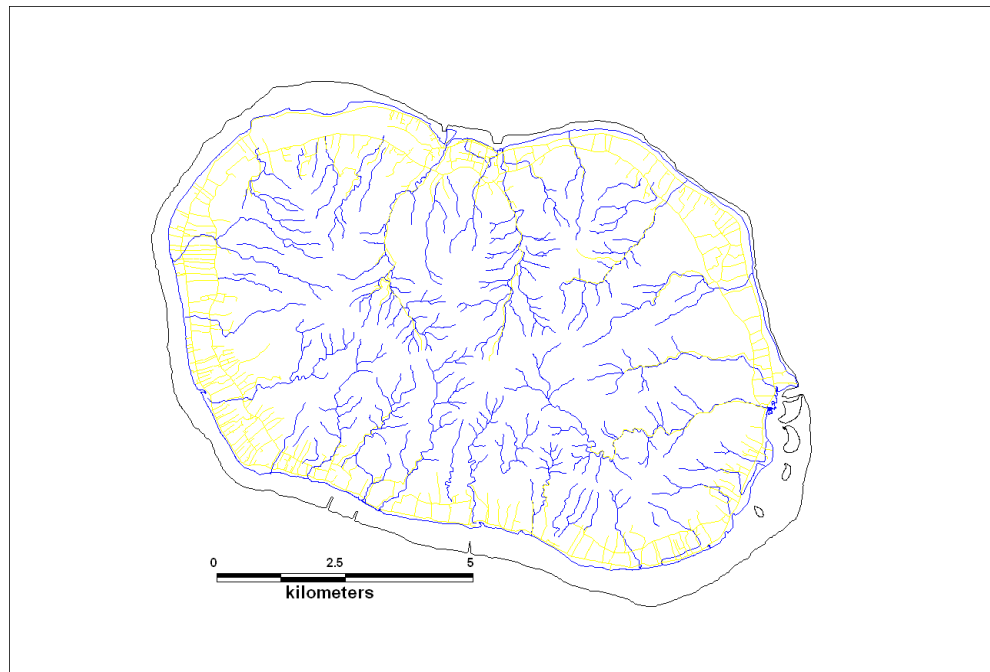


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Executive Summary

The water quality monitoring programme was started to provide baseline water quality data for Rarotonga in September 2004 and was modified and expanded in 2006. Initially the Takitumu area was a concern due to the occurrence of the syndrome that occurred in Titikaveka. The syndrome affected people who swam or spent time in the Titikaveka lagoon area at the end of 2003 and as a result developed eye, nose, throat and skin irritations.

In 2007 samples were collected on a monthly basis from 14 lagoon and 8 stream sites. The water samples were analysed for nutrients, physical parameters, total and volatile suspended solids, chlorophyll *a* and bacteria. Nutrient samples were sent to the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Ltd (NIWA) for analyses, the physical parameters were measured at each site and bacteria, total and volatile suspended solids and chlorophyll *a* were analysed at the Ministry of Marine Resources (MMR) laboratory.

The results showed that the Eco-Tours site had the lowest lagoon water quality, with concentrations above those recommended for the protection of coral reefs, for dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP), chlorophyll *a* and total suspended solids. The Eco-Tours site also had the highest ammonia and nitrate concentrations and the bacteria concentrations were in category D on three sampling occasions. Club Raro had the best lagoon water quality with all nutrient and chlorophyll *a* concentrations below the guidelines recommended for the protection of coral reefs and with bacteria concentrations below the World Health Organisation (WHO) standards for contact recreation. The lowest water quality occurred in March with most of the sites having elevated bacteria, total suspended solids and volatile suspended solids.

The Akapuao stream had the lowest stream water quality with the lowest dissolved oxygen (DO) concentration and high concentrations of total suspended solids, volatile suspended solids, bacteria, DRP, ammonia and nitrate. The North Airport Drain had the best water quality where, except for two sampling occasions, all samples were in the A and B category for bacteria concentrations and had the highest number of samplings that were below the DRP concentrations recommended for the protection of coral reefs.

The results from this report can be used to compare the state of the water quality in the lagoon and streams with those in the past and can be used to evaluate future developments.

1. Introduction

Rarotonga is the capital of the Cook Islands and is rapidly developing, hence it is vital that the health of the lagoon is monitored and action is taken to protect the health of the lagoon, the reef and most importantly human health. Human activities for example farming pigs, deforestation and farming of crops close to streams are known to decrease the water quality in the streams and the lagoon. Results of the water quality monitoring programme give information on the state of the streams and the lagoon and if a low water quality is detected, human activities close to the streams can be investigated.

Rainfall can influence the health status of the lagoon and streams, and on Rarotonga the rainfall and weather patterns vary between the wet and dry season. The dry season begins in April/May to September/October and the wet season begins in November and ends in March. During the dry season the prevailing wind direction is from the east and southeast shifting to the northeast during the rainy season with occasional tropical storms especially from the north west.

The measurement of basic physical and chemical parameters (temperature, DO, pH and salinity) is important for establishing long term changes in water quality of the lagoons and streams. Temperature and DO influences the occurrence and growth of aquatic plants, and animals. The solubility of DO in water is regulated by temperature, however other factors also affect DO saturations. In the water, DO is either absorbed directly from the atmosphere or is produced by plants or algae by photosynthesis and is removed by respiration and decomposition of organic matter. The recommended minimum for DO (Department of Health, Clean Water Branch Hawaii 1994) is not less than 75% saturation for oceanic waters, embayments, open coastal waters and estuaries and not less than 80% for streams. There is little variation in salinity in most marine environments and it is normally between 34ppt and 36ppt (Smith 2004).

Mosely et al. (2004) in the water quality guidelines developed for Pacific Countries by the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) suggested that pH should be between 8.0 and 8.4 in lagoon type environments which is similar to the ANZECC (2000) standards for tropical Australia. The Department of Health, Clean Water Branch Hawaii (1994) pH standard for open coastal waters is between 7.6 and 8.6 and can be as low as 7.0 in areas influenced by freshwater inputs.

Nutrients such as nitrate and phosphate are naturally present in seawater and are essential for the growth of phytoplankton and other algae, which form the base of the food web. Naturally occurring nutrient concentrations in the tropical Pacific Ocean are generally very low, as is productivity. If elevated concentrations of nutrients are added to the water, algae and aquatic plant biomass will increase. In coral reef areas, this can have detrimental impacts on the coral reef.

The guidelines for nutrient concentrations for the protection of coral reef health are 14µg/L for dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN), which is made up of nitrate and ammonia (NO₃-N + NH₄-N), and 2.6µg/L for dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP) (Bell 1992). The ANZECC guideline values for streams or lowland rivers of concern in Australian tropical areas are 10µg/L for nitrate (NO₃-N) and ammonia (NH₄-N), and 4µg/L for DRP (ANZECC 2000). All physical and chemical measurements made are indicative of lagoon health and provide a baseline for water quality for lagoons and streams around Rarotonga.

Chlorophyll *a* is used to measure phytoplankton biomass which increases when nutrient concentrations in the water column increase. Chlorophyll *a* concentrations above 0.5µg/L have been shown to impact coral reef health (Bell 1992). Total suspended solids measures the inorganic and organic particulate material in the water column, like chlorophyll *a*, elevated total suspended solids have been shown to impact negatively on coral reef health above concentration of 4-5mg/L (Bell 1992).

The organic particulate material in the water, particularly of animal origin, can be related to bacteria concentrations in the water; the higher the particulate material the higher the concentration of bacteria. Enterococci are a group of bacteria commonly used to indicate the potential presence of human pathogens in the marine and freshwater environment. Guidelines have been developed by the World Health Organisation for contact recreation using Enterococci numbers in the marine environment (Table 1). This guideline is also used for freshwater to evaluate the water quality of the streams as they flow directly into the lagoon and are likely to impact the bacterial counts in the lagoon.

The results from this report are compared with the guidelines for the protection of coral reefs and the guidelines for swimming and overall findings are presented.

Table 1. WHO Standards for Bathing Water Quality (WHO 2001).

| Category | Indicator Counts | Microbiological Assessment |
|----------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| A. | ≤ 40 Enterococci /100ml | Suitable for swimming |
| B. | ≥ 41 to ≤ 200 Enterococci /100ml | Suitable for swimming but requires surveillance |
| C. | ≥ 201 to ≥ 500 Enterococci /100ml | Not suitable for swimming, requires assessment |
| D. | > 500 Enterococci /100ml | Not suitable for swimming, public warnings |

2. Methods

2.1 Sampling Sites and Sampling

Fourteen lagoon and 8 stream sites were sampled monthly (Fig 1, Table 2 and 3). All the lagoon sites were sampled for total and volatile suspended solids however the data from May and June were removed because of inadequate rinsing of the filters. The total and volatile suspended solids data for the sites Pou'ara Ra'ui, Avana Mudflats, Eco-Tours, Tikioki Packing Shed, Kent Hall, Totokoitu Research Station, Sheraton and Kaena Restaurant in February were also removed for the same reason. There were no volatile suspended solids for January as the filters were not processed for this parameter. There were no chlorophyll *a* data available for the first 3 months of the year. All lagoon physical parameter data were missing for August. The lagoon DO data in August 2007 were missing. For lagoon samples salinity data for August and September and pH data for February, April, May, and September were deleted because of instrument calibration problems. All stream physical parameter data were missing for June and October; pH data were deleted for January, February, April and May because of instrument calibration problems. Rutaki stream was dry in August.

2.2 Physical Parameters

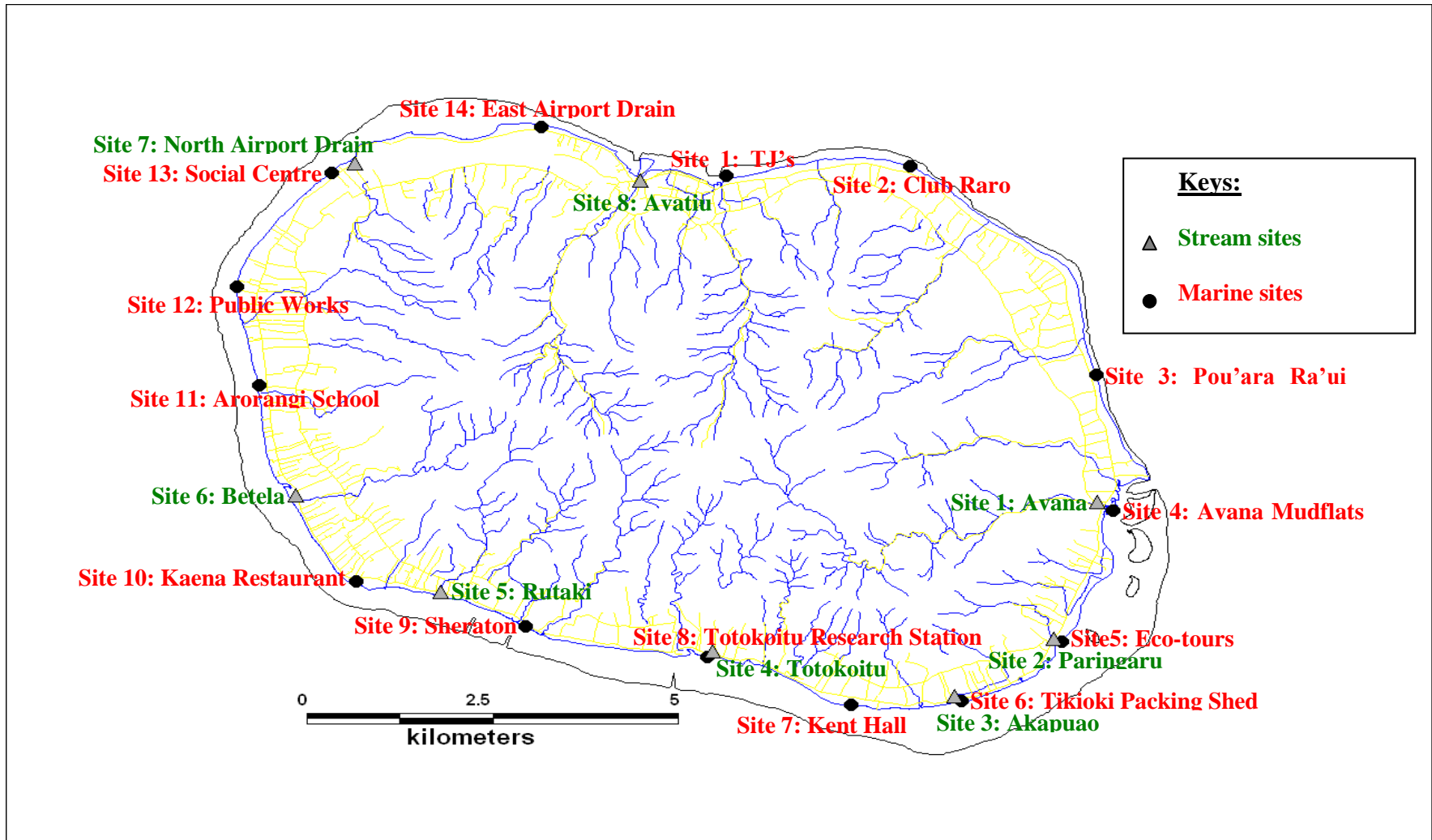
At each site temperature (°C), dissolved oxygen (DO) % saturation and concentration, pH and salinity (‰) were measured using a YSI 556 Probe. The individual probes were calibrated before use in the field (Hall et al., 2007). Measurements were made at each site at the time of water sampling (Hall et al., 2007).

