

Student Activity Sheet 2: Reef Surveys and Reef Balls

Scientists are trying to save coral reef organisms in many ways. In broadcast number 2, you will learn about reef surveys. Read on for another way scientists are trying to restore the environment.



Reef Ball is a human designed artificial reef used to restore ailing coral reefs and to create new fishing and

SCUBA diving sites. Reef Balls are the only artificial reef that can be floated and towed behind any size boat!

Reef Balls are made of a special, marine friendly,

concrete and are designed to mimic natural reef systems. They are used around the world to create habitats for fish and other marine and freshwater species. Reef Balls are made in many sizes to best match the natural reef type that is being mimicked. Scientists are very hopeful that these will be useful, and help to create aquatic habitats.

For more information, visit www.reefball.org and www.reefball.com.



DID YOU KNOW?



The word Astronaut/Cosmonaut has maritime origins? It comes from the word *nautēs*, which means sailor. So an astronaut is a “star sailor.” The word skyscraper originally referred to the topsails of ships! The topsails were called skyscrapers, which later became the name for tall buildings.