hawaii, i-viii; 387 pp.

3. How common is this Bryopsis in Hawaii?

Bryopsis is very common in Hawaii on piles, floats, boat hulls, buoys and rocks in still water, especially harbors such as Kewalo Basin, Alawai Boat Harbor, Sand Island, Magic Island, and Coconut Island. It appears to inhabit still, diluted sea water, possibly with land run-off in it and possibly an elevated nutrient level. It can survive in habitats with a heavy silt load and can be found on silt covered rock where larger fleshy algae often cannot grow. I found quite a lot of Bryopsis on the reef-flat just to the right of the HIMB dock as you face Coconut Island. It is usually near shore in shallow water, but does occur in dark green clumps as large as tennis balls from time to time, in deeper (0.5 m) water. I would say Bryopsis is common in Hawaii, but usually in relatively small quantities, mixed with other algae, rather than in dense stands by itself.

4. Could you tell if the reef collection of Bryopsis I sent had been "grazed" by turtles or fish?

No, they appeared to be torn at the tops. Fish would probably crop this alga to within 1-5 mm of the rock, so maybe this indicates grazing by a bigger animal. I really cannot say yes.

5. What would Caulerpa racemosa look like that had been grazed?

It would probably look like a pile of thick spaghetti (possibly a yellow-green from being sun bleached). The spaghetti appearance would be due to the nearly naked horizontal rhizomes piled on each other as they spread across the rock. Grazing should not change the morphology of the erect branches (spheres, discs, clubs, etc.).

George, I hope this is not too late and will be of some help. If you wish to continue this research just let me know. I am rather interested in the green filamentous algae found on the skin of your turtles, especially the Pilinia sp. and the Urospora sp. These may be new species or at least not reported from the tropical Pacific. Right now I am working on a manuscript from my dissertation, and would not have time to research these algae, but could start a literature search and at least see what the possibilities might be with them. I would not begin research, report this to any meeting or publish anything without your permission. What do you say?

Again, my wife, son and I wish you, your wife and family the best of new years.

Aloha,



Dennis J. Russell



George Balazs  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
2570 Dole Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

21 January 1984

Dear George,

Thank you for the mailing labels, I'll send the specimens back to you as soon as possible. I am sorry about the confusion concerning the billing and payment. In a previous letter you said you had only \$250 to spend on this job so that is what I wrote the bill for, later I got a PO from NOAA for \$350 for the total and I wrote a new bill for them for that amount. I am really trying to avoid confusion and if there is any problem on your end let me know and we can straighten things out.

This past Christmas holiday I went to Vancouver B.C. to the annual Western Society of Naturalists meetings and came across some interesting material concerning Caulerpa toxins. I've enclosed the abstract for you so you can follow up on it if you desire.

I found a paper in my collection that is on Caulerpa that might interest you. It was in my notebook on species from the tropical Pacific that I use to identify the algae you send. I've enclosed it for you because it has ecological comments you might need and relates to atolls.

I will keep a sub-sample of the new species (?) and return the bulk of material to you so your collections will remain intact. Thank you for this opportunity and I'll let you know how things are going from time to time.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Dennis".

Dennis J. Russell

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Bryopsis could probably remain health and unattached indefinitely, as long as fertilizers were sufficient and currents weak enough to prevent their being washed away.

2. Do you know of good literature references (descriptions and ecology) for Bryopsis and Caulerpa we are finding here?

I would need some more time to collect better references on these species. The references exist, but I do not have them at my fingertips. Do you want me to collect them for you?

Stewart, W. D. P. 1974. Algal Physiology and Biochemistry. Botanical Monographs, Vol. 10, University of California Press, i-xi; 989 pp.

Taylor, W. R. 1967. Marine Algae of the Eastern Tropical and Subtropical Coasts of the Americas. University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor, i-ix; 870 pp.

Trono, G. C. 1968. The Taxonomy and Ecology of the Marine Benthic Algae of the Caroline Islands. Ph.D. dissertation University of Hawaii, i-viii; 387 pp.

