



### Wishing a very Merry Christmas to you all!

We can't be the only ones to feel like this year has flown by, right? This year has been very eventful for [Coral Cay Conservation](#) (CCC) and the [Lifesigns Group](#) as a whole.

Next year promises to be even more exciting with [Adventure Lifesigns](#) reopening the [ADUR Centre](#) in West Sussex, offering a host of outdoor activities from mountain biking to kayaking. [Medical Lifesigns](#) will be offering the new [First Response Emergency Care](#) (FREC 3) course from May, and Ian our Company Manager will be setting off once again to offer medical and operations support to a client in the Sudan. We'll be sure to bring you all the tales of his adventures.

At Coral Cay we wished farewell to our wonderful project in Montserrat, made great strides in refining the methodology for our coral nursery in the Philippines, and collected a whopping 1.8 metric tonnes of rubbish from our local coast lines. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers, scholars and staff who have shown such enthusiasm, and dedicated their time freely to the conservation of coral reef ecosystems, we couldn't do it without you! We can't wait until next year when we will have the opportunity to share our passion and knowledge of coral reefs with even more people, just like you!



#### Coral Cay Conservation

One particular person that we look forward to welcoming on site next year is the winner of a free four-week expedition on our Philippines site, Daniella Bayliss! We think the prize was rather a shock, but her enthusiasm for the underwater world really shines through in her response: *"I've always been interested in the ocean and I decided when I was 9 years old I wanted to be a Marine Biologist. I started my journey by learning to scuba dive when I was 13, from this point on*

*I've been lucky enough to have dived in Egypt, the Caribbean, Mexico and Indonesia, and soon the Philippines! Last year I completed my PADI Advanced and Rescue Diver qualifications, as well as Shark AWARE course. My diving has truly led me to want to do more for our oceans, having seen the impacts of plastic waste and coral bleaching, therefore my last two summers have been spent doing turtle and shark conservation. I really hope that I'll be able to build on my past experiences with CCC, learning new survey techniques and diving in a new place. I can't wait to really make the most from this amazing opportunity you've given me! I'm currently in my third year studying Marine Biology at University of Liverpool, hopefully I'll go on to do my Masters next year! I really hope that one day I'll be able to influence policy changes to help improve the health of our oceans."*

We work in a hugely rewarding field and it's such an honour to play a small part in the career advancement of future marine biologists!

## Future Events

You may remember that in November last year CCC's Head of Science attended the International Coral Reef Initiative 31st General Meeting in Paris, where 2018 was declared to be the Third International Year of the Reef (IYOR 2018). We will be partnering up with 4Ocean for an exciting event to mark the occasion in March, watch this space for more details next year, and we'll be sure to keep you updated on all of our other plans to take advantage of this worldwide pledge.



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## Special Offer

We at CCC are grabbing the opportunity to present you with an early Christmas present! We are right in the middle of whale shark season in the Philippines and want to give you a higher chance of spotting one by extending your time with us.

We are pleased to be able to offer anyone who books on to join us on our Philippines site in 2018, for at least four-weeks, one extra week for free! Just check the T&C's for how to take advantage of this offer.

Terms & Conditions: Offer applies to Coral Cay Conservation Philippine expeditions only. Expedition start date must take place within 2018. Offer can only be redeemed until the 31st January 2018. Offer is only redeemable through the mention of 'Christmas Offer 2017' on the booking form. The free week discount will be applied to the cost of the fifth week only, any additional weeks will be priced at the usual rate. 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.

Remember to follow us on our social media accounts for regular updates, and tag us at #coralcayconservation to let us know what you are doing to help our planet!