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BONAIRE NURSERY

CRF president, Ken Nedymer, and his wife and CRF board member, Denise, traveled to Bonaire in August to continue the Bonaire coral restoration program. They spent the week performing maintenance on the corals hung last April, and meeting with local government officials, resort owners, and dive operators.



Help support CRF with our new handcrafted sterling silver pendant featuring the CRF logo.

Special thank you to Jeff Alexander of Alexander's of Atlanta for the design and production of the new CRF jewelry.

HELP CRF

Support enables CRF to grow corals in several offshore nurseries and to outplant these corals to degraded reefs.



The CRF team installed two coral nurseries in Bonaire last April. One nursery is located directly off of Buddy Dive Resort, and the other near Klein Bonaire. Buddy Dive staff have visited the nurseries weekly since installation, and cleaned the trees and coral. Ken and Denise, took a photo inventory of the broodstock corals and developed a nursery work plan for the week. Both staghorn and elkhorn corals did extremely well with very high survival rates and robust growth. Ken and Denise

along with the Buddy Dive staff, pruned new growth off the existing broodstock. By the end of the week, 1,150 new staghorn fragments were hung on trees at both locations.

Hundreds of divers are exposed to the nurseries each week, which has led to an overwhelming amount of excitement and support for the project. CRF's next steps for Bonaire include a trip in December 2012 to count and mount for corals, as well as obtain permits for a first outplanting for spring 2013.

FIRST ELKHORN RESTORATION

CRF made history again with the first ever nursery-raised elkhorn restoration last summer. Eighteen second-generation elkhorn corals were sponsored by second time Restoration Sponsor, EcoTech Marine, to be outplanted on Molasses Reef. Patrick Clasen, Justin Lawyer, and Tim Marks of EcoTech Marine were joined by Jeff and Joleen Turner of Boyd Enterprises for two days of diving the elkhorn nursery and reef last July. The newly attached corals were tagged and will be monitored for growth and survivorship. CRF has since outplanted additional elkhorn corals on Molasses, and has plans to outplant 6,700 elkhorn corals on Upper Keys reefs over the next few years.



CRF began its elkhorn nursery on Snapper Ledge in 2009. Today the nursery has 13 genotypes, and over 850 corals. Most grow on disks due to recreational traffic and fishing at Snapper Ledge, but CRF is now growing elkhorn on trees in the other existing CRF nurseries.

CRF was recently featured in Coral magazine (Sept/Oct issue) for the elkhorn restoration. [Click HERE](#) to see **John Carlin's *Fincasters* episode on the restoration.** For more photos of the restoration by **Tim Grollmund**, click [HERE](#).

MACNA

The Marine Aquarium Conference of North America (MACNA) held its annual event in Dallas, Texas on September 28-30, 2012. Thanks to Boyd Enterprises, CRF had a 500-gallon aquarium displaying a coral tree nursery with live staghorn coral for all to see. Hobbyists, retailers and manufacturers helped the show achieve record attendance with an estimated 1,800 attendees. Ken was invited as a speaker and interacted with hundreds of people throughout the weekend. CRF's work continues to generate strong interest within the aquarium industry. The show ended with CRF receiving several \$5,000 "Restoration Sponsor" level donations from the Marine Aquarium Societies of North America (MASNA), DFW Marine Aquarium Society and Dallas World Aquarium. Click [HERE](#) to find out

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