



EXPEDITION PROFILE

March 2, 2017 aboard DISCOVERY Yacht Lojo

The International SeaKeepers Society conducted a marine fish survey through Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) aboard the DISCOVERY Yacht Lojo. The survey was conducted in the Florida Keys on Western Sambo reef to help collect data on fish species and populations in the region.

By snorkeling, participants surveyed sites in Western Sambo reef in the Florida Keys. Various species of reef fish were identified and their numbers were counted to help identify the biodiversity of the region. Some of the fish observed included three barracuda (*Sphyraena barracuda*), two French angelfish (*Pomacanthus paru*), spotlight parrotfish (*Sparisoma viride*), and various snapper. The ongoing survey project was created in 1990 and utilizes divers and snorkelers to help record the populations and species found in location such as the Caribbean and the East and West Coasts of the US and Canada.

REEF is a grass-roots organization that works to support marine conservation through education and the involvement of non-scientists. Divers and ocean lovers can get involved through a number of programs which depend on participation from citizens who want to get involved with marine conservation efforts. This is the first time SeaKeepers has participated in a REEF program.

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