3. How common is this Bryopsis in Hawaii?

Bryopsis is very common in Hawaii on piles, floats, boat hulls, buoys and rocks in still water, especially harbors such as Kewalo Basin, Alawai Boat Harbor, Sand Island, Magic Island, and Coconut Island. It appears to inhabit still, diluted sea water, possibly with land run-off in it and possibly an elevated nutrient level. It can survive in habitats with a heavy silt load and can be found on silt covered rock where larger fleshy algae often cannot grow. I found quite a lot of Bryopsis on the reef-flat just to the right of the HIMB dock as you face Coconut Island. It is usually near shore in shallow water, but does occur in dark green clumps as large as tennis balls from time to time, in deeper (0.5 m) water. I would say Bryopsis is common in Hawaii, but usually in relatively small quantities, mixed with other algae, rather than in dense stands by itself.

4. Could you tell if the reef collection of Bryopsis I sent had been "grazed" by turtles or fish?

No, they appeared to be torn at the tops. Fish would probably crop this alga to within 1-5 mm of the rock, so maybe this indicates grazing by a bigger animal. I really cannot say yes.

5. What would Caulerpa racemosa look like that had been grazed?

It would probably look like a pile of thick spaghetti (possibly a yellow-green from being sun bleached). The spaghetti appearance would be due to the nearly naked horizontal rhizomes piled on each other as they spread across the rock. Grazing should not change the morphology of the erect branches (spheres, discs, clubs, etc.).

George, I hope this is not too late and will be of some help. If you wish to continue this research just let me know. I am rather interested in the green filamentous algae found on the skin of your turtles, especially the Pilinia sp. and the Urospora sp. These may be new species or at least not reported from the tropical Pacific. Right now I am working on a manuscript from my dissertation, and would not have time to research these algae, but could start a literature search and at least see what the possibilities might be with them. I would not begin research, report this to any meeting or publish anything without your permission. What do you say?

Again, my wife, son and I wish you, your wife and family the best of new years.

Aloha,

Dennis J. Russell

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Diver Kevin McAfee examines the molted shell of a spiny lobster during a dive off the Honokowai coast. McAfee, a master dive instructor and president of Kapalua Dive Co., said the dense algae that has hit the coast between Honokowai and Ka-palua has been devastating coral and other ma-

rine life. The thick algae floats with the currents and tides and clings to things like coral and the antennae of lobsters. He said much of the coral off Honokowai has been killed by the algae. "It's sad when you think of how long the stuff (coral) took to grow and this stuff is just killing it," McAfee said.

# Council sees how algae bloom is a problem

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found no sign of excess nutrients from the golf course or sewer treatment plant. There was no algal bloom off Kaanapali last year.

Several other visiting and resident divers warned that the growth is ruining water quality, killing coral, threatening marine life and likely to do great damage to Maui's tourist trade.

They emphasized the necessity for immediate action because the bloom is growing fast and killing coral that will take decades to replace.

Steven Dollar, a marine biologist at the University of Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, said he's never seen anything like the bloom the videotape depicted, and thinks "some change in the environment" has caused a disruption in the natural input of nutrients from land to sea to cause the bloom.

Dollar did a study last year, following the 1989 bloom, but concentrated on the water off Kaanapali and

fearing it contains sewage.

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The kind of study Dollar specializes in would follow a study proposed by William Magruder, a marine botanist from the Bishop Museum. Magruder's proposal outlines a five-week study in which divers would document the location and extent of the bloom and would suggest the next step.

The study would cost \$14,880, and would result in "an educated opinion" about possible causes, and "our best ideas for managing it," Magruder said.

Magruder said ongoing monitoring

is important, because a bloom like

this could have been started by some

event that took place months ago,

such as a major storm washing nutrients into the sea.

Dollar said he's sampled water off

every coastal golf course in the state

and found few problems. "We don't

see this kind of situation" anywhere

in the islands, he said.

rine Options Program students might be able to help conduct the study.

Tabata said U.H. botanist Isabella Abbott, an expert on seaweeds and especially on this particular alga, told committee analyst Wayne Boociloe she would oversee a laboratory experiment to learn how the alga, Cladophora, responds to different elements.

Tabata said he would like work with all the interested parties to solve the problem.

Eugene Akazawa, supervisor for

the state's ocean water testing sec-

tion, said his department would sup-

port any such effort by providing da-

ta the state has collected in monitor-

ing the coastline. Akazawa said there

have been findings of excess nitro-

gen at test sites in South Khei,

Wahikuli and Mahinahina, which

"seems to indicate there is a prob-

lem" that could come from "any-

thing on land."



