

# **Editorial**



## The KUMEMEJIMA 2009 Expedition: station data and collecting sites\*

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#### **Abstract**

The present paper introduces the sampling methods employed during the Marine Biodiversity Expedition — KUMEJIMA 2009. Data of all sampling stations are listed.

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#### Introduction

The present expedition was originally planned with the idea of a biodiversity rich area of the Ryukyu Islands. Kumejima (= Kume Island) in the central Ryukyus (Fig. 1) selected as exploration site, as it is a relatively small

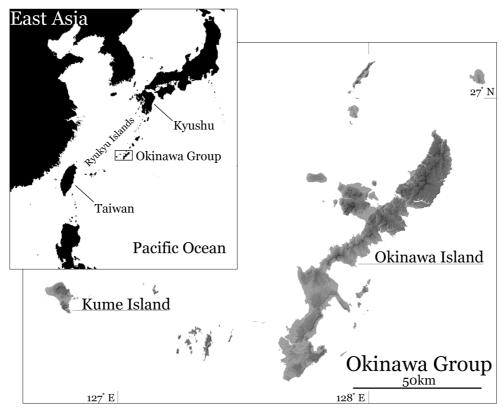


FIGURE 1. Map of Kumejima in the Ryukyu Islands, and East Asia.