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A Collection of Reef Education And Reference Materials



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Why was this collection of references created?

This collection is a first-edition compilation of coral reef outreach and education materials for marine resource users including fact sheets, identification slideshows, activities for kids, videos, posters, papers, environmental dive briefs, sustainable recreation guides, monitoring manuals, brochures, informational presentations and more.

The resources in this collection highlight the threats to coral reef ecosystems and provide users with effective educational and communications tools they can use as-is or modify for their own coral reef conservation and education initiatives. Note: The collection is not exhaustive. Our intention is simply to disseminate existing resources to interested users and to prevent duplication of effort through resource sharing.

Who should use these references?

This CD was created for use by marine resource users but may be useful for anyone who is interested in coral reefs and related ecosystems and wants access to a suite of materials to help build public awareness of coral reefs and support as well as support for reef protection. Please contact relevant organisations if materials are to be reproduced.

Description of References:

Following is a detailed description of the contents of each of the file folders in this collection.

Coral Restoration & PSA Video Clips (4)

These short video clips are useful media additions for PowerPoint presentations. There are 2 coral restoration clips from Jamaica. Additionally there are two video clips that are part of Project AWARE Foundation's public awareness campaign entitled "Protect the Living Reef."

Identification Slide Shows (5)

These slide shows were created to teach basic Caribbean marine reef identifications to students. There are 5 slideshows divided into the categories of corals and invertebrates, fish, mangrove and seagrass species, potentially dangerous marine species and coral diseases and impacts. They were adapted from Paul Humann's Caribbean Reef Identification Book and CD educational series. These slideshows are for educational use only. Therefore official permission must be obtained from the author before using in any official manner.

Reef Posters & Signs (7)

This is a folder with various reef education posters. There are taken from a variety of organizations including PADI Project AWARE, NOAA, Department of Defense, The Barbados Sea Turtle Project and the National Park Service.

For your reference two of these posters have been printed and are included in the “Caring for Our Coasts and Our Future – Materials for Trainers” training pack.

Reef Handbooks & Articles (6)

This folder contains many useful marine resource guides. Most of these resources were produced by CORAL (The Coral Reef Alliance) and include sustainable use guidelines, tips, coral reefs glossaries, and basic coral reef ecology handbooks.

There are also papers on the impacts of diving/divers on reefs as well as an executive summary on Reef Check (the largest international volunteer reef survey organization) explaining the "coral reef crisis," an outline of Reef Check's first 5 years, and success stories from Reef Check volunteer teams around the world.

Reef Educational Flyers / Brochures (7)

This folder contains many useful brochures that can be printed and distributed within the marine tourism sector to assist in education of the public and tourists. Topics include guidelines for safe practices for diving, snorkeling, turtle watching and general marine wildlife interactions. There is also a checklist for marine operators to assist them in operating in an environmentally friendly fashion.

This checklist has been printed and included as a sample from the “Caring for Our Coasts and Our Future – Materials for Trainers”, training pack.

Links to Coral Reef Conservation Websites

This is a preliminary list of informative international marine and coastal nonprofit environmental organizations websites. These educational websites contain useful information about the marine environment and many organizations offer free educational materials.