6 November 1983

George Balazs  
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Dear George,

I am finished with the identifications of the algae you sent to me.  
These are the results:

- 7451 Oscillatoria sp. (very fine filaments, nothing else of algal form) *Stomach*
- 7461 Zonaria sp. ? (one small fragment with cells in rows and square groups *small* like Zonaria, but the cells are too small, brown in color)
- 7466 Bryopsis pennata var. secunda (Harvey) Collins and Harvey  
Polysiphonia sp. (fragment)
- 7473 Unidentifiable fibers (paper?), no algae present
- 7476 Bryopsis sp. (fragments only, probably B. pennata var. secunda)

WP Head 10-12

- ~~erect~~ Caulerpa racemosa var. macrophysa (Kützing) Taylor (the larger piece)  
~~prostrate~~ Caulerpa racemosa var. uvifera (Turner) Weber von Bosse (the smaller piece)

WP Head 10-10

Bryopsis pennata var. secunda (Harvey) Collins and Harvey

Dive 11

Caulerpa serrulata f. angusta (Weber von Bosse) Taylor (the one that is twisted and that has teeth along only one margin of the blades)

Caulerpa serrulata (Forsskål) J. Ag. (Flat, toothed on both margins of blade)

Dictyota friabilis Setchell (epiphytic on Caulerpa)

The vials contained a great deal of squamous epithelial cells, probably from the throat of the turtle. I identified several species to variety or form because these are very distinct taxonomically and could be helpful in ecological work.

Thank you for the work, George.

Aloha,

P.S. samples coming by separate mail

*Dennis*

## JOHNSTON ATOLL

From George Balazs to Dennis Russell  
MAIL BY AIR 10/25/83Sample LabelNOTE

1.	WP HEAD	10-12-83	<u>O 7 &amp; Caulerpa</u>	COLLECTED FROM hard substrate along S. shore 5-10' depth. SEVERAL DIFFERENT GROWTH STAGES? EVIDENCE OF GRAZING By TURTLES?
2.	WP Head	10-10-83	<u>Grazed Bryopsis</u>	COLLECTED FROM <u>TOP</u> OF CORAL HEAD - WAVE-BREAK AT LOW TIDE. EVIDENCE OF GRAZING By TURTLES? THEY ARE REGULARLY SEEN FEEDING THERE.
3.	7451	10-4-83		EXTRACTED FROM TURTLE'S STOMACH WITH PLASTIC TUBE & FLUSHING. <u>CAULERPA</u> OR <u>BRYOPSISS</u> likely (?)
4.	7461	10-5-83		" "
5.	7473	10-7-83		" "
6.	7476			" "
7.	7466	10-5-83		" "
8.	DIVE 11		<u>Crinkly Caulerpa</u>	SPARSE GROWTHS COLLECT ON HARD SUBSTRATE
9.	DIVE 12	" 10-12-83		" "



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2 November 1983

Dear George,

Inclosed is the copy you sent to me of the Johnston Atoll study. I have included a few remarks, especially where you indicated, but generally do not find any serious flaws. Most of my marks are in red and on the back of a few pages. I hope they will be of some use. There could be much more literature included, but you are probably not looking for that kind of an approach.

Your samples came yesterday (1 November 1983) and it looks as if there will not be too great of a problem getting them back to you next week. Our biology faculty will be on Oahu this year at a camp in Kailua, near Lanikai. Ron Phillips will be the director and this year I will stay home with the family.

Aloha,

*Dennis*

ALGAE SAMPLES FROM JOHNSON ATOLL  
SENT TO DENNIS RUSSELL FOR ID  
18 NOV 83

SAMPLE NO. & DESCRIPTION

- |     |         |                                    |
|-----|---------|------------------------------------|
| 1.  | 7481    | SCRAPINGS from skin & shell        |
| 2.  | 7485    | " " "                              |
| 3.  | 7495    | " " "                              |
| 4.  | 7512    | " " "                              |
| 5.  | 7565    | " " "                              |
| 6.  | 7481    | Particle found in mouth            |
| 7.  | 7485    | " " "                              |
| 8.  | 7555    | " " "                              |
| 9.  | 7560    | " " "                              |
| 10. | 7565    | " " "                              |
| 11. | x 7495  | Pumped from stomach or "crop"      |
| 12. | x 7512  | " " "                              |
| 13. | x 7565  | " " "                              |
| 14. | 7509    | RINSED PARTICLES from fecal pellet |
| 15. | DIVE 13 | Bottom sample                      |
| 6.  | DIVE 14 | " "                                |
| 7.  | DIVE 15 | " "                                |