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# CORAL REEFS

## A Handbook For Their Future

A book about coral reefs, their worldwide demise and what you can do to make a difference.



**B**iosphere Foundation is pleased to announce the publication of its new book called *Coral Reefs - A Handbook For Their Future* by author Orla Doherty. Published by IMarEST (the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology), the book is an easy-to-read study on coral reef biology ecology that was composed by Doherty when she sailed onboard Biosphere Foundation's ship during its 'Planetary Coral Reef Expedition'.

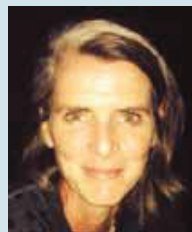
During the voyage, 41 coral reefs were mapped and monitored around the world from 1995 to 2008. The analysis of all of the data gathered during these years showed that two-thirds of the reefs studied were at risk; a staggering figure that has been reported by other organisations to have increased since then in critical areas such as Southeast Asia.

In particular *Coral Reefs - A Handbook For Their Future* highlights the fact that coral reefs are the indicator of the health of our oceans, and thus our biosphere. It explains why coral reefs are important, how they work and which creatures of the ocean depend on them. It gives the reader an understanding of their crucial function on planet Earth and what will happen if we allow them to disappear. At the same time as celebrating their complexity, it describes what currently threatens coral reefs around the world, including a

full explanation of the single greatest threat, climate change. The book also suggests steps that we can all take to help solve the problems.

Many of the photographs and discussions in the book contain examples of reefs in Southeast Asia that coincides with the work of Francis Lee and the Marine Parks of Indonesia Expedition. There are a number of appendices as well, including a summary about what was learned and what you can do to make a difference for the future of coral reefs.

If you are interested in reading the book, please contact Yves de Leeneer, Raffles Marina Member who is the Founder of Biosphere Foundation Singapore and Chairman of IMarEST Singapore at [yves.dl@deepblue.sg](mailto:yves.dl@deepblue.sg) or buy it directly online from IMarEST at <http://www.imarest.org/resources/book-publications>.



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