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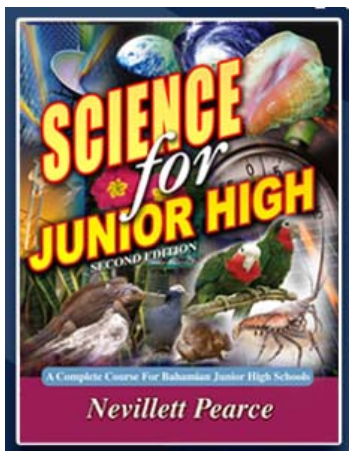
## Local Teacher/Author gives back to BREEF

Nevillet Pearce author of **'Science for Junior High – A Complete Course for Bahamian Junior Schools**, made a **\$1000** donation to The Bahamas Reef Environment Educational Foundation (BREEF) as a show of appreciation for the impact that the non-profit environmental agency has had on her career.

This summer Mrs. Pearce, also the Head of the Science Department at Kingsway Academy attended BREEF's 10 day Marine Conservation Teacher Training Workshop, held annually, in San Salvador. At the workshop 23 teachers from throughout The Bahamas had the opportunity to experience and learn about the Bahamian marine environment. She says that the experience has left an indelible impression on her and affects her teaching today. At the end of the workshop she commented *"I anxiously look forward to sharing the wealth of knowledge and experiences that I have gained with my students and colleagues."* Her donation supports BREEF's work, helping to give other teachers the same opportunity.



Nevillet Pearce



Mrs. Pearce attributes the success of her text book in part to BREEF. With the organization's help she was able to write about the ecology of the Bahamas, exposing students to local examples lacking in foreign texts. *"I am humbled that God should choose to use me in this way, and I want to express my gratitude to Him for giving me the vision, and bringing together all the people, resources and circumstances to accomplish His purpose in the writing of this book."* BREEF's Executive Director Casuarina McKinney expresses sincere thanks to Mrs. Pearce one of BREEF's newest members.

BREEF's mission is to educate the public about our underwater environment and how to protect it. Teachers are encouraged to contact BREEF for assistance with lesson ideas, field trips, and guest lectures. This year the annual teacher training workshop will be held from July 15-22 at the Gerace Research Center on San Salvador. Visit [www.breef.org](http://www.breef.org) for great resources including information on the **Nassau grouper closed season which runs from December 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007**. BREEF is located at Cave's Village, West Bay St: Tel 327-9000.



Teachers review lessons on coastal ecology at BREEF's summer workshop 2006