

GIANT CORALS. FUTURE MARINE MONUMENTS.

HOW TO SURVEY CORAL COLONIES

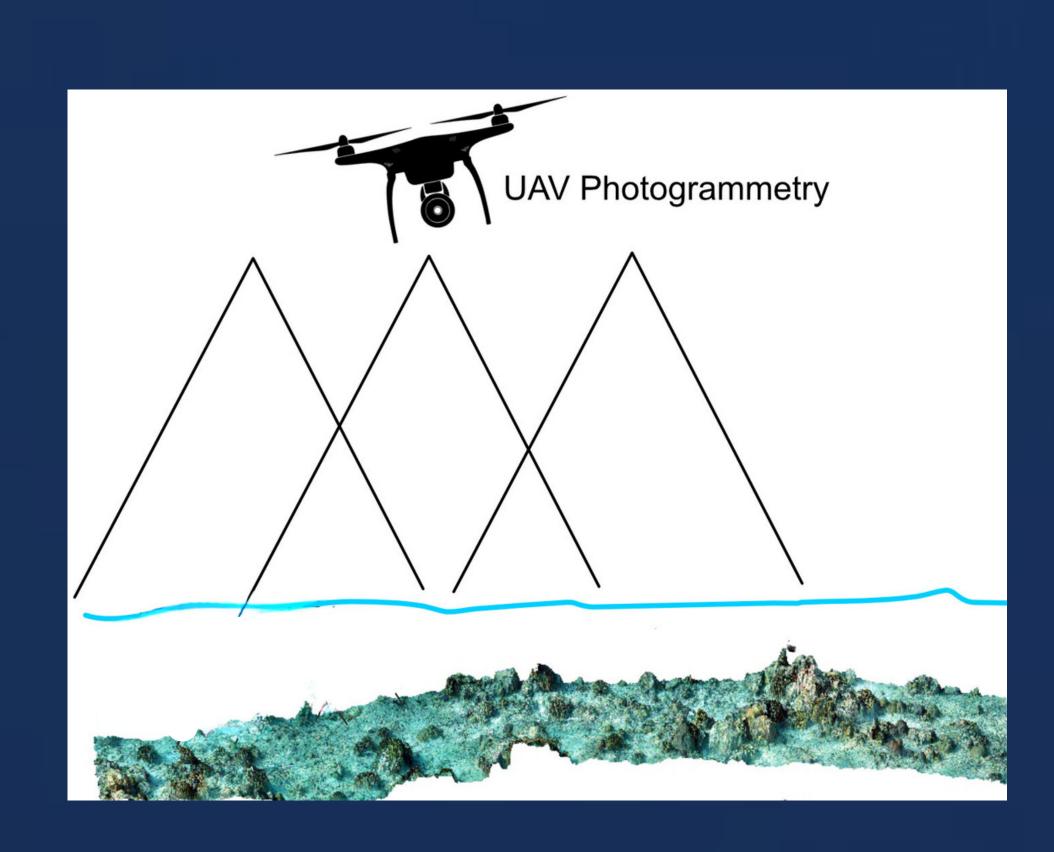
Help us locate a Giant Coral!

SURVEY WITH A DRONE

This type of survey is advisable for people using drones for leisure or for professional use and will allow people to locate giant corals visible below the surface in the first few meters of water.

Steps to take:

- Choose an area to survey.
- Prepare your drone for flight.
 - Be careful not to fly the drone in the vicinity of people, buildings, trees or antennas and carefully avoid airports or seaplane landing areas,
 - Avoid the central hours of the day and prepare for the flight in the early morning or late
 afternoon to reduce sun glint on the sea surface,
 - Prefer low tides as this allows for the drone to capture deeper waters,
 - Avoid choppy water.
- Note the model of the drone
- Note the height of the flight
- If you are flying over an area and happen to spot a giant coral colony, take several pictures while maintaining a closer height and ensuring a 70% overlap both vertically and horizontally. When capturing these shots, try to avoid including the horizon as much as possible and take photos from different angles, parallel to the sea surface and with tilted camera.



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