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Mahalo iā oe for leading our amazing group of kanaka ‘ōiwi and kama‘āina to pō. The trip was really about integrating culture, stewards, and everyone else onboard IMUA, but i will say that as an individual I was able to connect to Papahānaumokuākea on a completely different level this time around.

While onboard the ship, I experienced heavy dreams the entire way up. I don't typically have dreams. Chicken skin.

In reflection, my na'au told me not to jump in the water and sure enough, had Mano escorting the group out of the water. I was being followed by a school of nenu, which after realizing they were behind me and looking for food, ate limu kahili from my hand repeatedly. life.

Mokumanamana and Nihoa have choked mana!!! Blessed to have met people like Ali'i, Kekuewa, Na'alehu, and all the folks who spent way mo



We managed to get two epic field days in this trip. I was a small part of the larger effort to survey and support co-management of papahānaumokuākea and the nearshore fisheries. Most of the 'Ōpihi were healthy and abundant. A nice bell curve distribution of sizes and spawn events as recent as 1-2 months ago. Seals were protecting their pups in full force. I was having fun feeding nenu limu kahili and was petting the fish with my hands. the crew got chased out of a fish survey by Mano. Lots of native birds, all contributing to the limu, which were dying back but still healthy in some areas. A couple rain squads suggest the intertidal was still being fed by some rain and surging tides mixed with trade swell and southern ground swell. The conditions were challenging but everyone made it safely back to the researchers vessel IMUA