

The table below lists all variables in the habitat database collected using the Rapid Habitat Assessment Method (RHA) and the month data collection began/ended for each variable for St. John and St. Croix, USVI. The table shows all changes in methods used to collect habitat data and the variables discontinued. All sites are located in St. John; however, in February 2002 the locations included St. Croix as well.

x = data collected o = data not collected

Variable group	Variable	Level of data collection	Area sampled	Jul 02	Jul 03	Feb 04	Jul 04	Jul 05	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jul 08	To date
Logistic data	Survey date	Site level	N/A	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Logistic data	Survey time	Site level	N/A	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Habitat structure	Habitat category (from habitat classification scheme)	Site level	Unknown	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Abiotic cover type	Hard cover	Site level	177-m ²	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Abiotic cover type	Rubble cover	Site level	177-m ²	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Abiotic cover type	Sand cover	Site level	177-m ²	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Biotic cover type	Macroalgal cover - total	Site level	177-m ²	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Biotic cover type	Live coral cover - total	Site level	177-m ²	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Biotic cover type	Gorgonian cover - total	Site level	177-m ²	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Biotic cover type	Sponge cover - total	Site level	177-m ²	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Biotic cover type	Turf/Bare/Uncolonized cover - total	Site level	177-m ²	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
canopy height	Macroalgal height	Site level	177-m ²	o	x	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
canopy height	Live coral height	Site level	177-m ²	o	x	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
canopy height	Gorgonian height	Site level	177-m ²	o	x	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
canopy height	Sponge height	Site level	177-m ²	o	x	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
canopy height	Turf/Bare/Uncolonized height	Site level	177-m ²	o	x	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Structural complexity	Max sea floor height	Site level	177-m ²	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Structural complexity	Min sea floor height	Site level	177-m ²	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Structural complexity	Rugosity (low, medium, high)	Site level	177-m ²	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Photo documentation of site	Not applicable	Site level	Unknown	o	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

February 2004 is for the St. John and St. Croix locations