

Releasing of Sea Cucumber juveniles

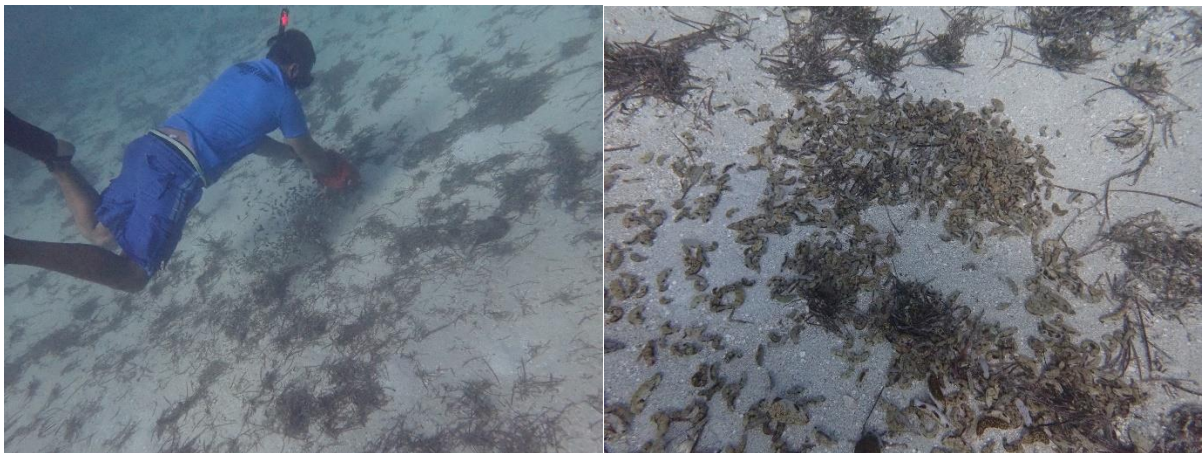


Left: measuring juveniles, Right: juveniles ready to be released

The Ministry of Fisheries is working together with Vast Ocean Aquaculture Co. Ltd to develop the deep sea farming program for young sea cucumbers. The purpose of this program is to develop a substantial sea cucumber export in the near future.

This program is also set as a trial, in order to develop local community sea cucumber farming.

Since the first sea cucumber crown opened in December 2018, Vast Ocean Aquaculture Co. Ltd. has successfully spawned over 1.5 million pieces of golden sandfish (Nga'ito) juveniles over a three month period.



Left: Fisheries Officer, Sione Mailau carefully releasing the juveniles, Right: a close up of juveniles on the sea floor

The first 10,000 pieces of juveniles were released in Polo'a Aquaculture area on the 23rd of March 2019. For the next three months, Vast Ocean Aquaculture Co. Ltd and Ministry of Fisheries will continue to deliver more than 1.5 million pieces of juvenile into the aquaculture area.