Table 2. Rarotonga Lagoon sampling sites.

| SITE NUMBER | LOCATION | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | TJ's | S21 12.308 | W159 46.441 |
| 2 | Club Raro | S21 04.417 | W159 45.304 |
| 3 | Pou'ara Ra'ui | S21 13.821 | W159 43.842 |
| 4 | Avana Mudflat | S21 14.864 | W159 43.730 |
| 5 | Eco-Tours | S21 15.856 | W159 44.089 |
| 6 | Tikioki Packing Shed | S21 16.314 | W159 44.788 |
| 7 | Kent Hall | S21 16.195 | W159 45.335 |
| 8 | Totokoitu Research Station | S21 15.976 | W159 46.570 |
| 9 | Sheraton | S21 15.744 | W159 47.851 |
| 10 | Kaena Restaurant | S21 15.401 | W159 49.036 |
| 11 | Arorangi School | S21 13.903 | W159 49.723 |
| 12 | Public Works | S21 13.149 | W159 49.873 |
| 13 | Social Centre | S21 12.285 | W159 49.205 |
| 14 | East Airport Drain | S21 11.932 | W159 47.737 |

Table 3: Rarotonga Stream sampling sites.

| SITE NUMBER | LOCATION | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE |
|-------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | Avana | S21 14.794 | W159 43.835 |
| 2 | Paringaru | S21 15.838 | W159 44.135 |
| 3 | Akapuao | S21 16.274 | W159 44.836 |
| 4 | Totokoitu | S21 15.938 | W159 46.535 |
| 5 | Rutaki | S21 15.481 | W159 48.442 |
| 6 | Betela | S21 14.739 | W159 49.462 |
| 7 | North Airport Drain | S21 12.214 | W159 49.043 |
| 8 | Avatiu | S21 12.342 | W159 47.047 |



2.3 Nutrients

All water samples for nutrient analysis were collected, stored on ice and processed within eight hours. Samples for nutrients were filtered through a Whatman GF/F glass fibre filter into a 250ml acid washed plastic bottle. These samples were stored frozen until they were shipped on ice in chilly bins to NIWA for analysis. All nutrient analysis were conducted using an Astoria Pacific autoanalyser 300 series with methods from the Astoria Pacific International Methods Manual (A 6/00). NO₃-N was analysed by the cadmium column reduction method (Astoria 305-A177), DRP by the molybdenum blue method (Astoria 305-A204) and NH₄-N by the indophenol blue method (Astoria 305-A026).

2.4 Chlorophyll *a* and Suspended Solids

Samples for total and volatile suspended solids and chlorophyll *a* analysis were collected and stored in the dark on ice for a maximum of 8 hours. Known volumes of samples were filtered on to GF/F filters for total and volatile suspended solids, placed on a labeled aluminum cup and dried in an oven at 104°C for 6 hours (Hall et al., 2007).

For chlorophyll *a* the filters were analysed by acetone extraction and fluorometry (APHA 1998).

2.5 Bacteria

Water samples collected were stored on ice and analysed for Enterococci within 5 hours of sample collection. Samples were analysed in duplicate using a membrane filtration method and placed on Enterococci agar (Hall et al., 2007). The volumes filtered differed depending on how clean the water was and on previous results (Hall et al., 2007). Enterococci plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 hours after which Enterococci per 100ml were calculated (Hall et al., 2007).

3. Results

3.1 Physical Parameters Lagoon

The water temperature in the lagoon has a strong seasonal variation with highest mean temperature in February and April and lowest in July. Mean air temperature ranged from 27.1°C in February to 23.2°C in July/September. The lagoon water temperatures showed similar trends to the air temperature. The cooler months were from June to September and the warmer months from October to May. The mean lagoon temperature in 2007 ranged from 22.6°C in July to 27.9°C in February and April, compared to 2006 when the range was 23.8 to 29.1°C (Fig. 2).

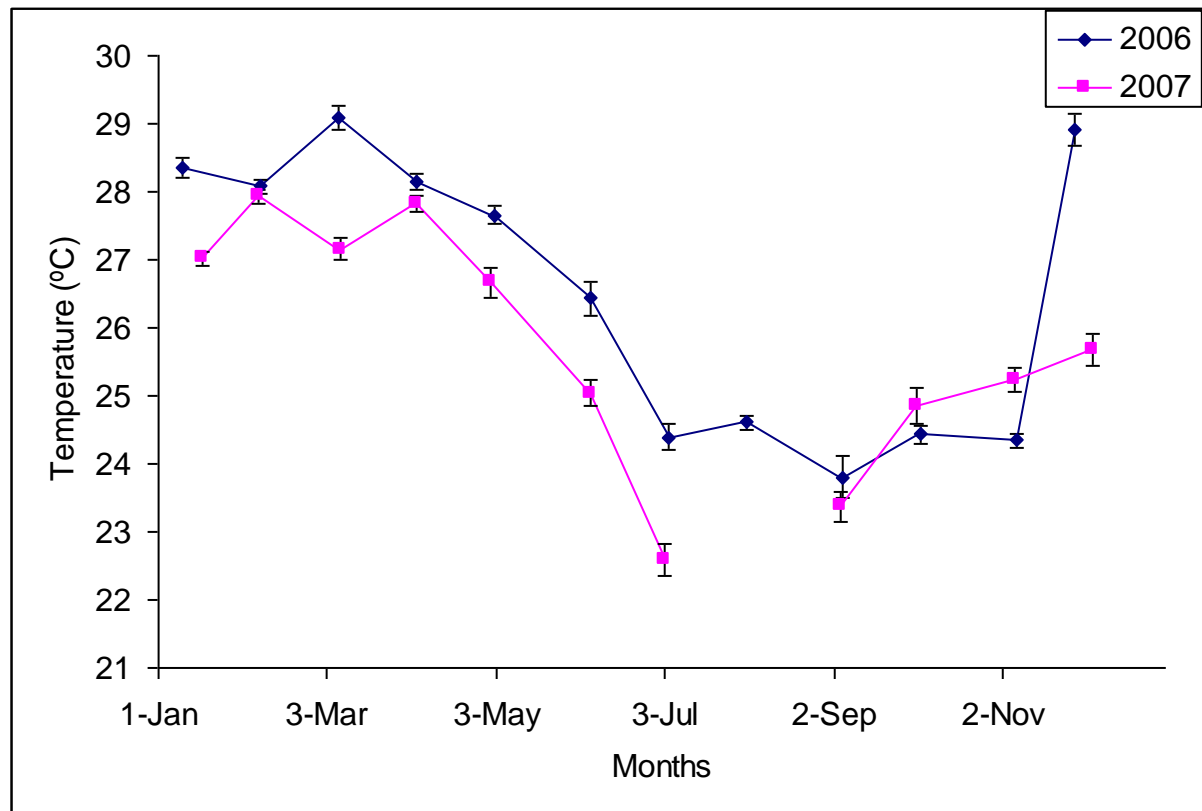


Figure 2. Lagoon annual mean temperature (°C) in Rarotonga from January to December 2007 and 2006.

In 2007 the East Airport Drain site had the highest temperature of 29.0°C in April and the lowest was 21.2°C at Totokoitu Research Station in July.

The pH of the lagoon ranged from 8.0 at Eco-Tours in December to 8.9 at Arorangi School in March (Appendix 3). The highest pH recorded in 2007 exceeded the Department of Health Clean Water Branch (1994) guideline of between 7.6 and 8.6 for open coastal waters.

Salinity ranged from 27.5‰ at Eco-Tours in March to 37.6‰ at Social Centre in February (Appendix 3). The Eco-Tours site is influenced by stream inflows resulting in lower salinities at certain tides and stream flows. The March salinity was consistently low across all sites due to high rainfall in the 3 days prior to sampling. Salinity is site specific; sites with freshwater influence have a wide range of salinity compared to sites with no or little freshwater influence (Tuatai et al., 2006).

In Tuatai et al 2006 DO was reported as DO concentrations and in this report percent (%) saturation is used. DO saturations range from 75.8% (4.9mg/L) at Eco-Tours in February to 150.8% (9.7mg/L) at Arorangi School in April (Appendix 3). All DO saturations in 2007 were above the guidelines of $\leq 75\%$ for the Department of Health Clean Water Branch (1994).

Streams

The temperatures for the stream sites showed a strong seasonal variation with higher temperatures in the summer months and lower temperatures in the cooler months. The stream temperature follows the air temperature trends in 2007 but overall air temperatures were cooler. The temperature ranged from 19.8°C at Totokoitu in September to 32.7 °C in April and is narrower than the range of 21.1 to 33.9°C recorded in 2006. The sites had similar mean temperatures except for the North Airport Drain which showed consistently higher temperatures in both 2006 and 2007 (Fig. 3).

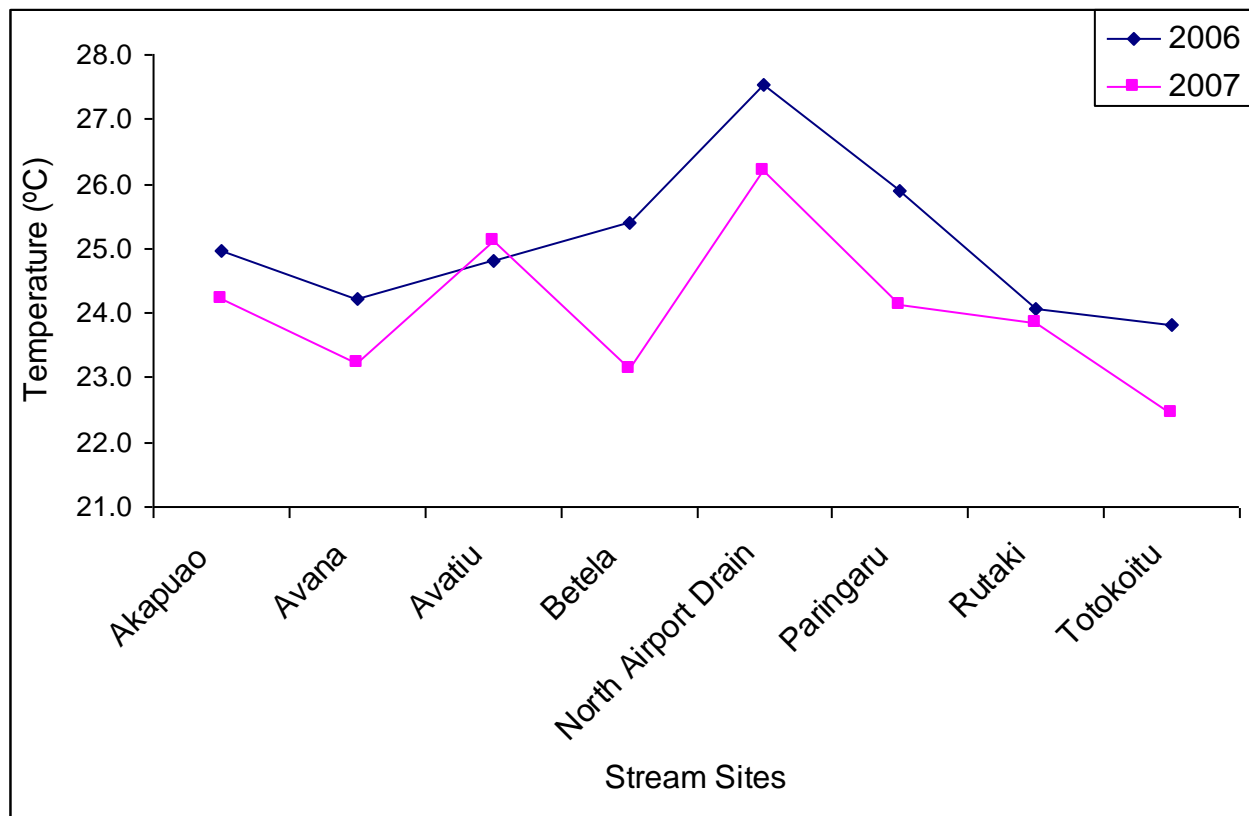


Figure 3. Stream mean temperature (°C) in Rarotonga from January to December in 2007 and 2006.

The pH of the streams ranged from 5.3 at the North Airport Drain to 10.2 in Avatiu in July with the upper pH range above Department of Health Clean Water Branch (1994) guidelines.

Salinity in the streams ranged from 0.04‰ at Totokoitu in September to 13.1‰ at Avana in November 2007 (Appendix 3). In 2007 Betela and Totokoitu consistently had the lowest mean salinity (0.1‰) and Akapuao, Avana, Avatiu and North Airport Drain occasionally had elevated salinities due to tidal influences. Avana and Akapuao salinities were higher due to high seas in November in the Takitumu area.

Dissolved oxygen (DO) saturations in the streams ranged from 11.1% (0.9 mg/L) at Akapuao in February to 199.6 % (14mg/L) at Avatiu in December 2007 (Table 4). Akapuao consistently had the lowest DO saturations followed by Paringaru and both were consistently below the Clean Water Branch standard for stream waters. Avatiu and the North Airport Drain were consistently over the standard except in January when the North Airport Drain was slightly below.

