



Coral Cay Conservation Celebrate Earth Day!

[Coral Cay Conservation's](#) sites in Montserrat and the Philippines came together for a common goal on Saturday the 22nd April in honour of Earth Day! With the kind support of [4Ocean](#), CCC staff and volunteers, Montserrat Island Dive Centre and members of the community carried out a large scale clean up. The litter-pick took place on the beach, and directly from the reefs, on Napantao beach in the Philippines, and Carr's Bay in Montserrat.

This day was the result of a great deal of hard work from CCC staff and volunteers alike and it wouldn't have been such a success without the local community who turned out in droves to support the effort. We are very proud to announce that the Montserrat site alone managed to collect a whopping 200 kg worth of rubbish! The Philippines site, in addition to a litter pick, grabbed the opportunity to hold a community day with fish ID lessons, snorkelling sessions and a competition with prizes for the most rubbish collected.

We are thrilled by the amount of rubbish that was removed from our shores during the event but even more so by the strengthening of connections between CCC and our local community, which will hopefully lead to longer-lasting and further-reaching positive impacts in the future. You can find more details on both sites' events on the [blog](#).



The CCC team looking very proud of themselves after planting up the coral nurseries.



The team show off their team work skills... or maybe this is just how they limber up in the morning we aren't too sure!

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CCC's Philippines team and ex scholar, Jerome Napala (founder of the GREEN NGO) have been spending the last few months researching coral restoration projects with a view to establishing a coral nursery on our house reef of Napantao. CCC aimed to produce a replicable and cost efficient methodology that could be adopted by local stakeholders and

Recent Events

[Medical Lifesigns](#) recently provided medical and safety awareness training for Charlie, Will, Theo and Will, or '[Cycling For Rangers](#)' as they are now known! They are cycling from Johannesburg to Nairobi to raise awareness and funds for park rangers across Africa, through the 'For Rangers' organisation. Protecting Africa's beautiful wildlife is a vital job but unfortunately it comes with a very high level of risk, with two rangers being killed

community members, further building capacity within the area.

We are pleased to report that following some tests, our first 'nurseries' have been lowered into position! 24 naturally fragmented corals were gathered from our house reef and placed into recycled glass bottles, along with sand and additional coral rubble. 'Planting' corals in bottles may seem a rather strange method but it has proven quite successful in previous trials, but this is only the first phase of this project. Once the corals have successfully calcified around the substrate and bottle, they will be transferred to a rope nursery. CCC staff and volunteers will then maintain the coral fragments, preventing algae growth or the onset of disease, and once >10cm in length, the coral fragments will be transplanted onto rocky substrates adjacent to the nursery, hopefully, prompting natural calcification and leading to an increased coral coverage throughout the Napantao reef.

The team are currently trialling two species, *Acropora bruggemanni* and *Acropora formosa*. Throughout the process of fragmenting, transplanting and cleaning, regular measurements will be recorded enabling the team to monitor the growth of the coral fragments.

This is a project we have been really keen on implementing and we are super excited to have the first stages underway - we will be sure to give you regular updates on our progress through our [Facebook](#) page and [blog](#).

every week throughout the world. You can keep abreast of their progress through the [live tracker](#), and there will be documentary of their whole journey coming out soon, which will feature the rangers explaining the issues that they face in their own words.

The team joined the specialists at Lifesigns for a bespoke course to better prepare them for the risks that they may face during their travels. The team kindly provided us with a testimonial of their experience:

"Lifesigns' travel safety course is a must for anyone embarking on any form of expedition. Their detailed knowledge of hazardous environments, varying cultures and expedition/production planning provides an excellent platform for learning. The delivery of the course is superb from interesting surprise scenarios to bespoke situational awareness lessons. They mix it up nicely with humour and detailed personal anecdotes. They provide that feeling that whichever scenario you end up in, there will always be a memorable story from the course."

We were very pleased to play a small role in getting them ready for their journey and are immensely proud of what they have achieved so far, well done lads! If you would like to read more about their cause, or donate check out their [website](#).

Future Events



Adventure Lifesigns will be starting the expedition season in earnest in a couple of months. With school groups heading off to Nepal, Zambia, Malawi, Uganda, Kenya, Cambodia and Ecuador, it's going to be a very busy period! The staff team at head office have spent the last few months working with the students to get them ready to go out with weekend camping sessions and first aid training, we can't wait to see how they get on.

Every year we have several groups that head out a little earlier than everyone else, and last week saw our UK Manager, Ian Forbes, lead one of these groups to Nepal. The group was

split into two teams with one group (shown above) helping with the construction of a classroom at Shee Janabhawana Primary, and the other trekking a route around the Kathmandu Valley, before they switched over. The two Nepal teams heading out this summer will pick up where the last groups left off, so we'll be sure to show off the finished project once completed. Check out the [Facebook](#) page for regular updates on the team's progress.

Offer of the Month!

Heads up to anyone who wants to join a Coral Cay Conservation expedition! Anyone who [books on](#) for a stay of three weeks or more, on either our [Philippines](#) or [Montserrat](#) expedition, can get one extra week for **free!** Just make sure to book on before the 22nd May 2017 and mention the code - NewsletterApr2017!

Terms & Conditions: Offer applies to Coral Cay Conservation expeditions only. Expedition must take place within a year of booking. Offer can only be redeemed until the 22nd May 2017. Offer is only redeemable through the mention of 'NewsletterApr2017' on the booking form. Offer cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer subject to availability. This offer has no monetary value and no cash or product alternative will be offered. Usual CCC expedition [Terms and Conditions](#) apply.
