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Bahamas Reef Environment Educational Foundation



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Pearls of the Bahamas

BREEF CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF MARINE CONSERVATION



Gala Celebration

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7PM

GOVERNMENT HOUSE - NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS

DRESS

Gentlemen: Black Tie
Ladies: Shades of Pearl
(pink, white, black, gold)

TICKETS & CORPORATE
SPONSORSHIP
AVAILABLE at breef.org

BREEF is excited to announce that our 30th Anniversary Fundraising Gala Event will be held in Nassau on Saturday, 11th November, 2023.

Please, join us in celebrating

“Pearls of The Bahamas”

at stunning
Government House!

This incredible evening will be our primary activity to raise much needed financing for our marine conservation activities throughout the country.

Please contact Nadia at
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Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

At our “**Pearls of The Bahamas**” Gala we will have additional opportunities to be recognized as a sponsor of BREEF and the critical work we are doing to sustain our marine resources.



**Conch Pearl:
\$50,000**

A **Conch Pearl** table includes:

- Premiere seating for up to 10 guests
- Champagne & premium wine service
- Recognised as BREEF Key Benefactor with logo placement in printed materials
- Name and website link prominently on breef.org as a Key Benefactor
- VIP Check-In
- Public acknowledgement during Gala as BREEF Key Benefactor
- Plaque with name at world-renowned BREEF Sir Nicholas Nuttall Coral Reef Sculpture Garden
- Snorkel trip with BREEF for 15 people
- All BREEF event amenities (open bar, dinner, Silent Auction, entertainment)

**Tahitian Pearl:
\$30,000**

A **Tahitian Pearl** table includes:

- Premiere seating for up to 10 guests
- Champagne & premium wine service
- Name and website link on breef.org
- Public acknowledgement during Gala as BREEF Benefactor
- VIP Check-In
- Coral adoption in your name
- Snorkel trip with BREEF for 10 people
- All BREEF event amenities (open bar, dinner, Silent Auction, entertainment)

**South Sea Pearl:
\$10,000**

A **South Sea Pearl** table includes:

- Seating for up to 10 guests
- Champagne & premium wine service
- Name and website link on breef.org
- VIP Check-In
- All BREEF event amenities (open bar, dinner, wine service with dinner, Silent Auction, entertainment)



WHO WE ARE

BREEF is a **non-profit, non-governmental organisation** based in The Bahamas, built to protect the marine environment, restore the reef habitat, and represent the region internationally.

We believe in the value of our seas, and do all we can to keep them healthy.



THE PROBLEM

The Bahamas is facing an escalating number of threats from **overfishing, pollution, and climate change**, endangering our unique marine ecosystems.

This has resulted in serious damage to the coral reefs, and much of the rich and wonderful biodiversity living beneath the waves.

These threats not only mean danger for our oceans, but for those living on the land as well. The impact could irreparably damage the livelihoods and economy for the thousands of people who call The Bahamas home.

Now, it is more important than ever to safeguard against these threats, and to bring back what has been lost.



A young girl with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a yellow life vest and snorkel gear, is looking down at a piece of coral she is holding in her hands underwater. The scene is split horizontally, with the top half above water and the bottom half below. The background shows a tropical beach with palm trees and a blue sky with white clouds.

OUR SOLUTION

We focus on grass-roots programmes in **education, outreach, and research and policy** to conserve marine ecosystems and share knowledge about them.

We provide on-the-ground and in-water instruction for Bahamians to be stewards of the environment, and act as advocates for a climate-resilient, sustainable blue future where endangered species are protected and legislation is changed for the better.

Our goal is to give the ocean a voice.

HOW WE DO IT

Education: Our programmes help students and teachers to develop knowledge of their surrounding marine habitats through intimate experiences.

Outreach: We work with local, regional, and international organizations, and the public to put The Bahamas on the map as a leader in marine conservation.

Science & Research: We collaborate with some of the world's most notable marine scientists to help tell the story about our ocean's health, and chart a path for conservation.

Policy & Advocacy: We are advocating for policy action for conservation, resulting in many legislative victories.





WHERE WE WORK

The Bahamas is an archipelago of some **700 islands** and more than **2200 cays** scattered over **100,000 square miles** in the **Western Atlantic Ocean**, with the total area comprised of about **95% water**.

The sea that surrounds our islands enhances our biodiversity, informs our culture and supports our economy. Our population of approximately **371,000 people** lives on **17 main islands**, with the majority living on **New Providence** - where the capital city of **Nassau**, and our office, is located.

BREEF works throughout the archipelago.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

So far in our mission to protect our seas, we have...

- Placed one BREEF-trained teacher in every school in The Bahamas
- Mentored 37 Eco-Schools around the archipelago
- Engaged over 3000 children in BREEF programmes every year
- Held annual training for the Royal Bahamas Defense Force on fisheries regulations
- Celebrated legislative victories, such as the annual closed fishing season for the Nassau Grouper and protection for coral reefs
- Established coral reef nurseries at our Coral Reef Sculpture Garden and on the Andros Great Barrier Reef
- Collaborated with local and international partners for Bahamian Marine Protected Areas





CONTACT

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