

Marine life

Testing the divemaster

They spend every day of their working lives in the ocean, they know their way around the reef like the back of their hand and they can spot the reef's most camouflaged creatures like octopus or a scorpionfish from ten paces, but how much do dive instructors and divemasters really know about the marine life they show to tourists every day?

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Who said tests are not fun?

On a Saturday in November, in celebration of SUBIOS, the Seychelles Festival of the Sea, the knowledge of one dive centre was put to the test. Divemasters, instructors, skippers and even some tourists from Anse la Mouche-based Dive Resort Seychelles gathered for an evening of fishy fun to have their knowledge tested by WiseOceans

Seychelles, a local NGO conducting marine education and conservation. The dive centre girls pitted themselves against the boys and all listened carefully as the lovely WiseOceans marine educators gave short talks on fish, coral, turtles and other topics; following each with a set of questions. With all the answers to all the questions laid out in front of them, plus a

few red herrings thrown in, there was a frantic scramble to grab the right answer each time and hold it up to win a point for your team.

Dive centre owner, Leo Hoevers, encouraged all his team to get involved and to learn more about marine life. "This is a really fun way to learn, the team are so animated and enjoying themselves so much, I don't think they even

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realise they're having a lesson! We are really pleased to work with WiseOceans; the ocean is our business, our life, we must take of it and the more we know about it the better we can do that, and can encourage our customers to do the same. Keeping the Seychelles seas healthy will keep the tourists coming back. It's like the SUBIOS theme this year states: our ocean, our future."

Lindsay Sullivan of WiseOceans Seychelles was really impressed with how much the dive centre team already know. "They've been a really fun audience tonight and are so thirsty for knowledge about marine life, full of excellent questions, but they really do un-

derstand a lot already about the ocean and its conservation, which is great to see". Lindsay added that WiseOceans Seychelles would be delighted to work with more dive centres or other groups who want to learn more about marine life. "Yes, absolutely; our motto is that you only conserve what you love and you only love what you understand, so we are really keen to spread the word about how marvellous marine life around the Seychelles is, so that more people join us and Dive Resort Seychelles in loving the sea and wanting to take care of it".

Dive instructor Norbert Adonis who has been guiding dives around the south of Mahe for

16 years said "I think it's really important for divemasters, instructors or anyone connected to the sea to continually update and improve their knowledge. We are so lucky here in Seychelles to have fantastic marine life right on our doorstep and the more we learn about it the better. The quiz was great fun and we learned a lot of new things."

An evening spent celebrating the sea and its inhabitants is what SUBIOS is all about and it was finished up with a BBQ and lots of fun, which is what Seychelles is all about. And which team won, girls or boys? Girls of course!





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