Table 4. Dissolved Oxygen (DO) saturations (%) recorded in the Rarotonga streams from January to December in 2007. The recommended minimum for DO (Department of Health, Clean Water Branch Hawaii 1994) is not less than 80% for streams. Green indicates results within the guideline and red indicates results above the guideline.

| Date | Avana | Paringaru | Akapuao | Totokoitu | Rutaki | Betela | North Airport Drain | Avatiu |
|-----------|-------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| 17-Jan-07 | 111.7 | 59 | 31.3 | 91.8 | 112.9 | 95 | 78.4 | 117.4 |
| 6-Feb-07 | 91.7 | 48.8 | 11.1 | 82.9 | 71.8 | | 113.5 | 107.9 |
| 8-Mar-07 | 98.3 | 90.7 | 76.8 | 99.1 | 96.6 | 90 | 126.1 | 96.5 |
| 4-Apr-07 | 91 | 54.2 | 46.2 | 91.6 | 90.3 | | 177.2 | 90.9 |
| 1-May-07 | 92.8 | 54.3 | 22.6 | 84.1 | 88.4 | 118.2 | 159.2 | 167.8 |
| 6-Jun-07 | | | | | | | | |
| 3-Jul-07 | 77.6 | 56.4 | | 83.6 | 72.6 | 67.1 | 103.1 | 143.9 |
| 7-Aug-07 | 80.3 | 88.2 | 19.1 | 79.4 | | 68.4 | 132.5 | 97.1 |
| 4-Sep-07 | 95.2 | 44.6 | 27.6 | 89.2 | 101.8 | 90.7 | 116.4 | 101.4 |
| 2-Oct-07 | | | | | | | | |
| 6-Nov-07 | 84.2 | 113.2 | 17 | 83.4 | 135.5 | 79.9 | 118 | 108.5 |
| 4-Dec-07 | 125.1 | 66.1 | 51.8 | 117.2 | 114.5 | 98.7 | 110.1 | 199.6 |

3.2 Nutrients

Lagoon

DRP concentrations ranged from 0.5 to 49µg/L (Table 5). At Eco-Tours, Kent Hall and Totokoitu Research Station sites, the DRP concentrations exceeded the Bell (1992) guideline of 2.6µg/L for the protection of coral reef health on all sampling occasions. The TJ's and Club Raro sites had five occasions that were below the guideline. In August, eight out of fifteen sites were below the recommended guideline whereas the months of January, February and September all sites exceeded the guideline (Bell 1992) (Table 5).

The guideline concentration for DIN ($\text{NO}_3\text{-N} + \text{NH}_4\text{-N}$) for the protection of coral reef health is 14µg/L (Bell 1992). The Kent Hall site exceeded the Bell (1992) guideline on ten out of twelve sampling occasions and Tikioki Packing Shed exceeded it on eight occasions (Table 6). Club Raro and Social Centre were the only two sites that were below the Bell (1992) guideline on all sampling occasions. In February, only one out of the fourteen sites exceeded the Bell (1992) guideline whereas in September and December, there were seven sites above the guideline (Table 6).

Ammonia ($\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$) concentrations ranged from 0.5 to 47µg/L. Club Raro had the lowest concentration with all results $\leq 6\mu\text{g/L}$, whereas Eco-Tours recorded the highest concentration ranging from 3 to 47µg/L. In November the lowest ammonia concentrations of 0.5 to 8µg/L were recorded at all sites. In September four sites had high ammonia concentration ranging from 9 to 47µg/L (Appendix 3).

Table 5. Dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/L}$) for Rarotonga lagoon 2007. The DRP guideline for the protection of reef health is $2.6 \mu\text{g/L}$ (Bell 1992). Green indicates concentrations equal to and below the guideline, red indicates concentrations above the guideline.

| Date | TJ's | Club Raro | Pou'ara Ra'ui | Avana Mudflat | Eco-Tours | Tikioki Packing Shed | Kent Hall | Totokoitu Research Station | Sheraton | Kaena Restaurant | Arorangi School | Public Works | Social Centre | East Airport Drain |
|-----------|------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 17-Jan-07 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| 6-Feb-07 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| 8-Mar-07 | 1 | 0.5 | 8 | 25 | 49 | 10 | 26 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| 4-Apr-07 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2.5 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 1-May-07 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 0.5 | 3 |
| 6-Jun-07 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 10 |
| 3-Jul-07 | 0.5 | 2 | 0.5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| 9-Aug-07 | 0.5 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2.5 | 2 | 0.5 | 2 | 1 |
| 4-Sep-07 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| 2-Oct-07 | 2 | 2.5 | 3 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| 6-Nov-07 | 2 | 0.5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 4 |
| 4-Dec-07 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 2.5 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 4 |

Table 6. Dissolved inorganic nitrogen (DIN) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/L}$) for Rarotonga lagoon 2007. The DIN guideline for the protection of reef health is $14\mu\text{g/L}$ (Bell 1992). Green indicates concentrations equal to and below the guideline, red indicates concentrations above the guideline.

| Date | TJ's | Club Raro | Pou'ara Ra'ui | Avana Mudflat | Eco-Tours | Tikioki Packing Shed | Kent Hall | Totokoitu Research Station | Sheraton | Kaena Restaurant | Arorangi School | Public Works | Social Centre | East Airport Drain |
|-----------|------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 17-Jan-07 | 18 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 20 | 19.5 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 17 | 13 | 7 | 13 |
| 6-Feb-07 | 15 | 3 | 5.5 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 14 | 5 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 3.5 |
| 8-Mar-07 | 8 | 6 | 16 | 78 | 82 | 34 | 40 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 13 | 13 | 7 | 14 |
| 4-Apr-07 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 19 | 17.5 | 22 | 14 | 12.5 | 7 | 21 | 12 | 6 | 16 |
| 1-May-07 | 7 | 4 | 8.5 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 24 | 4 | 6.5 | 16 | 19 | 7 | 7 | 6.5 |
| 6-Jun-07 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 224 | 38 | 30 | 24 | 14 | 23 | 12 | 8.5 | 11 | 20.5 |
| 3-Jul-07 | 8 | 6 | 18 | 8.5 | 20 | 14 | 20.5 | 14 | 6 | 7.5 | 16 | 37 | 8 | 10 |
| 9-Aug-07 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 11 | 24 | 33 | 11 | 25.5 | 8.5 | 9 | 15 | 9 | 5 |
| 4-Sep-07 | 34.5 | 4 | 5 | 66 | 60 | 20 | 11 | 8 | 15 | 7 | 23 | 27 | 13 | 12 |
| 2-Oct-07 | 4 | 7 | 8.5 | 29 | 14 | 23 | 17 | 4 | 14 | 9 | 18 | 33 | 7 | 8 |
| 6-Nov-07 | 2.5 | 3 | 11 | 8.5 | 8 | 7 | 15.5 | 18 | 4.5 | 7 | 24 | 26 | 6 | 5 |
| 4-Dec-07 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 16 | 32 | 39 | 33 | 15 | 38 | 11 | 8 | 42 | 14 | 5 |

Nitrate (NO₃-N) concentrations ranged from 0.5 to 188µg/L. Club Raro recorded the lowest nitrate concentrations ranging from 1 to 3µg/L on all sampling occasions. Eco-Tours had high concentrations ranging from 10 to 188µg/L. Low nitrate concentration, 0.5 to 11µg/L, were recorded at all sites in February, compared to the month of September and October that had seven occasions with nitrate concentrations over 10µg/L (Appendix 3).

Streams

Concentrations of DRP ranged from 2 to 410µg/L (Table 7). All streams except for North Airport Drain had consistently high DRP concentrations. North Airport Drain had five sampling occasions with DRP concentrations below the ANZECC (2000) guideline for lowland rivers in tropical areas of 4µg/L. Avana, Akapuao, Totokoitu, Rutaki, Betela and Avatiu streams exceeded the ANZECC guideline on all sampling occasions. Samples collected in March had the highest DRP concentration ranging from 51 to 410µg/L compared to May, which had the lowest, 2.5 to 54µg/L (Table 7).

Table 7. Dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/L}$) for Rarotonga streams 2007. The DRP guideline for lowland rivers in tropical areas is $4\mu\text{g/L}$ (ANZECC 2000). Green indicates concentrations equal to and below the guideline, red indicates concentrations above the guideline.

| Date | Avana | Paringaru | Akapuao | Totokoitu | Rutaki | Betela | North Airport Drain | Avatiu |
|-----------|-------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| 17-Jan-07 | 29 | 9 | 10 | 49 | 68 | 40 | 7 | 70 |
| 6-Feb-07 | 42 | 13 | 6 | 46 | 66 | 42 | 4 | 51 |
| 8-Mar-07 | 104 | 201 | 410 | 80 | 87 | 64 | 51 | 89 |
| 4-Apr-07 | 32 | 12 | 12 | 47 | 79 | 45 | 17 | 77 |
| 1-May-07 | 38 | 3 | 10 | 24 | 36 | 25 | 2.5 | 54 |
| 6-Jun-07 | 40 | 14 | 7 | 32 | 53 | 53 | 7 | 79 |
| 3-Jul-07 | 40 | 11 | 10 | 26 | 37 | 45 | 5 | 70 |
| 9-Aug-07 | 39 | 12 | 176 | 197 | | 69 | 3 | 92 |
| 4-Sep-07 | 80 | 5 | 79 | 70 | 107 | 53 | 20 | 167 |
| 2-Oct-07 | 41 | 10 | 115 | 20 | 32 | 29 | 2 | 40 |
| 6-Nov-07 | 29 | 9 | 272 | 46 | 33 | 39 | 4 | 77 |
| 4-Dec-07 | 45 | 17 | 12 | 59 | 75 | 14 | 11 | 96 |

Ammonia ($\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$) concentrations ranged from 0.5 to 2200 $\mu\text{g/L}$. The Akapuao stream had consistently high ammonia concentrations throughout the year ranging from 45 to 2200 $\mu\text{g/L}$. In contrast the Avana and Avatiu streams had ammonia concentrations below the ANZECC (2000) guideline except in November. In the months of February, July, October and November, five out of eight streams had ammonia concentrations above the 10 $\mu\text{g/L}$, which is above the guideline for lowland rivers in tropical areas (ANZECC 2000). Only two streams were above the guideline in May (Table 8).

Table 8. Ammonia (NH₄-N) concentrations (µg/L) for Rarotonga streams 2007. The NH₄ guideline for lowland rivers in tropical areas is 10 µg/L (ANZECC 2000). Green indicates concentrations equal to and below the guideline, red indicates concentrations above the guideline.

| Date | Avana | Paringaru | Akapuao | Totokoitu | Rutaki | Betela | North Airport Drain | Avatiu |
|-----------|-------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| 17-Jan-07 | 3 | 10 | 45 | 11 | 3 | 9 | 64 | 3 |
| 6-Feb-07 | 8 | 35 | 438 | 14 | 9 | 19 | 26 | 3 |
| 8-Mar-07 | 7 | 13 | 65 | 6 | 3 | 11 | 53 | 5 |
| 4-Apr-07 | 6 | 25 | 86 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 18 | 7 |
| 1-May-07 | 3 | 38 | 83 | 10 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 |
| 6-Jun-07 | 4 | 32 | 71 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 21 | 7 |
| 3-Jul-07 | 7 | 40 | 107 | 25 | 16 | 11 | 4 | 6 |
| 9-Aug-07 | 7 | 14 | 2200 | 18 | | 21 | 5 | 7 |
| 4-Sep-07 | 3 | 44 | 155 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 111 | 3 |
| 2-Oct-07 | 8 | 60 | 490 | 16 | 14 | 11 | 2 | 6 |
| 6-Nov-07 | 12 | 62 | 164 | 22 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 12 |
| 4-Dec-07 | 5 | 25 | 66 | 9 | 3 | 11 | 49 | 7 |

Nitrate ($\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$) concentrations ranged from 0.5 to 396 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (Table 9). Paringaru stream had consistently high nitrate concentrations except in February. Nitrate in the Totokoitu stream was above the guideline on all sampling occasions with concentrations ranging from 11 to 82 $\mu\text{g/L}$. North Airport Drain and Avatiu had five and six out of eight sampling occasions, respectively when nitrate concentrations were below the ANZECC (2000) guideline of 10 $\mu\text{g/L}$ for lowland rivers in tropical areas. High nitrate concentrations were recorded in June and December ranging from 14 to 396 $\mu\text{g/L}$. In comparison, low concentrations were recorded in October ranging from 1 to 25 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (Table 9).

Table 9. Nitrate (NO₃-N) concentrations (µg/L) for Rarotonga streams 2007. The nitrate guideline for lowland rivers in tropical areas is 10µg/L (ANZECC 2000). Green indicates concentrations equal to and below the guideline, red indicates concentrations above the guideline.

| Date | Avana | Paringaru | Akapuao | Totokoitu | Rutaki | Betela | North Airport Drain | Avatiu |
|-----------|-------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| 17-Jan-07 | 3 | 61 | 66 | 14 | 2 | 14 | 114 | 4 |
| 6-Feb-07 | 11 | 8 | 25 | 24 | 17 | 11 | 54 | 2 |
| 8-Mar-07 | 72 | 347 | 374 | 11 | 6 | 126 | 312 | 70 |
| 4-Apr-07 | 58 | 184 | 77 | 14 | 70 | 124 | 266 | 197 |
| 1-May-07 | 13 | 218 | 27 | 30 | 31 | 2 | 0.5 | 6 |
| 6-Jun-07 | 54 | 396 | 146 | 17 | 84 | 121 | 223 | 124 |
| 3-Jul-07 | 31 | 378 | 65 | 28 | 64 | 51 | 2 | 17 |
| 9-Aug-07 | 29 | 127 | 23 | 82 | | 127 | 2 | 6 |
| 4-Sep-07 | 11 | 41 | 229 | 19 | 14 | 96 | 186 | 94 |
| 2-Oct-07 | 15 | 22 | 3 | 25 | 11 | 17 | 1 | 5 |
| 6-Nov-07 | 11 | 45 | 20 | 15 | 29 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| 4-Dec-07 | 103 | 395 | 119 | 14 | 100 | 99 | 189 | 163 |

3.3 Chlorophyll *a* and Total Suspended Solids

Lagoon

The chlorophyll *a* concentrations in the lagoon ranged from <0.1 to 1.5µg/L (Table 10). All the sites were below the concentration of 0.5µg/L recommended for the protection of coral reefs except for Eco-Tours, Tikioki Packing Shed, Kent Hall and Totokoitu Research Station. In August all these sites were over the guideline and the Eco-Tours site exceeded the guideline on five out of nine sampling occasions.

