

Dear BREEF Friend,

BREEF has been very busy this summer. Read on to find out how we have been promoting conservation through education.

Sincerely,
BREEF Staff

September, 2008



BREEF 10 - Marine Conservation Teacher Training Workshop

The teachers of BREEF 10 are now back in their schools, excited to put what they have learned at the workshop into practice.



Workshop participant, **Sophia Butler** wrote "*The level and quality of information is truly amazing and even as flabbergasted as I am, I am also proud and honored to be in the midst of passionate persons who share similar and greater passion for the environment. Experiences ranged from swimming in our shallow shores, mangroves, and coral reefs to seeing birds and iguanas up close and personal,..... now I can never remain passive about the knowledge I've learned.*"



The teachers of BREEF 10 created excellent educational marine science resources that will be put to good use in classrooms throughout the country. These educational films are available on YouTube



- [Educational videos on the Nassau Grouper in five chapters:](#) Classification, Life Cycle, The Fishing Industry, Threats, Environmental Stewardship
- [The 'Mangroove' Music Video](#) - a music video that speaks about the importance of mangrove ecosystems to the Bahamas.
- [If a fish could talk](#) - the voice of the Nassau grouper by Sophia Butler
- [BREEF 10](#) - participants describe their experiences at this summer's workshop



Coastal Awareness Photo-Essay Exhibition at NPCC

The Bahamas National Coastal Awareness Committee Working Towards the Achievement of National Sustainable Tourism Development of Coastal Communities

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Coastal Awareness Photo-Essay Exhibition
Dates: 16th September, 2008 through 9th October, 2008

Opening Night: Thursday 18th September, 2008
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Venue: The Ladder Gallery, New Providence Community Center, Blake Road, Nassau, Bahamas (242-327-1660)

Come join our future keepers of the environment as they showcase their appreciation of the coastal environment with original photos and essays.



Overall winner Bianca Wagner of Tambeary School, won a trip for 2 to London sponsored by British Airways, hosted by the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation

L-R: Adrian Barton (British Airways), Bianca Wagner, Vernice Walkine (Director General, Tourism)

2008 is The International Year of the Reef

BREEF Executive Director Casuarina McKinney-Lambert attended the International Coral Reef Symposium in Ft. Lauderdale in July, a gathering of over 2,000 participants from around the world. The objective of the symposium is to gather the best reef science available, with the purpose of sharing scientific findings with government agencies, resource management, and non-government organizations. In August BREEF partnered with Kerzner Marine Foundation, the Bahamas National Trust and The Nature Conservancy to carry out an assessment of the coral reefs around New Providence and Rose Island. Stay tuned to learn more about the results of the assessment, and the implications for coral reef conservation.



BREEF's Summer Camps

Sea camp

This summer, BREEF conducted two marine summer camps. **Sea Camp** held in conjunction with the San Salvador Living Jewels Foundation for the children of San Salvador was a great success. Campers learned about and experienced their coastal environment through a combination of science and art. This camp was made possible through a grant from The Nature Conservancy, and with support from The Gerace Research Center, The Bahamas National Trust and The Bahamas Education Culture and Science Foundation. Special thanks goes to volunteer facilitators Janet Storr, Garnell Williams and Sandy Voegeli, Ruth Schowalter, Elizabeth Brill and Annette Pennock.



Marine Summer Camp



"The Wonderful World of Water" held in Nassau, left campers asking for more. They had a fun-filled week learning about their marine environment. The kids had a fantastic experience thanks to The Ardastra Gardens, Atlantis, The Bahamas National Trust, Stuart Cove's Dive Bahamas, and Dolphin Encounters.

BREEF thanks all who volunteered their assistance this summer, helping to ensure that both camps ran smoothly, including students of the CV Bethel Marine Science Magnet Programme, Mark Bethel, Celeste and BREEF 10 teachers Elizabeth Morrison and Dion Cunningham.



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