

# LAGON BLEU MONTHLY

"A coral reef cannot be properly described. It must be seen to be thoroughly appreciated."  
- Sydney Hickson

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## Eco Guide Program



After months of preparation, our Eco Guide program has now been confirmed to start in August 2013. This will mean that as from then, Lagon Bleu will start training Eco Guides who will get to know every aspect of marine life. The goal of the course is to create awareness of sustainable use of the marine environment and to offer participants an official, accredited certificate as Eco Guide.

More information about the Eco Guide program can be found on our website or by contacting our office (details below).

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## Eco Volunteer 2014



After two successful programs, we have decided to extend our Eco Volunteer Program by another year. Just as the previous two editions, the program in 2014 will run for four weeks in January and February. Applications to the program are now open.

More information about the eco volunteer program can be found on our website or by contacting our office .

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## Lagoon Monitoring



At Lagon Bleu, this month we have increased the amount of lagoon monitoring we have been undertaking. During the mornings we have been recording information from the Marine Park to the Club Nautique, it has been very valuable to learn about the level of traffic and activities at different times of the day. There are many fishermen out from sunrise partaking in line fishing, cage fishing and some illegal spear fishermen have been spotted. It is in the interest of all local residence that the lagoon activities are controlled; this is such a fragile environment and if the balance is tipped in the wrong direction this could leave disastrous results to the eco system of the lagoon. With local peoples involvement we would be able to increase our coverage tenfold, if you would like to be added to our monitoring list please email us with your details.

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## Mangrove Planting



This month we have been mangrove planting at the Point Jerome Youth Centre with children of around 8 and 9 years of age. This was a useful exercise and we hope that these mangroves will take to the earth and go some way to replacing the mangrove areas that have been destroyed locally. This was also a very important educational lesson for the children and hopefully one they will pass onto their peers.

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