Table 10. Chlorophyll *a* concentrations ($\mu\text{g/L}$) for the Rarotonga lagoon. The red colours indicate concentrations above $0.5\mu\text{g/L}$ which is the concentrations recommended for the protection of coral reef health (Bell 1992).

| Date | TJ's | Club Raro | Pou'ara Ra'ui | Avana Mudflat | Eco-Tours | Tikiiki Packing Shed | Kent Hall | Totokoitu Research Station | Sheraton | Kaena Restaurant | Arorangi school | Public works | Social Centre | East Airport Drain |
|----------|------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 4-Apr-07 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | <0.1 | <0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <0.1 | 0.4 |
| 1-May-07 | <0.1 | <0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <0.1 | 0.2 |
| 6-Jun-07 | <0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | <0.1 | 0.1 | <0.1 | <0.1 | 0.3 |
| 3-Jul-07 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | <0.1 | 0.1 | <0.1 | <0.1 | 0.3 |
| 9-Aug-07 | <0.1 | <0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 4-Sep-07 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 2-Oct-07 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | <0.1 | 0.2 |
| 7-Nov-07 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 4-Dec-07 | <0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

The total suspended solids concentrations ranged from 0.3 to 216.0mg/L (Table 11). The Ecotours and the Club Raro sites were over the guideline of 5.0mg/L (Bell 1992) on four out of twelve sampling occasions. In January and March, eight and seven sites respectively were over the guideline for the protection of coral reefs. All samples collected from Pou'ara Ra'ui, Sheraton, Kaena Restaurant and Arorangi School sites did not exceed the guideline for protection of coral health. None of the sites exceeded the guidelines in November and December.

The volatile suspended solids ranged from 0 to 17.7mg/L. The highest volatile suspended solids concentrations were recorded in March at all sites except Pou'ara Rai, Arorangi School, Public Works and East Airport Drain (Appendix 3).

Table 11. Total suspended solids (mg/L) for Rarotonga lagoon. The red colours indicate concentrations above 5.0mg/L which is the concentration recommended for the protection of coral reef health (Bell 1992).

| Date | TJ's | Club Raro | Pou'ara Ra'ui | Avana Mudflat | Eco-Tours | Tikioki Packing Shed | Kent Hall | Totokoitu Research Station | Sheraton | Kaena Restaurant | Arorangi School | Public Works | Social Centre | East Airport Drain |
|-----------|------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 17-Jan-07 | 5.7 | 37.8 | 4.2 | 47.3 | 216.0 | 29.1 | 3.2 | 0.9 | | 2.1 | 2.8 | 33.1 | 44.1 | 123.0 |
| 6-Feb-07 | 7.2 | 8.4 | | | | | | | | | 3.6 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 2.9 |
| 8-Mar-07 | 2.3 | 11.2 | 0.9 | 60.9 | 23.9 | 5.7 | 34.0 | 16.2 | 2.5 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 7.4 | 4.0 | 3.5 |
| 4-Apr-07 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 15.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 4.2 |
| 1-May-07 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6-Jun-07 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-Jul-07 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 6.0 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 8.3 |
| 9-Aug-07 | 1.0 | 5.9 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.1 |
| 4-Sep-07 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 9.3 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 33.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 4.9 |
| 2-Oct-07 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 6.2 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| 7-Nov-07 | 1.3 | 4.9 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| 4-Dec-07 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 3.5 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 2.7 |

Streams

The total suspended solids concentrations for the streams ranged from 0.3 to 99.2 mg/L (Table 12). The total suspended solids concentrations at the Akapuao stream and North Airport Drain were within the guideline for the slightly disturbed ecosystems in tropical Australia (ANZEC 2000) of 2 to 15mg/L on nine and seven out of twelve sampling occasions respectively. The Betela stream was within the same range on ten sampling occasions. Rutaki and Paringaru streams were below the range on ten sampling occasions. In March, five out of eight streams were below or within the range for a slightly disturbed ecosystem and three streams above the range. In September all streams were within the slightly disturbed range except for Avatiu which was above and Paringaru which was below.

The volatile suspended solids ranged from 0 to 31.1mg/L. The highest volatile suspended solids occurred in March at Avana, Paringaru, Akapuao and Rutaki (Appendix 3).

Table 12. Total suspended solids (mg/L) for Rarotonga streams. The green colour indicates concentrations below the range of 2 to 15mg/L which represent concentrations for slightly disturbed ecosystems in tropical Australia (ANZECC 2000). The orange and red colour indicates concentrations within and above this range respectively.

| Date | Avana | Paringaru | Akapuao | Totokoitu | Rutaki | Betela | North Airport Drain | Avatiu |
|-----------|-------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| 17-Jan-07 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 8.7 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 6.8 | 1.2 |
| 6-Feb-07 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 10.8 | 4.6 |
| 8-Mar-07 | 99.2 | 60.1 | 63.8 | 9.1 | 1.7 | 5.7 | 13.4 | 2.1 |
| 4-Apr-07 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 1.6 |
| 1-May-07 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| 6-Jun-07 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 4.3 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 5.2 | 0.7 |
| 3-Jul-07 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 11.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 9-Aug-07 | 0.3 | 2.1 | 46.3 | 33.9 | | 8.5 | 4.7 | 1.0 |
| 4-Sep-07 | 3.6 | 0.7 | 14.0 | 6.2 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 6.7 | 16.5 |
| 2-Oct-07 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 12.5 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 4.0 | 35.6 | 0.3 |
| 7-Nov-07 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 6.6 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 17.4 | 2.6 |
| 4-Dec-07 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 1.7 |

3.4 Bacteria

Lagoon

From January to December, 93% of the sampling sites and days showed that the lagoon water was safe for swimming with bacterial concentration falling in the A and B categories (Table 13). In the month of March at Avana, Eco-Tours, Tikioki Packing Shed and Kent Hall sites, the water was not suitable for swimming. The bacterial numbers from these sites ranged between 625 to 5050 per 100ml (category D). In February and June at Eco-Tours, bacterial counts were 570 and 660 per 100ml respectively (category D). Category D is not recommended as safe for swimming or other contact recreation based on WHO standards. Rainfall is often considered to be a contributing factor to the elevated Enterococci numbers in the water. Correlation of Enterococci and rainfall in the 3 days prior to sampling date showed a strong relationship ($r^2 = 0.92$) at Avana Mudflats, Eco-Tours, Tikioki Packing Shed and Kent Hall sites indicating that run off from land is potentially increasing bacterial numbers in the lagoon.

Table 13. Summary of 2007 Enterococci numbers (per 100ml) from lagoon sites. There are 4 color codes used in the table which represents WHO standards (Table 1). Green represents category A, Yellow category B, Orange category C and Red category D.

| Date | TJ's | Club Raro | Pou'ara Ra'ui | Avana Mudflat | Eco-Tours | Tikioki Packing Shed | Kent Hall | Totokoitu Research Station | Sheraton | Kaena Restaurant | Arorangi School | Public Works | Social Centre | East Airport Drain |
|-----------|------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 17-Jan-07 | 41 | 34 | 1 | 5 | 23 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 24 |
| 06-Feb-07 | 67 | 1 | 97 | 111 | 570 | 59 | 70 | 63 | 62 | 26 | 54 | 78 | 52 | 92 |
| 08-Mar-07 | 18 | 8 | 308 | 625 | 5000 | 1760 | 5050 | 168 | 32 | 0 | 26 | 6 | 465 | 162 |
| 04-Apr-07 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 20 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 133 | 1 | 27 | 3 | 1 | 72 |
| 01-May-07 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 32 | 2 | 15 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| 05-Jun-07 | 0 | 0 | 230 | 2 | 660 | 2 | 10 | 248 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 58 |
| 03-Jul-07 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 55 | 0 | 18 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 09-Aug-07 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 303 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| 04-Sep-07 | 31 | 0 | 2 | 92 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 200 | 155 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 14 |
| 02-Oct-07 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 11 |
| 06-Nov-07 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 56 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 16 |
| 04-Dec-07 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 23 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 7 |

Streams

Enterococci numbers were in the C and D categories, not recommended for swimming (Table 14). At Avana and Akapuao streams from January to December, all Enterococci numbers were in the D category. In the month of January at Paringaru, Totokoitu, Rutaki, North Airport Drain and Avatiu streams, bacterial numbers were lower and in categories A and B. In the months of March and September, there were high counts of Enterococci at all sampling sites. North Airport Drain was in category A or B on ten out of twelve sampling occasions. Rainfall is often considered to be a contributing factor to the elevated Enterococci numbers in streams. Correlation of Enterococci numbers in the stream and rainfall data in the 3 days prior to the sampling date showed a relationship ($r^2 = 0.92$) at the Paringaru and Akapuao sites.

Table 14. Summary of 2007 Enterococci numbers per 100ml for stream sites. There are 4 color codes used in the table which represents WHO standards (Table 1). Green represents category A, Yellow category B, Orange category C and Red category D.

| Date | Avana | Paringaru | Akapuao | Totokoitu | Rutaki | Betela | North Airport Drain | Avatiu |
|-----------|-------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| 17-Jan-07 | 870 | 143 | 790 | 65 | 63 | 460 | 93 | 31 |
| 06-Feb-07 | 1585 | 695 | 4800 | 1180 | 9200 | 9550 | 25 | 1295 |
| 08-Mar-07 | 22000 | 66500 | 143500 | 1600 | 1430 | 1365 | 890 | 1505 |
| 04-Apr-07 | 1475 | 630 | 3000 | 1588 | 1160 | 1025 | 107 | 195 |
| 01-May-07 | 1480 | 410 | 9400 | 4400 | 915 | 1130 | 60 | 425 |
| 05-Jun-07 | 4250 | 4600 | 10250 | 1345 | 705 | 1690 | 93 | 1105 |
| 03-Jul-07 | 1450 | 1230 | 7900 | 6550 | 1480 | 1260 | 50 | 465 |
| 09-Aug-07 | 1150 | 1800 | 13600 | 5000 | | 5000 | 61 | 825 |
| 04-Sep-07 | 9200 | 4600 | 5000 | 10750 | 6300 | 6400 | 5000 | 78500 |
| 02-Oct-07 | 695 | 2000 | 8450 | 6300 | 533 | 690 | 88 | 765 |
| 06-Nov-07 | 990 | 1100 | 17650 | 1640 | 645 | 815 | 28 | 455 |
| 04-Dec-07 | 800 | 228 | 930 | 710 | 570 | 780 | 156 | 308 |

4. Discussion

4.1 Lagoon

Anderson et al. (2004) reported that water and air temperatures follow similar trends with air temperature generally cooler than the lagoon water temperature. In 2007 the cooler months were from June to September and the warmer months from October. The range for lagoon temperature for 2007 was 21.2°C at Totokoitu Research Station in July to 29.0°C at East Airport Drain in April and is similar to the last three years of data (George et al., 2007, Hall et al., 2006). The lagoon temperatures showed strong seasonal trends and varied slightly between years.

Elevated pH levels when DO levels were high as reported by Anderson et al. (2004) were not observed in the last two years. The highest pH recorded in 2007 was 8.9, which was over the Department of Health Clean Water Branch (1994) guideline.

In 2007 the Eco-Tours site was influenced by stream inflows at certain tides. The mean salinities at East Airport Drain, Arorangi School and Public Works in 2007 were higher than those recorded in 2006 as the sampling site were shifted away from the influence of freshwater and underground springs. In March 2007 rainfall affected the salinity levels in the lagoon. Salinity levels in both 2007 and 2006 are site specific with some sites influenced by freshwater inflows.

DO saturations were generally within the guidelines for the Department of Health Clean Water Branch (1994). The results for 2007 showed that the south/south-western side of Rarotonga continues to have low DO saturation (Appendix 3) as reported by Tuatai et al., (2006), Anderson et al., (2004) and Hall et al., (2006).

The Club Raro site had the highest water quality and with all samples within the Bell guideline of 2.6µg/L and 14µg/L for DRP and DIN respectively for the protection of coral reef health. This may be due to the absence of streams near this

site and its close proximity to the open ocean, approximately 60m from the reef. The Eco-Tours and Kent Hall sites continue to exceed the Bell guideline for DRP and DIN concentration, which is consistent with Hall et al. (2006) and George et al. (2007). These data suggests that adverse impacts on the coral reefs may be occurring. The Redfield ratio (the ratio of DIN to DRP) (Redfield 1958) for the overall marine lagoon sites is 3, which indicates that the concentration of nitrogen in the water is limiting the growth of phytoplankton and macro algae in the lagoon. This was a similar result found by Hall et al. (2006) and George et al. (2007).

The chlorophyll *a* concentrations in the lagoon ranged from <0.1 to 1.5µg/L which was lower than the reported range of 0.1 to 5.1µg/L in 2006 (George et al., 2007) and 0.1 to 2.9µg/L in 2005 (Hall et al., 2006). Chlorophyll *a* at Eco-Tours site was above 0.5µg/L in 2007 and 2006 on five and four out of nine sampling occasions respectively (George ., 2007).

The total suspended solids concentrations for 2007 range from 0.3 to 216.0mg/L and is larger than the range of 0.15 to 29.76mg/L in 2006 (George et al., 2007) and 0.5 to 36mg/L in 2005 (Hall et al., 2006).

Eco-Tours had high total suspended solids in 2007 and four out of nine sampling occasions were over the 5.0mg/L concentration recommended for the protection of coral reefs. These results were consistent with the past two years data where half of the sampling occasions were over the guidelines for the protection of coral reefs (George et al., 2007 and Hall et al., 2006). The Sheraton site did not exceed the guideline for the protection of coral reefs in 2007 and 2006 compared with three out of eighteen sampling occasions in 2005 (Hall et al., 2006). The total and volatile suspended solids, bacteria and nutrients were elevated in March. The rainfall data was compared to the total and volatile suspended solids data and showed that the average rainfall for 3 days before the sampling date were the highest for the year. The rainfall event was likely to have contributed to the high concentration of total and volatile suspended solids at this time.

