



Rakino island subtidal survey workshop

Rough outline

Aim of the workshop:

Train locals on timed swim methodology in order to collect rocky reef species abundance and diversity data, to better understand the state of Rakino's rocky reefs. The timed swim survey methodology is a more accessible method of monitoring rocky reefs and will allow locals to adopt a site around the island.

Workshop components

Prior homework for locals:

- Fish ID, familiarisation with common Inner Gulf rocky reef species

On island theory session (2hrs):

- Timed swim methodology overview
- Health and safety training

On island in water training (2hrs):

- Fish ID practice
- Timed swim practice
- Additional water safety and snorkel training

On island data analysis (2hrs):

- Setting up data storage
- Project goals
- Transect mapping

