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## Coral Reef Restoration

**Ocean Expert Exchange: Reef Degradation & Restoration Edition**

**A livestream session with Roxane Boonstra**

**Dive & Volunteer Coordinator for Coral Restoration Foundation™**

**Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 3 PM EST**

**Speaker Bio:** After completing her Masters degree from the University of Miami's marine program, Roxane spent six years in the Cayman Islands where she worked as a Jill-of-all-trades in the SCUBA diving industry, amassing over 2,000 dives as an underwater videographer, SCUBA instructor and divemaster. On the surface, these were just jobs; under the surface is where Roxane feels most at home. During her time on the small Sister Islands of Little Cayman and Cayman Brac, Roxane spent her free time hunting lionfish, educating tourists on marine science, and participating in Nassau grouper research. Between these activities, she never left her love for coral behind, co-founding a Coral Nursery on the small island of Cayman Brac. Roxane now shares her passion for reef restoration by managing the Recreational Dive Program for the Coral Restoration Foundation™ (CRF). Headquartered in Key Largo, FL, CRF is the largest coral restoration organization in the world. They have been restoring FL reefs for 12 years and have planted more than 100,000 critically endangered staghorn and elkhorn corals back onto the Florida Reef Tract.

### Supplemental Resources:

- Resource Library - CRF Coral-focused [Activity Packs](#) (K-12 resource)
- Reading - CRF [REEFocus Blog](#); including [restoration](#), [science](#) & [education](#) (Secondary resource)
- Lesson & 360/VR Fieldtrip - NOAA NMS [Your National Marine Sanctuaries](#) (Secondary resource)
- 360/VR Expedition - ANGARI Foundation [Generation Ocean: Coral Reefs](#) (K-12 resource)
- Video Short - CRF [Ocean Mysteries with Jeff Corwin & the Georgia Aquarium](#) (K-12 resource)
- Resource Library - NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program [Education Resources](#) (K-12 resource)
- Reading - NOAA National Ocean Service [Corals Tutorial](#) (K-12 resource)
- Video Shorts - NOAA Ocean Today [Coral Comeback Series](#) (K-12 resource)
- Reading - NOAA FL Keys National Marine Sanctuary [Corals & Coral Reefs](#) (Secondary resource)

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