In March, bacterial counts above those recommended for swimming were measured at six out of fourteen sites. All those six sites have streams running into the lagoon in close proximity. These elevated bacterial numbers are also likely to be linked to the high rainfall event. In comparing the data from Rarotonga lagoon between 2005 to 2007, the overall percentage of sampling occasions in categories A and B did not change significantly between these years (Appendix 1). This suggests that the water quality in the lagoon of Rarotonga from 2005 to 2007 was similar over the three years.

Overall the Eco-Tours site had the lowest lagoon water quality and was routinely over the concentration recommended for the protection of coral reefs for DRP, chlorophyll *a* and total suspended solids. The Eco-Tours site also had the highest ammonia and nitrate concentrations and the bacteria concentrations were in Category D on three of the sampling occasions. This is consistent with previous years (George et al., 2007 and Hall et al., 2006). Club Raro had the highest water quality with all samples for nutrient and chlorophyll *a* concentrations below the guidelines recommended for good coral growth and with bacterial concentrations suitable for contact recreation. The lowest water quality occurred in March with most of the sites having elevated bacteria, TSS and VSS concentrations. The low water quality coincided with the highest rainfalls of the year.

4.2 Streams

The temperatures for the stream sites showed a strong seasonal variation with higher temperatures in the summer months and lower in the cooler months. In 2007 the highest temperatures were recorded in April and lowest in September compared with 2006 when the highest temperatures were recorded in November and lowest in July. The sites had similar mean temperatures except for the North Airport Drain which showed consistently higher temperatures in both 2006 and 2007. The range and mean stream temperatures in 2007 were lower than those recorded in 2006 and 2005 (George et al., 2007 and Hall et al., 2006). In 2007 the DO saturation range was larger than recorded in 2005 and 2006 (George et al., 2007 and Hall et al., 2006). In 2007 Paringaru and Akapuao streams had consistently low DO saturations which is consistent with those recorded in 2005 and 2006 as reported by Hall et al. (2006) and Tuatai et al. (2006). The water quality in these two streams is potentially influenced by land based activities such as agriculture, piggeries and a rubbish dump, also the stream occasionally goes stagnant.

Akapuao stream recorded the highest nutrient concentration (exceeding the ANZECC guideline) for DRP, ammonia and nitrate concentration for all occasions, which is consistent with data collected in 2005 (Hall et al., 2006 and 2006 George et al., 2007). The ammonia concentration of 2200µg/L on the 9th of August 2007 at Akapuao was below the lower LC₅₀ (Lethal Concentration to 50% of organisms) concentration of 3944 µg/L ammonia provided for freshwater fish in the ANZECC guidelines (ANZECC 2000), however, was above the lower concentration of 1450 µg/L for a chronic NOEC (No Effect Concentration) for a range of nine for freshwater fish species (ANZECC 2000).

The North Airport Drain site had five out of twelve sampling occasions below the ANZECC guideline for DRP concentration, while Avana and Avatiu had eleven out of twelve occasions below the ANZECC guideline for ammonia concentration. On five and six out of twelve sampling occasions, North Airport Drain and Avatiu

respectively had nitrate concentrations below the ANZECC guideline. Totokoitu had the lowest mean and range of nitrate concentrations even though on all occasions these were above the ANZECC guideline.

The total suspended solids concentrations in the streams in 2007 ranged from 0.1 to 99.2mg/L and is higher than the 0.39 to 28.1mg/L recorded in 2006 (George et al., 2007) and lower than <0.5 to 490mg/L recorded in 2005 (Hall et al., 2006). Akapua stream had total suspended solids concentrations that were within the range for the slightly disturbed ecosystems in tropical Australia (ANZECC 2000) on nine out of twelve sampling occasions in 2007 and nine out of ten sampling occasions in 2006 (George et al., 2007). This stream also had concentrations that were over this range on two occasions in 2007, once in 2006 (George et al., 2007) and on six out of seventeen sampling occasions in 2005 (Hall et al., 2006).

Analysis of bacterial numbers showed, that in the month of March, all sites were in category “D” – not fit for swimming. High rainfall may have contributed to these high bacterial count observed at all stream sampling sites. In contrast, if streams run low and there is limited water flow, this may lead to bacterial growth in streams and may explain high bacterial counts on some occasions. In comparison to data that has been collected between 2005 to 2007, for each year, over 80% of the samples collected were in the C and D category (water was not safe for swimming) (Appendix 2).

Overall the Akapua stream had the lowest stream water quality with low DO concentrations and high concentrations of TSS, VSS, bacteria, DRP, ammonia and nitrates. The North Airport Drain had the highest water quality, except on two sampling occasions, all bacteria samples were in the A and B category and DRP concentration were consistently below those recommended for the protection of coral reefs. The lowest water quality in 2007 was in March with all streams having bacterial numbers in category D and most of the sites were within or above the TSS concentrations for slightly disturbed ecosystems in tropical Australia.

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7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1: Comparison of Annual Bacterial Counts between Years in the Rarotonga Lagoon.

| Year | Category | |
|------|-----------|-----------|
| | A & B (%) | C & D (%) |
| 2005 | 89 | 11 |
| 2006 | 97 | 3 |
| 2007 | 93 | 7 |

7.2 Appendix 2: Comparison of Annual Bacterial Counts between Years in the Rarotonga Streams.

| Year | Category | |
|------|-----------|-----------|
| | A & B (%) | C & D (%) |
| 2005 | 11 | 89 |
| 2006 | 8 | 92 |
| 2007 | 16 | 84 |

7.3 Appendix 3: Water quality data lagoon sites.

| Sample Number | Location | Date | Temperature (°C) | Salinity (‰) | DO Saturation (%) | DO (mg/L) | pH | DRP (µg/L) | NH ₄ -N (µg/L) | NO ₃ -N (µg/L) | Chl a (µg/L) | TSS (mg/L) | VSS (mg/L) | Enterococci (cells/100mL) |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | TJ's | 17-Jan-07 | 26.7 | 37.4 | 100.6 | 6.5 | 8.2 | 11 | 3 | 14 | | 5.7 | | 41 |
| 1 | TJ's | 17-Jan-07 | | | | | | 11 | 5 | 14 | | | | |
| 1 | TJ's | 6-Feb-07 | 27.6 | 36.1 | 104.3 | 6.7 | | 7 | 4 | 11 | | 7.2 | 2.1 | 67 |
| 1 | TJ's | 8-Mar-07 | 27.5 | 35.3 | 110.9 | 7.2 | 8.2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | | 2.3 | 0.4 | 18 |
| 1 | TJ's | 4-Apr-07 | 27.5 | 35.4 | 111.6 | 7.2 | | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 1 | TJ's | 1-May-07 | 26.8 | 34.6 | 115.8 | 7.6 | | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0.05 | | | 1 |
| 1 | TJ's | 5-Jun-07 | 25.4 | 35.5 | 110.1 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0.05 | | | 0 |
| 1 | TJ's | 3-Jul-07 | 22.9 | 34.5 | 120.3 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 0.5 | 5 | 3 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0 |
| 1 | TJ's | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 0.5 | 5 | 2 | 0.05 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 1 |
| 1A | TJ's | 4-Sep-07 | 22.5 | | 86.8 | 4.6 | | 4 | 49 | 16 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 34 |
| 1B | TJ's | 4-Sep-07 | | | | | | 4 | 2 | 2 | | 0.7 | 0.3 | 27 |
| 1 | TJ's | 2-Oct-07 | 24.8 | 35.8 | 124.3 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 |
| 1 | TJ's | 7-Nov-07 | 24.9 | 36 | 118.6 | 8 | 8.0 | 2 | 2 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0 |
| 1A | TJ's | 4-Dec-07 | 25.3 | 35.8 | 108.4 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 0.05 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0 |
| 1B | TJ's | 4-Dec-07 | | | | | | 7 | 3 | 3 | | 1.0 | 0.3 | 1 |
| 2 | Club Raro | 17-Jan-07 | 26.8 | 37.5 | 101.1 | 6.6 | 8.3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | 37.8 | | 34 |
| 2 | Club Raro | 6-Feb-07 | 27.9 | 37.5 | 107.9 | 6.9 | | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 8.4 | 1.4 | 1 |
| 2 | Club Raro | 8-Mar-07 | 27.6 | 35.4 | 106.2 | 6.9 | 8.7 | 0.5 | 4 | 2 | | 11.2 | 2.8 | 8 |
| 2 | Club Raro | 4-Apr-07 | 27.6 | 35.3 | 113.3 | 7.3 | | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 4 |
| 2 | Club Raro | 1-May-07 | 26.7 | 34.6 | 118.5 | 7.8 | | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0.05 | | | 5 |
| 2 | Club Raro | 5-Jun-07 | 25.2 | 35.5 | 109.5 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0.2 | | | 0 |
| 2 | Club Raro | 3-Jul-07 | 22.7 | 34.9 | 108.2 | 7.6 | 8.7 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 12 |
| 2 | Club Raro | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 3 | 0.05 | 5.9 | 2.3 | 1 |
| 2 | Club Raro | 4-Sep-07 | 23.1 | | 89.1 | 4.7 | | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0 |
| 2A | Club Raro | 2-Oct-07 | 23.9 | 35.9 | 131.1 | 9 | 8.2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0.2 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 1 |
| 2B | Club Raro | 2-Oct-07 | | | | | | 3 | 5 | 3 | | 0.4 | 0.3 | 2 |
| 2 | Club Raro | 7-Nov-07 | 25 | 36.1 | 123.8 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 0.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.1 | 4.9 | 0.4 | 0 |
| 2 | Club Raro | 4-Dec-07 | 25 | 35.8 | 113.6 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 11 |
| 3 | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 17-Jan-07 | 27.1 | 37.5 | 111.5 | 7.2 | 8.5 | 6 | 5 | 4 | | 4.2 | | 1 |

| Sample Number | Location | Date | Temperature (°C) | Salinity (‰) | DO Saturation (%) | DO (mg/L) | pH | DRP (µg/L) | NH ₄ -N (µg/L) | NO ₃ -N (µg/L) | Chl a (µg/L) | TSS (mg/L) | VSS (mg/L) | Enterococci (cells/100mL) |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 3 | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 6-Feb-07 | 27.8 | 37.5 | 117.8 | 7.5 | | 9 | 4 | 1 | | | | 97 |
| 3 | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 6-Feb-07 | | | | | | 4 | 4 | 2 | | | | |
| 3 | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 8-Mar-07 | 27.2 | 34.4 | 113.3 | 7.4 | 8.8 | 8 | 7 | 9 | | 0.9 | 0.3 | 308 |
| 3 | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 4-Apr-07 | 27.8 | 35.4 | 110.1 | 7.1 | | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 1 |
| 3A | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 1-May-07 | 27.1 | 34.5 | 107.3 | 7 | | 2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.1 | | | 0 |
| 3B | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 1-May-07 | | | | | | 5 | 1 | 15 | | | | 15 |
| 3 | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 5-Jun-07 | 24.9 | 35.5 | 108 | 7.3 | 8.2 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 0.4 | | | 230 |
| 3 | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 3-Jul-07 | 23.9 | 35 | 115.4 | 8 | 8.7 | 0.5 | 7 | 11 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 |
| 3 | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1 |
| 3 | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 4-Sep-07 | 22.7 | | 82.2 | 4.4 | | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 2 |
| 3A | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 2-Oct-07 | 24.9 | 36.1 | 139.2 | 9.4 | 8.3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1 |
| 3B | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 2-Oct-07 | | | | | | 4 | 4 | 6 | | 0.8 | 0.6 | 2 |
| 3 | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 7-Nov-07 | 25.4 | 36.1 | 119 | 8 | 8.2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 0.2 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 3 |
| 3 | Pou'ara Ra'ui | 4-Dec-07 | 25.2 | 35.7 | 122.6 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1 |
| 4 | Avana Mudflat | 17-Jan-07 | 26.3 | 37.2 | 92.7 | 6.1 | 8.4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | | 47.3 | | 5 |
| 4 | Avana Mudflat | 6-Feb-07 | 28.1 | 36.2 | 101.1 | 6.5 | | 4 | 5 | 5 | | | | 111 |
| 4A | Avana Mudflat | 8-Mar-07 | 26.7 | 31.4 | 100.6 | 6.8 | 8.5 | 45 | 16 | 127 | | 120.6 | 34.8 | 665 |
| 4B | Avana Mudflat | 8-Mar-07 | | | | | | 5 | 7 | 6 | | 1.3 | 0.6 | 585 |
| 4 | Avana Mudflat | 4-Apr-07 | 27.7 | 35.2 | 93.7 | 6.1 | | 2 | 7 | 3 | 0.05 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 9 |
| 4 | Avana Mudflat | 1-May-07 | 25.8 | 34 | 93 | 6.3 | | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0.1 | | | 7 |
| 4 | Avana Mudflat | 5-Jun-07 | 24.6 | 35.3 | 110 | 7.5 | 8.2 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 0.2 | | | 2 |
| 4A | Avana Mudflat | 3-Jul-07 | 22.3 | 33.3 | 132.1 | 9.5 | 8.8 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1 |
| 4B | Avana Mudflat | 3-Jul-07 | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 2 | | 11.0 | 5.3 | 1 |
| 4 | Avana Mudflat | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 3 | 6 | 8 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 6 |
| 4 | Avana Mudflat | 4-Sep-07 | 22.5 | | 82.1 | 4.3 | | 6 | 40 | 26 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 92 |

