



COMMUNIQUE TO PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATORS AND SKIPPERS

The Ministry of Tourism is working in collaboration with Reef Conservation for the control of population outbreaks of Crown of Thorns (COTs) Starfish with a view to protecting corals especially at main diving sites.

Reef Conservation has started the control exercise of the COTs at the following dive sites:

- Pointe d'Esny (3 sites)
- Holt Rock - G. Baie
- Whale Rock - G. Baie
- Pointe Vacoas - Pereybere
- Cratere - Trou aux Biches
- Stella Maru - Trou aux Biches
- Jenny's Spot - Trou aux Biches
- Aquatab - Trou aux Biches
- Temple - Trou aux Biches
- Dalblair - Mahebourg
- Eau Bleue

In this context, pleasure craft operators/skippers are kindly requested to inform Reef Conservation of:

- any COTs infestations or observations with respect to improvements on coral populations at dive sites following control exercises.
- the number of COTs observed, found dead, etc at specific locations; and
- any other related observation that could help towards the protection of our coral reefs would also help

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The information can also be submitted directly on the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jhpbCruBCme2YDqa8Rnr8C7rnITiXUFaFl00xckF64c/prefill>

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