



PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA  
Marine National Monument

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Scientists unveil new fish species from Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument at Mokupāpapa Discovery Center's Aquarium**

On November 10, news media representatives are invited to Mokupāpapa Discovery Center (MDC) to interview Randall Kosaki, Ph.D, deputy superintendent for field and research at Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, on mesophotic exploration in the Monument. Kosaki and MDC aquarist Tim Brown will also talk about the never-before-seen fish collected from the deep-water coral reefs of the monument, now on display in the center's aquarium. Afterward, Kosaki will give a free public presentation at the center, which the media is also invited to attend. **RSVP to Toni Parras, 808-282-9332 or [Toni.Parras@noaa.gov](mailto:Toni.Parras@noaa.gov).**

**WHEN:** Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM- Media only  
(followed by public lecture from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

**WHERE:** Mokupāpapa Discovery Center  
76 Kamehameha Avenue  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Phone: 808-933-8180

**WHO:**

- **Randall Kosaki**, Ph.D., NOAA's deputy superintendent for field and research at Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument
- **Tim Brown**, aquarist, Mokupāpapa Discovery Center
- **Virginia Branco**, educator and interim manager, Mokupāpapa Discovery Center

**VISUALS:**

- Newly collected fish from Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument on display in the aquarium at Mokupāpapa Discovery Center, some never seen before
- The newly-described butterflyfish *Prognathodes basabei*, as well as many other beautiful marine life specimens
- Various exhibits at Mokupāpapa Discovery Center

*Papahānaumokuākea is cooperatively managed to ensure ecological integrity and achieve strong, long-term protection and perpetuation of Northwestern Hawaiian Island ecosystems, Native Hawaiian culture, and heritage resources for current and future generations. Three co-trustees - the Department of Commerce, Department of the Interior, and State of Hawai'i - joined by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, protect this special place. Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument was inscribed as the first mixed (natural and cultural) UNESCO World Heritage Site in the United States in July 2010. For more information, please visit [www.papahanaumokuakea.gov](http://www.papahanaumokuakea.gov).*