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|---------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 4 | Avana Mudflat | 2-Oct-07 | 25.7 | 31.8 | 125.4 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 11 | 12 | 17 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 6 |
| 4A | Avana Mudflat | 7-Nov-07 | 24.2 | 35.9 | 108.8 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 0.9 | 34 |
| 4B | Avana Mudflat | 7-Nov-07 | | | | | | 4 | 4 | 4 | | 2.4 | 0.4 | 14 |
| 4 | Avana Mudflat | 4-Dec-07 | 24.6 | 34.3 | 105 | 7.2 | 8.1 | 7 | 3 | 13 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 12 |
| 5 | Eco-Tours | 17-Jan-07 | 26.9 | 36.2 | 96.9 | 6.3 | 8.3 | 7 | 4 | 4 | | 216 | | 23 |
| 5 | Eco-Tours | 6-Feb-07 | 27.6 | 36.4 | 75.8 | 4.9 | | 6 | 7 | 3 | | | | 570 |
| 5A | Eco-Tours | 8-Mar-07 | 26 | 27.5 | 85.2 | 5.9 | 8.4 | 52 | 17 | 69 | | 21.8 | 7.3 | 5000 |
| 5B | Eco-Tours | 8-Mar-07 | | | | | | 46 | 16 | 62 | | 26.0 | 9.0 | 5000 |
| 5 | Eco-Tours | 4-Apr-07 | 27.5 | 34.1 | | | | 4 | 10 | 9 | 0.4 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 20 |
| 5A | Eco-Tours | 1-May-07 | 25.7 | 33.8 | 92.8 | 6.3 | | 4 | 7 | 4 | 0.4 | | | 2 |
| 5B | Eco-Tours | 1-May-07 | | | | | | 4 | 1 | 6 | | | | 5 |
| 5 | Eco-Tours | 5-Jun-07 | 24 | 27.6 | 90.3 | 6.5 | 8.0 | 24 | 36 | 188 | 0.4 | | | 660 |
| 5 | Eco-Tours | 3-Jul-07 | 21.4 | 33.4 | 107.3 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 6 |
| 5 | Eco-Tours | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 3 | 8 | 3 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 10 |
| 5 | Eco-Tours | 4-Sep-07 | 22.7 | | 81.6 | 4.4 | | 6 | 47 | 13 | 0.7 | 9.3 | 2.0 | 2 |
| 5A | Eco-Tours | 2-Oct-07 | 25.4 | 35.3 | 129 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 1.1 | 4.4 | 0.8 | 5 |
| 5B | Eco-Tours | 2-Oct-07 | | | | | | 4 | 3 | 12 | | 8.0 | 2.3 | 2 |
| 5 | Eco-Tours | 7-Nov-07 | 24.6 | 36 | 107 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 0.3 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 56 |
| 5 | Eco-Tours | 4-Dec-07 | 24.8 | 34.5 | 102.8 | 7 | 8.0 | 6 | 7 | 25 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 1.2 | 2 |
| 6 | Tikioki Packing Shed | 17-Jan-07 | 26.8 | 36.8 | 95.5 | 6.2 | 8.3 | 4 | 5 | 15 | | 29.1 | | 4 |
| 6 | Tikioki Packing Shed | 6-Feb-07 | 27.7 | 37.2 | 94.6 | 6.1 | | 4 | 8 | 6 | | | | 59 |
| 6 | Tikioki Packing Shed | 8-Mar-07 | 26.5 | 31.8 | 93.5 | 6.3 | 8.7 | 10 | 8 | 26 | | 5.7 | 1.6 | 1760 |
| 6A | Tikioki Packing Shed | 4-Apr-07 | 27.5 | 35.2 | 89 | 5.8 | | 2 | 7 | 10 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 1 |
| 6B | Tikioki Packing | 4-Apr-07 | | | | | | 3 | 8 | 10 | | 1.4 | 0.4 | 4 |

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|---------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| | Shed | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Tikioki Packing Shed | 1-May-07 | 25.9 | 34 | 101.4 | 6.8 | | 2 | 3 | 7 | 0.1 | | | 32 |
| 6 | Tikioki Packing Shed | 5-Jun-07 | 24.4 | 33.1 | 93.5 | 6.5 | 8.1 | 7 | 11 | 27 | 0.1 | | | 2 |
| 6 | Tikioki Packing Shed | 3-Jul-07 | 21.5 | 33.2 | 106.6 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 2 |
| 6 | Tikioki Packing Shed | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 5 | 7 | 17 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 6 |
| 6 | Tikioki Packing Shed | 4-Sep-07 | 22.5 | | 78.9 | 4.3 | | 5 | 4 | 16 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 2 |
| 6 | Tikioki Packing Shed | 2-Oct-07 | 24 | 34.8 | 120 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 1 |
| 6 | Tikioki Packing Shed | 7-Nov-07 | 24.5 | 36.1 | 122.8 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 11 |
| 6A | Tikioki Packing Shed | 4-Dec-07 | 25.2 | 33.9 | 111.5 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 2 | 3 | 32 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 6 |
| 6B | Tikioki Packing Shed | 4-Dec-07 | | | | | | 3 | 5 | 38 | | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1 |
| 7 | Kent Hall | 17-Jan-07 | 26.6 | 36.7 | 88.8 | 5.8 | 8.2 | 5 | 5 | 14 | | 3.2 | | 0 |
| 7 | Kent Hall | 17-Jan-07 | | | | | | 5 | 8 | 12 | | | | |
| 7 | Kent Hall | 6-Feb-07 | 27.5 | 37.2 | 88.3 | 5.7 | | 7 | 6 | 8 | | | | 70 |
| 7 | Kent Hall | 8-Mar-07 | 26.5 | 30.5 | 88.2 | 6 | 8.6 | 26 | 10 | 30 | | 34.0 | 10.7 | 5050 |
| 7 | Kent Hall | 4-Apr-07 | 27.5 | 35 | 88 | 5.7 | | 5 | 8 | 14 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 3 |
| 7 | Kent Hall | 1-May-07 | 25.5 | 33.9 | 95.5 | 6.5 | | 7 | 6 | 18 | 0.1 | | | 2 |
| 7 | Kent Hall | 5-Jun-07 | 24.4 | 34.1 | 88.4 | 6.1 | 8.2 | 9 | 9 | 21 | 0.1 | | | 10 |
| 7A | Kent Hall | 3-Jul-07 | 21.8 | 34.4 | 101.3 | 7.3 | 8.6 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 5 |
| 7B | Kent Hall | 3-Jul-07 | | | | | | 4 | 7 | 12 | | 0.7 | 0.3 | 3 |
| 7 | Kent Hall | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 3 | 6 | 27 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 8 |

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|---------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 7 | Kent Hall | 4-Sep-07 | | | | | | 3 | 1 | 10 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0 |
| 7 | Kent Hall | 2-Oct-07 | 23.5 | 35.4 | 114.4 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 1 |
| 7A | Kent Hall | 7-Nov-07 | 24.5 | 36 | 111.7 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 0 |
| 7B | Kent Hall | 7-Nov-07 | | | | | | 5 | 5 | 7 | | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 |
| 7 | Kent Hall | 4-Dec-07 | 25 | 34.6 | 106.8 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 3 | 4 | 29 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0 |
| 8 | Totokoitu Research Station | 17-Jan-07 | 27.1 | 37 | 112.2 | 7.3 | 8.4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | | 0.9 | | 10 |
| 8 | Totokoitu Research Station | 6-Feb-07 | 27.5 | 37.3 | 96.8 | 6.2 | | 4 | 4 | 1 | | | | 63 |
| 8 | Totokoitu Research Station | 8-Mar-07 | 26.7 | 31.8 | 90.1 | 6 | 8.5 | 11 | 5 | 6 | | 16.2 | 7.3 | 168 |
| 8 | Totokoitu Research Station | 4-Apr-07 | 27.6 | 32.5 | | | | 5 | 9 | 5 | 0.2 | 15.4 | 2.8 | 19 |
| 8 | Totokoitu Research Station | 1-May-07 | 26 | 34.3 | 91.3 | 6.1 | | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0.1 | | | 15 |
| 8A | Totokoitu Research Station | 5-Jun-07 | 23.9 | 28.8 | 89.1 | 6.4 | 8.1 | 17 | 12 | 19 | 0.2 | | | 225 |
| 8B | Totokoitu Research Station | 5-Jun-07 | | | | | | 14 | 7 | 10 | | | | 270 |
| 8 | Totokoitu Research Station | 3-Jul-07 | 21.2 | 33 | 110.5 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 55 |
| 8A | Totokoitu Research Station | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 4 | 6 | 4 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 305 |
| 8B | Totokoitu Research Station | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 3 | 8 | 4 | | 5.6 | 1.9 | 300 |
| 8 | Totokoitu Research Station | 4-Sep-07 | 22.9 | | 99.8 | 5.3 | | 4 | 3 | 5 | 0.6 | 33.7 | 2.3 | 200 |
| 8 | Totokoitu | 2-Oct-07 | 23.8 | 35.6 | 117.3 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1 |

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|---------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| | Research Station | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Totokoitu Research Station | 7-Nov-07 | 25.6 | 36.1 | 116 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0 |
| 8 | Totokoitu Research Station | 4-Dec-07 | 25.6 | 33 | 113.3 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 23 |
| 9 | Sheraton | 17-Jan-07 | 27 | 36.6 | 108.6 | 7.1 | 8.4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | | | | 2 |
| 9 | Sheraton | 17-Jan-07 | | | | | | 4 | 3 | 5 | | | | |
| 9 | Sheraton | 6-Feb-07 | 27.8 | 37.4 | 114.4 | 7.3 | | 8 | 9 | 5 | | | | 62 |
| 9 | Sheraton | 6-Feb-07 | | | | | | 6 | 6 | 4 | | | | |
| 9 | Sheraton | 8-Mar-07 | 27.5 | 34.7 | 106.4 | 6.9 | 8.9 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | 2.5 | 1.0 | 32 |
| 9A | Sheraton | 4-Apr-07 | 27.6 | 34.2 | 106.3 | 6.9 | | 2 | 5 | 3 | 0.05 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 104 |
| 9B | Sheraton | 4-Apr-07 | | | | | | 17 | 12 | 5 | | 0.3 | 0.1 | 162 |
| 9A | Sheraton | 1-May-07 | 26.7 | 34.3 | 105.6 | 7 | | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0.1 | | | 3 |
| 9B | Sheraton | 1-May-07 | | | | | | 3 | 5 | 2 | | | | 5 |
| 9 | Sheraton | 5-Jun-07 | 24.8 | 34.2 | 94 | 6.4 | 8.2 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 0.3 | | | 42 |
| 9 | Sheraton | 3-Jul-07 | 22.9 | 32 | 127.7 | 9.1 | 8.8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0 |
| 9A | Sheraton | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 5 | 5 | 15 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0 |
| 9B | Sheraton | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 5 | 6 | 25 | | 8.8 | 1.6 | 2 |
| 9 | Sheraton | 4-Sep-07 | 24.1 | | 89.1 | 4.8 | | 6 | 5 | 10 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 155 |
| 9 | Sheraton | 2-Oct-07 | 23.8 | 35.4 | 121.9 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 17 |
| 9 | Sheraton | 7-Nov-07 | 25.2 | 36 | 116.7 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 3 | 0.5 | 4 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0 |
| 9 | Sheraton | 4-Dec-07 | 25.6 | 33 | 114.5 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 6 | 5 | 33 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 9 |
| 10 | Kaena Restaurant | 17-Jan-07 | 27.2 | 37.4 | 109.6 | 7.1 | 8.4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | | 2.1 | | 2 |
| 10 | Kaena Restaurant | 6-Feb-07 | 28 | 37.4 | 112.3 | 7.1 | | 6 | 9 | 3 | | | | 26 |
| 10A | Kaena Restaurant | 8-Mar-07 | 27.6 | 35.3 | 109.5 | 7.1 | 8.6 | 2 | 5 | 4 | | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0 |
| 10B | Kaena Restaurant | 8-Mar-07 | | | | | | 2 | 5 | 4 | | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0 |
| 10 | Kaena Restaurant | 4-Apr-07 | 27.8 | 35.4 | 125.1 | 8.1 | | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0.05 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1 |
| 10 | Kaena | 1-May-07 | 26.8 | 34.6 | 104.1 | 6.9 | | 3 | 10 | 6 | 0.05 | | | 2 |

