



Soaking up the atmosphere at DIVE 2014!

It was a CCC HO team effort last weekend for DIVE 2014. This annual Dive Show takes place at the Birmingham NEC and is a highlight on all divers' calendars. Show casing new and exciting dive technologies and exhibitor stands offering dive gear, diving holidays, dive training... basically everything diving!

The CCC head office staff were excited to attend the event as it's a brilliant opportunity to meet up with similar organisations, catch up with old stakeholders and put faces to names for some of our new project partners. It was particularly heart-warming to speak to some of our lovely ex volunteers (and hopefully a few that we will be able to welcome on to our sites in the future). Thanks for the support and the positive comments! Everyone who signed up to our newsletter at DIVE 2014 has been automatically entered into our grand prize draw to win a **free 4 week expedition!** We will announce the winner in next month's email. Good luck to everyone who entered!



An idea of what to expect for Whaleshark 4!



A Magnificent Urchin (*Astropyga magnifica*) spotted amongst the Seagrass.

Philippines

It has been all hands on deck recently (sorry!) to get our beautiful new boat up and running. The newly named Whaleshark 4 is missing rather an important element at the moment- the engine! But this will be going in tomorrow and after a couple of hull repairs and a CCC paint job it should be setting sail by next week.

This will be just in time to explore the reefs of Maasin, an area which the Southern Leyte Government are hoping to market as a new diving destination for tourists. The Maasin surveys have been in the wood work for a few months now, so it will be great to be able to get out there and get stuck in!

We'll be sure to post a photo of the new boat on the blog so watch [this space!](#)

Montserrat

There was a very lucky team on site last week after CCC Montserrat were given permission by the Montserrat Volcano Observatory and Royal Montserrat Police Force to dive in the exclusion zone, south-east of Bransby Point! This area has not been properly dived or surveyed since before volcanic activity began in 1995, so it was with great excitement that they embarked on their dives.

A range of colourful sponges and numerous colonies of hard coral were seen on the reefs, with several boulders of vulnerable Elliptical Star Coral. Sightings of Butterflyfish, Garden Eels, Groupers, Barracuda, Stingrays, Almaco Jacks and Hawksbill Turtles were particularly thrilling. It was also brilliant to note that there was no rubbish or coral damage! After a few more exploratory dives the team can't wait to start surveying. Check out the [blog](#) for further details.

The Lifesigns Group

Coral Cay Conservation is part of the [Lifesigns Group](#), a group of companies specialising in expeditions, medical training & hostile environment solutions.

The Lifesigns UK ops room has been busy running the 'Risk Management in Overseas Programmes' course (RMOP) this September. Designed for Senior Managers and Directors in the expedition and exploration field, this 2 day course aims to help organisations minimise risk on overseas projects, and understand their responsibilities towards accident prevention. If you would like to know more about this or any other training undertaken by the Lifesigns Group check out the Lifesigns [training page](#).

Offer of the month!

Ever wanted to explore the beautiful country of Nepal and view the majestic mountains of the Himalayas? If the answer's yes then this is the offer for you! In 2015 Adventure Lifesigns will be running a 3 week project based expedition to Nepal for the special price of £1,950 (usual price £2,700)! Just contact expeditionsmanager@lifesignsgroup.co.uk and mention CCCNepal to take advantage of this offer!

Fee includes flights, insurance and in country costs.