



2009 Annual Report

Coral Bleaching and Local Ecological Responses

Executive Summary

The scientific work for all BWG projects has now been successfully finished, and group members are now working on the products. Major activity within this reporting period was the group workshop at Heron Island (May 16-30) with ca. 30 participants (7 out of 10 BWG members). This workshop was highly productive and resulted in the generation of an extensive final report and three concerted scientific review manuscripts (Iglesias-Prieto et al.: "The photobiology of bleaching", Ateweberhan et al. "The road to Copenhagen: Assessing implications of global climate change policy and the recommended 2 oC temperature threshold for coral reefs", and Wild et al. "Climate change impedes the primary reef-ecosystem engineers and related services". Additionally, a series of talks was held and several documentaries about the group's activities were produced.