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|---------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| | Restaurant | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Kaena Restaurant | 5-Jun-07 | 25.3 | 35.6 | 93.3 | 6.3 | 8.2 | 10 | 14 | 9 | 0.05 | | | 0 |
| 10A | Kaena Restaurant | 3-Jul-07 | 23.3 | 35 | 123.6 | 8.6 | 8.8 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0.05 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 20 |
| 10B | Kaena Restaurant | 3-Jul-07 | | | | | | 2 | 5 | 3 | | 0.3 | 0.2 | 15 |
| 10A | Kaena Restaurant | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 3 | 5 | 4 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 6 |
| 10B | Kaena Restaurant | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 2 | 5 | 3 | | 0.7 | 0.6 | 3 |
| 10 | Kaena Restaurant | 4-Sep-07 | 24.1 | | 89.7 | 4.6 | | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0 |
| 10 | Kaena Restaurant | 2-Oct-07 | 24 | 35.8 | 112.2 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0 |
| 10 | Kaena Restaurant | 7-Nov-07 | 25.5 | 35.6 | 114.1 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 |
| 10A | Kaena Restaurant | 4-Dec-07 | 25.7 | 35.4 | 113.8 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0 |
| 10B | Kaena Restaurant | 4-Dec-07 | | | | | | 3 | 4 | 5 | | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1 |
| 11 | Arorangi School | 17-Jan-07 | 27.3 | 36.3 | 126.8 | 8.2 | 8.4 | 6 | 6 | 11 | | 2.8 | | 3 |
| 11 | Arorangi School | 6-Feb-07 | 28.4 | 36.5 | 128.3 | 8.1 | | 9 | 3 | 6 | | 3.6 | 1.5 | 54 |
| 11 | Arorangi School | 8-Mar-07 | 27.6 | 34.3 | 121.9 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 6 | 3 | 10 | | 2.8 | 1.2 | 26 |
| 11 | Arorangi School | 4-Apr-07 | 28.4 | 33.9 | 150.8 | 9.7 | | 4 | 8 | 13 | 0.1 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 27 |
| 11 | Arorangi School | 1-May-07 | 27.1 | 33.9 | 132.7 | 8.7 | | 8 | 7 | 12 | 0.1 | | | 2 |
| 11 | Arorangi School | 5-Jun-07 | 25.7 | 34.8 | 110.1 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 0.1 | | | 0 |
| 11 | Arorangi School | 3-Jul-07 | 22.6 | 32.9 | 139 | 9.9 | 8.7 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 10 |
| 11 | Arorangi School | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 2 | 5 | 4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1 |
| 11A | Arorangi School | 4-Sep-07 | 24 | | 96.8 | 5.2 | | 8 | 4 | 18 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 6 |
| 11B | Arorangi | 4-Sep-07 | | | | | | 9 | 5 | 19 | | 2.4 | 0.9 | 8 |

| Sample Number | Location | Date | Temperature (°C) | Salinity (‰) | DO Saturation (%) | DO (mg/L) | pH | DRP (µg/L) | NH ₄ -N (µg/L) | NO ₃ -N (µg/L) | Chl a (µg/L) | TSS (mg/L) | VSS (mg/L) | Enterococci (cells/100mL) |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| | School | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Arorangi School | 2-Oct-07 | 26.1 | 34.3 | 139.7 | 9.3 | 8.2 | 9 | 5 | 13 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1 |
| 11 | Arorangi School | 7-Nov-07 | 25.9 | 35 | 130.4 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 8 | 4 | 20 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 |
| 11 | Arorangi School | 4-Dec-07 | 26.3 | 35.5 | 123.8 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 12 | Public Works | 17-Jan-07 | 27.3 | 37.2 | 112.8 | 7.3 | 8.5 | 4 | 2 | 11 | | 33.1 | | 4 |
| 12 | Public Works | 6-Feb-07 | 28.4 | 37.5 | 112.1 | 7.1 | | 4 | 5 | 2 | | 4.0 | 1.6 | 78 |
| 12 | Public Works | 8-Mar-07 | 27.8 | 35.3 | 112 | 7.2 | 8.5 | 3 | 2 | 11 | | 7.4 | 1.2 | 6 |
| 12 | Public Works | 4-Apr-07 | 28.2 | 34.6 | 141.7 | 9.1 | | 1 | 6 | 6 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 3 |
| 12 | Public Works | 1-May-07 | 27.7 | 34.5 | 129 | 8.4 | | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0.05 | | | 3 |
| 12A | Public Works | 5-Jun-07 | 26.3 | 35.5 | 109.1 | 7.2 | 8.2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 0.05 | | | 0 |
| 12B | Public Works | 5-Jun-07 | | | | | | 3 | 6 | 3 | | | | 0 |
| 12 | Public Works | 3-Jul-07 | 23.4 | 34.3 | 120.2 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 6 | 5 | 32 | 0.05 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0 |
| 12 | Public Works | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 0.5 | 7 | 8 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0 |
| 12A | Public Works | 4-Sep-07 | 24 | | 84.5 | 4.5 | | 5 | 12 | 12 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 2 |
| 12B | Public Works | 4-Sep-07 | | | | | | 9 | 5 | 25 | | 0.3 | 0.0 | 3 |
| 12 | Public Works | 2-Oct-07 | 26 | 34 | 129.5 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 7 | 5 | 28 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 10 |
| 12 | Public Works | 7-Nov-07 | 25.5 | 35.5 | 121.3 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 6 | 3 | 23 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 7 |
| 12 | Public Works | 4-Dec-07 | 26.4 | 34.8 | 112.8 | 7.5 | 8.2 | 7 | 3 | 39 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 |
| 13 | Social Centre | 17-Jan-07 | 27.6 | 37.5 | 103.2 | 6.6 | 8.4 | 4 | 5 | 2 | | 44.1 | | 18 |
| 13 | Social Centre | 6-Feb-07 | 28 | 37.6 | 108.2 | 6.9 | | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 2.4 | 1.1 | 52 |
| 13 | Social Centre | 6-Feb-07 | | | | | | 6 | 3 | 1 | | | | |
| 13 | Social Centre | 8-Mar-07 | 27.6 | 35.4 | 111.7 | 7.2 | 8.5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | | 4.0 | 1.8 | 465 |
| 13A | Social Centre | 4-Apr-07 | 27.8 | 35.5 | 113.8 | 7.3 | | 0.5 | 4 | 2 | 0.05 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 |
| 13B | Social Centre | 4-Apr-07 | | | | | | 2 | 4 | 2 | | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1 |
| 13 | Social Centre | 1-May-07 | 27.4 | 34.7 | 109.3 | 7.1 | | 0.5 | 5 | 2 | 0.05 | | | 2 |
| 13 | Social | 5-Jun-07 | 25.8 | 35.6 | 85.5 | 5.7 | 8.2 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 0.05 | | | 2 |

| Sample Number | Location | Date | Temperature (°C) | Salinity (‰) | DO Saturation (%) | DO (mg/L) | pH | DRP (µg/L) | NH ₄ -N (µg/L) | NO ₃ -N (µg/L) | Chl a (µg/L) | TSS (mg/L) | VSS (mg/L) | Enterococci (cells/100mL) |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| | Centre | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Social Centre | 3-Jul-07 | 23 | 34.1 | 108.2 | 7.6 | 8.6 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 0.05 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0 |
| 13 | Social Centre | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 3 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 2 |
| 13 | Social Centre | 4-Sep-07 | 23.9 | | 86.4 | 4.5 | | 3 | 5 | 8 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 7 |
| 13 | Social Centre | 2-Oct-07 | 25.7 | 36.1 | 120.4 | 8 | 8.2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0.05 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 5 |
| 13A | Social Centre | 7-Nov-07 | 26.1 | 36.1 | 117 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 0 |
| 13B | Social Centre | 7-Nov-07 | | | | | | 6 | 2 | 3 | | 1.2 | 0.2 | 17 |
| 13 | Social Centre | 4-Dec-07 | 27.2 | 35.9 | 112.8 | 7.3 | 8.2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 4 |
| 14 | East Airport Drain | 17-Jan-07 | 27.8 | 36.6 | 116.6 | 7.5 | 8.4 | 6 | 3 | 10 | | 123 | | 24 |
| 14 | East Airport Drain | 6-Feb-07 | 28.7 | 37.4 | 116 | 7.3 | | 5 | 3 | 0.5 | | 2.9 | 1.3 | 92 |
| 14 | East Airport Drain | 8-Mar-07 | 27.6 | 33.3 | 112.3 | 7.4 | 8.5 | 9 | 4 | 10 | | 3.5 | 0.5 | 162 |
| 14 | East Airport Drain | 4-Apr-07 | 29 | 34.1 | 132.9 | 8.5 | | 4 | 7 | 9 | 0.4 | 4.2 | 0.9 | 72 |
| 14 | East Airport Drain | 1-May-07 | 28.4 | 33.1 | 145.9 | 9.4 | | 3 | 6 | 0.5 | 0.2 | | | 4 |
| 14A | East Airport Drain | 5-Jun-07 | 25.9 | 34 | 109.5 | 7.3 | 8.3 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 0.3 | | | 20 |
| 14B | East Airport Drain | 5-Jun-07 | | | | | | 11 | 11 | 10 | | | | 95 |
| 14 | East Airport Drain | 3-Jul-07 | 23.5 | 34.5 | 132 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 0.3 | 8.3 | 2.1 | 3 |
| 14 | East Airport Drain | 9-Aug-07 | | | | | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 8 |
| 14 | East Airport Drain | 4-Sep-07 | 24.9 | | 102.6 | 6 | | 4 | 8 | 4 | 0.3 | 4.9 | 1.3 | 14 |
| 14 | East Airport Drain | 2-Oct-07 | 26.2 | 35.9 | 127.4 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 11 |
| 14 | East Airport Drain | 7-Nov-07 | 26.3 | 36 | 123.8 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 16 |
| 14 | East Airport | 4-Dec-07 | 27.6 | 33.9 | 118.7 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0.1 | 2.7 | 0.6 | 7 |

| Sample Number | Location | Date | Temperature (°C) | Salinity (‰) | DO Saturation (%) | DO (mg/L) | pH | DRP (µg/L) | NH ₄ -N (µg/L) | NO ₃ -N (µg/L) | Chl a (µg/L) | TSS (mg/L) | VSS (mg/L) | Enterococci (cells/100mL) |
|---------------|----------|------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| | Drain | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

7.4 Appendix 4: Water quality data stream sites.

| Location | Site Number | Sampling Date | Temperature (°C) | Salinity (‰) | DO Saturation (%) | DO (mg/L) | pH | DRP (µg/L) | NH ₄ -N (µg/L) | NO ₃ -N (µg/L) | TSS (mg/L) | VSS (mg/L) | Enterococci (cells/100mL) |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Avana | 1 | 17-Jan-07 | 24.8 | 0.24 | 111.7 | 9.3 | | 29 | 3 | 3 | 2.6 | | 870 |
| Avana | 1A | 06-Feb-07 | 25.3 | 0.72 | 91.7 | 7.5 | | 41 | 6 | 7 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 1585 |
| Avana | 1B | 06-Feb-07 | | | | | | 43 | 10 | 14 | 1.3 | 0.6 | |
| Avana | 1 | 08-Mar-07 | 23.9 | 0.05 | 98.3 | 8.3 | 7.4 | 104 | 7 | 72 | 99.2 | 29.2 | 22000 |
| Avana | 1 | 04-Apr-07 | 23.6 | 0.07 | 91 | 7.7 | | 32 | 6 | 58 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1475 |
| Avana | 1 | 01-May-07 | 23.2 | 1.74 | 92.8 | 7.9 | | 38 | 3 | 13 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1480 |
| Avana | 1 | 06-Jun-07 | | | | | | 40 | 4 | 54 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 4250 |
| Avana | 1 | 03-Jul-07 | 21.4 | 0.09 | 77.6 | 6.9 | 7.4 | 40 | 7 | 31 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1450 |
| Avana | 1 | 09-Aug-07 | 22.4 | 3.23 | 80.3 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 39 | 7 | 29 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1150 |
| Avana | 1A | 04-Sep-07 | 20.2 | 0.64 | 95.2 | 8.6 | 6.5 | 80 | 3 | 12 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 10400 |
| Avana | 1B | 04-Sep-07 | | | | | | 79 | 3 | 9 | 3.8 | 1.3 | 8000 |
| Avana | 1 | 02-Oct-07 | | | | | | 41 | 8 | 15 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 695 |
| Avana | 1 | 07-Nov-07 | 24.9 | 13.16 | 84.2 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 29 | 12 | 11 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 990 |
| Avana | 1 | 04-Dec-07 | 22.6 | 0.06 | 125.1 | 10.8 | 6.9 | 45 | 5 | 103 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 800 |
| Paringaru | 2A | 17-Jan-07 | 25.6 | 0.2 | 59 | 4.8 | | 8 | 10 | 61 | 0.5 | | 143 |
| Paringaru | 2B | 17-Jan-07 | | | | | | 9 | 9 | 61 | 0.3 | | |
| Paringaru | 2 | 06-Feb-07 | 25.5 | 0.2 | 48.8 | 4 | | 13 | 35 | 8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 695 |
| Paringaru | 2A | 08-Mar-07 | 24.4 | 0.08 | 90.7 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 192 | 11 | 328 | 57.3 | 39.3 | 64000 |
| Paringaru | 2B | 08-Mar-07 | | | | | | 210 | 15 | 365 | 62.8 | 22.8 | 69000 |
| Paringaru | 2 | 04-Apr-07 | 25.3 | 0.17 | 54.2 | 4.5 | | 12 | 25 | 184 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 630 |
| Paringaru | 2 | 01-May-07 | 25.3 | 0.2 | 54.3 | 4.5 | | 3 | 38 | 218 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 410 |
| Paringaru | 2 | 06-Jun-07 | | | | | | 14 | 32 | 396 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 4600 |
| Paringaru | 2A | 03-Jul-07 | 23.7 | 0.17 | 56.4 | 4.8 | 9 | 11 | 41 | 369 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 1350 |
| Paringaru | 2B | 03-Jul-07 | | | | | | 10 | 39 | 386 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1110 |

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|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Paringaru | 2 | 09-Aug-07 | 23.1 | 0.21 | 88.2 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 12 | 14 | 127 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 1800 |
| Paringaru | 2 | 04-Sep-07 | 21.3 | 1 | 44.6 | 3.9 | 7.2 | 5 | 44 | 41 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 4600 |
| Paringaru | 2 | 02-Oct-07 | | | | | | 10 | 60 | 22 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 2000 |
| Paringaru | 2 | 07-Nov-07 | 22.5 | 0.4 | 113.2 | 9.8 | 7.7 | 9 | 62 | 45 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1100 |
| Paringaru | 2 | 04-Dec-07 | 24.6 | 0.21 | 66.1 | 5.5 | 7 | 17 | 25 | 395 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 228 |
| Akapuao | 3 | 17-Jan-07 | 27.2 | 0.17 | 31.3 | 2.5 | | 10 | 45 | 66 | 8.7 | | 790 |
| Akapuao | 3 | 06-Feb-07 | 25.9 | 0.19 | 11.1 | 0.9 | | 6 | 438 | 25 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 4800 |
| Akapuao | 3 | 08-Mar-07 | 25 | 0.06 | 76.8 | 6.4 | 7.5 | 410 | 65 | 374 | 63.8 | 16.7 | 143500 |
| Akapuao | 3 | 04-Apr-07 | 26.1 | 0.16 | 46.2 | 3.7 | | 12 | 86 | 77 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 3000 |
| Akapuao | 3 | 01-May-07 | 24.2 | 0.27 | 22.6 | 1.9 | | 10 | 83 | 27 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 9400 |
| Akapuao | 3A | 06-Jun-07 | | | | | | 8 | 70 | 146 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 10550 |
| Akapuao | 3B | 06-Jun-07 | | | | | | 6 | 72 | 145 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 9950 |
| Akapuao | 3 | 03-Jul-07 | 21.6 | 0.83 | | | 9.2 | 10 | 107 | 65 | 3.2 | 0.6 | 7900 |
| Akapuao | 3A | 09-Aug-07 | 21.5 | 0.52 | 19.1 | 1.7 | 7.7 | 177 | 2220 | 24 | 48.2 | 20.0 | 13100 |
| Akapuao | 3B | 09-Aug-07 | | | | | | 174 | 2180 | 22 | 44.4 | 18.8 | 14100 |
| Akapuao | 3 | 04-Sep-07 | 20.3 | 0.22 | 27.6 | 2.5 | 7.5 | 79 | 155 | 229 | 14.0 | 2.0 | 5000 |
| Akapuao | 3A | 02-Oct-07 | | | | | | 102 | 490 | 3 | 10.0 | 8.0 | 9000 |
| Akapuao | 3B | 02-Oct-07 | | | | | | 127 | 489 | 3 | 15.0 | 10.0 | 7900 |
| Akapuao | 3A | 07-Nov-07 | 25.4 | 2.67 | 17 | 1.4 | 7.2 | 277 | 170 | 17 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 18250 |
| Akapuao | 3B | 07-Nov-07 | | | | | | 266 | 158 | 22 | 7.3 | 1.8 | 17050 |
| Akapuao | 3 | 04-Dec-07 | 25 | 0.21 | 51.8 | 4.3 | 7.2 | 12 | 66 | 119 | 6.1 | 0.4 | 930 |
| Totokoitu | 4 | 17-Jan-07 | 23.6 | 0.08 | 91.8 | 7.8 | | 49 | 11 | 14 | 1.4 | | 65 |
| Totokoitu | 4A | 06-Feb-07 | 24.8 | 0.09 | 82.9 | 6.9 | | 48 | 14 | 24 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 1180 |
| Totokoitu | 4B | 06-Feb-07 | | | | | | 44 | 14 | 23 | 1.4 | 0.4 | |
| Totokoitu | 4 | 08-Mar-07 | 23.6 | 0.06 | 99.1 | 8.4 | 8 | 80 | 6 | 11 | 9.1 | 6.0 | 1600 |
| Totokoitu | 4A | 04-Apr-07 | 23.6 | 0.08 | 91.6 | 7.8 | | 47 | 10 | 15 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1680 |
| Totokoitu | 4B | 04-Apr-07 | | | | | | 46 | 8 | 12 | 6.1 | 1.6 | 1495 |
| Totokoitu | 4 | 01-May-07 | 22.6 | 0.13 | 84.1 | 7.3 | | 24 | 10 | 30 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 4400 |
| Totokoitu | 4 | 06-Jun-07 | | | | | | 32 | 6 | 17 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 1345 |
| Totokoitu | 4 | 03-Jul-07 | 20.7 | 0.12 | 83.6 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 26 | 25 | 28 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 6550 |
| Totokoitu | 4 | 09-Aug-07 | 21.1 | 0.07 | 79.4 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 197 | 18 | 82 | 33.9 | 16.7 | 5000 |
| Totokoitu | 4 | 04-Sep-07 | 19.8 | 0.04 | 89.2 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 70 | 10 | 19 | 6.2 | 2.3 | 10750 |

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|---------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Totokoitu | 4 | 02-Oct-07 | | | | | | 20 | 16 | 25 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 6300 |
| Totokoitu | 4 | 07-Nov-07 | 23.2 | 0.12 | 83.4 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 46 | 22 | 15 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1640 |
| Totokoitu | 4 | 04-Dec-07 | 21.6 | 0.08 | 117.2 | 10.3 | 7.8 | | | | 0.3 | 0.3 | 710 |
| Rutaki | 5A | 17-Jan-07 | 24.5 | 0.1 | 112.9 | 9.4 | | 62 | 3 | 2 | 0.6 | | 63 |
| Rutaki | 5B | 17-Jan-07 | | | | | | 73 | 3 | 2 | 0.7 | | |
| Rutaki | 5 | 06-Feb-07 | 25.3 | 0.14 | 71.8 | 5.9 | | 66 | 9 | 17 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 9200 |
| Rutaki | 5 | 08-Mar-07 | 24.1 | 0.08 | 96.6 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 87 | 3 | 6 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 1430 |
| Rutaki | 5 | 04-Apr-07 | 24.3 | 0.09 | 90.3 | 7.6 | | 79 | 7 | 70 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 1160 |
| Rutaki | 5 | 01-May-07 | 23.7 | 0.11 | 88.4 | 7.5 | | 36 | 0.5 | 31 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 915 |
| Rutaki | 5 | 06-Jun-07 | | | | | | 53 | 6 | 84 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 705 |
| Rutaki | 5 | 03-Jul-07 | 21.9 | 0.15 | 72.6 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 37 | 16 | 64 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 1480 |
| Rutaki | 5 | 09-Aug-07 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rutaki | 5A | 04-Sep-07 | 20.2 | 0.08 | 101.8 | 9.2 | 7.7 | 107 | 4 | 13 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 5200 |
| Rutaki | 5B | 04-Sep-07 | | | | | | 107 | 4 | 15 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 7400 |
| Rutaki | 5A | 02-Oct-07 | | | | | | 25 | 14 | 11 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 550 |
| Rutaki | 5B | 02-Oct-07 | | | | | | 39 | 14 | 11 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 515 |
| Rutaki | 5 | 07-Nov-07 | 26.7 | 0.18 | 135.5 | 10.9 | 8.3 | 33 | 2 | 29 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 645 |
| Rutaki | 5 | 04-Dec-07 | 24.1 | 0.1 | 114.5 | 9.6 | 7.6 | 75 | 3 | 100 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 570 |
| Betela | 6 | 17-Jan-07 | 24 | 0.07 | 95 | 8 | | 40 | 9 | 14 | 1.5 | | 460 |
| Betela | 6 | 06-Feb-07 | 25.1 | 0.07 | | | | 42 | 19 | 11 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 9550 |
| Betela | 6 | 08-Mar-07 | 24.4 | 0.07 | 90 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 64 | 11 | 126 | 5.7 | 3.0 | 1365 |
| Betela | 6 | 04-Apr-07 | 24.9 | 0.08 | | | | 45 | 9 | 124 | 3.2 | 0.2 | 1025 |
| Betela | 6 | 01-May-07 | 23.5 | 0.08 | 118.2 | 10 | | 25 | 0.5 | 2 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1130 |
| Betela | 6 | 06-Jun-07 | | | | | | 53 | 7 | 121 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 1690 |
| Betela | 6 | 03-Jul-07 | 20.5 | 0.09 | 67.1 | 6 | 8.8 | 45 | 11 | 51 | 11.4 | 3.3 | 1260 |
| Betela | 6 | 09-Aug-07 | 21.9 | 0.09 | 68.4 | 6 | 7.3 | 69 | 21 | 127 | 8.5 | 5.4 | 5000 |
| Betela | 6 | 04-Sep-07 | 20.4 | 0.08 | 90.7 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 53 | 6 | 96 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 6400 |
| Betela | 6 | 02-Oct-07 | | | | | | 29 | 11 | 17 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 690 |
| Betela | 6 | 07-Nov-07 | 23.4 | 0.09 | 79.9 | 6.8 | 7.9 | 39 | 7 | 3 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 815 |
| Betela | 6 | 04-Dec-07 | 23.3 | 0.09 | 98.7 | 8.4 | 7.7 | 14 | 11 | 99 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 780 |
| North Airport Drain | 7 | 17-Jan-07 | 26.4 | 1.35 | 78.4 | 6.3 | | 7 | 64 | 114 | 6.8 | | 93 |

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|---------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-----|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| North Airport Drain | 7 | 06-Feb-07 | | 0.31 | 113.5 | 8.5 | | 4 | 26 | 54 | 10.8 | 5.4 | 25 |
| North Airport Drain | 7A | 08-Mar-07 | 27.9 | 0.21 | 126.1 | 9.9 | 8.1 | 47 | 53 | 312 | 12.0 | 4.9 | 880 |
| North Airport Drain | 7B | 08-Mar-07 | | | | | | 54 | 53 | 312 | 14.8 | 4.0 | 900 |
| North Airport Drain | 7 | 04-Apr-07 | 32.7 | 0.23 | 177.2 | 12.8 | | 17 | 18 | 266 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 107 |
| North Airport Drain | 7A | 01-May-07 | 25.6 | 0.15 | 159.2 | 13 | | 3 | 1 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 64 |
| North Airport Drain | 7B | 01-May-07 | | | | | | 2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 55 |
| North Airport Drain | 7A | 06-Jun-07 | | | | | | 8 | 21 | 226 | 5.3 | 2.1 | 98 |
| North Airport Drain | 7B | 06-Jun-07 | | | | | | 5 | 21 | 220 | 5.0 | 1.5 | 88 |
| North Airport Drain | 7 | 03-Jul-07 | 22.2 | 0.14 | 103.1 | 9 | 5.3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 50 |
| North Airport Drain | 7A | 09-Aug-07 | 24.5 | 0.32 | 132.5 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0.5 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 58 |
| North Airport Drain | 7B | 09-Aug-07 | | | | | | 3 | 5 | 3 | 6.5 | 2.8 | 63 |
| North Airport Drain | 7 | 04-Sep-07 | 21.9 | 0.15 | 116.4 | 10.2 | 8.4 | 20 | 111 | 186 | 6.7 | 2.4 | 5000 |
| North Airport Drain | 7 | 02-Oct-07 | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 35.6 | 9.4 | 88 |
| North Airport Drain | 7A | 07-Nov-07 | 30.1 | 0.32 | 118 | 8.9 | 8.6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 17.2 | 5.6 | 30 |
| North Airport Drain | 7B | 07-Nov-07 | | | | | | 4 | 6 | 4 | 17.5 | 7.0 | 26 |
| North Airport Drain | 7A | 04-Dec-07 | 24.7 | 0.15 | 110.1 | 9.1 | 7.9 | 9 | 49 | 199 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 148 |
| North Airport Drain | 7B | 04-Dec-07 | | | | | | 12 | 49 | 179 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 163 |
| Avatiu | 8 | 17-Jan-07 | 23.7 | 0.13 | 117.4 | 9.9 | 7.8 | 70 | 3 | 4 | 1.2 | | 31 |
| Avatiu | 8 | 06-Feb-07 | 26.5 | 0.24 | 107.9 | 8.7 | | 51 | 3 | 2 | 4.6 | 2.0 | 1295 |
| Avatiu | 8 | 08-Mar-07 | 24.3 | 0.11 | 96.5 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 89 | 5 | 70 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 1505 |
| Avatiu | 8A | 04-Apr-07 | 25.6 | 0.13 | 90.9 | 7.4 | | 78 | 8 | 232 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 193 |
| Avatiu | 8B | 04-Apr-07 | | | | | | 76 | 6 | 162 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 197 |

| Location | Site Number | Sampling Date | Temperature (°C) | Salinity (‰) | DO Saturation (%) | DO (mg/L) | pH | DRP (µg/L) | NH ₄ -N (µg/L) | NO ₃ -N (µg/L) | TSS (mg/L) | VSS (mg/L) | Enterococci (cells/100mL) |
|----------|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Avatiu | 8A | 01-May-07 | 28.8 | 0.23 | 167.8 | 12.9 | | 58 | 1 | 5 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 504 |
| Avatiu | 8B | 01-May-07 | | | | | | 49 | 1 | 6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 345 |
| Avatiu | 8 | 06-Jun-07 | | | | | | 79 | 7 | 124 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 1105 |
| Avatiu | 8A | 03-Jul-07 | 26.5 | 0.25 | 143.9 | 11.6 | 10.2 | 63 | 6 | 16 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 460 |
| Avatiu | 8B | 03-Jul-07 | | | | | | 77 | 5 | 18 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 470 |
| Avatiu | 8 | 09-Aug-07 | 23.8 | 1.47 | 97.1 | 8.1 | 7.5 | 92 | 7 | 6 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 825 |
| Avatiu | 8 | 04-Sep-07 | 21.4 | 0.11 | 101.4 | 9 | 7.6 | 167 | 3 | 94 | 16.5 | 3.0 | 78500 |
| Avatiu | 8 | 02-Oct-07 | | | | | | 40 | 6 | 5 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 765 |
| Avatiu | 8 | 07-Nov-07 | 25.6 | 0.16 | 108.5 | 8.9 | 7.9 | 77 | 12 | 6 | 2.6 | 0.7 | 455 |
| Avatiu | 8A | 04-Dec-07 | | 0.11 | 199.6 | 14 | 8.4 | 107 | 6 | 163 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 295 |
| Avatiu | 8B | 04-Dec-07 | | | | | | 85 | 7 | 163 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 320 |

