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Four Seasons Resort celebrates World Oceans Day

Marking another step forward in ecotourism

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Members of the Dive Resort Seychelles install the buoys

Four Seasons Resort Seychelles, WiseOceans and Dive Resort Seychelles celebrated the *World Oceans Day* on Saturday, 8 June 2013 marking it as an important step in ecotourism in Seychelles.

A series of activities were organised to mark the day, such as installation of mooring buoys, underwater MOU signing and



The first installation of mooring buoys

install mooring buoys at Petite Anse Bay because of the large diversity of boats which come in to pick up the guests. We have a coral reef that is based in front of the bay and for us to protect this reef we have to allow it to grow and populate. We realized that when boats come in to anchor they damage the corals in a fraction of seconds so we all felt the need to protect the reef. Now the boats can come in and moor instead of dropping anchors that damage the reef."

WiseOceans to promote environmental management and coral reef monitoring at Petite Anse Bay.

The Principle Secretary of Ministry of Environment and Energy Wills Agricole and Director General Flavien Joubert teamed up with the resort's General Manager Alex Porteous and Resort Manager Bob Suri, WiseOceans CEO Abbie Hine and members of the resort's Sustainability Committee on the Petite Anse beach to celebrate this relationship. The underwater MOU signing and handshake was conducted by Mr. Suri and Ms. Hine. With the aid of WiseOceans and expertise of Dive Resort Seychelles, the team installed new mooring buoys designed prevent damage to coral reefs at the Petite Anse Bay.

TODAY in Seychelles spoke to the Dive Operational Manager Jonathan Richards who said, "The Four Seasons Resort Seychelles, WiseOceans and Dive Resort Seychelles joined together and came up with a plan to



Mr. Bob and Ms. Abbie underwater with the signed MOU

Sullivan to TODAY in Seychelles. The Resort General Manager Mr. Alex Porteous comments, "The Marine Education program is an important part of a larger project to continue supporting sustainability in our little piece of paradise here in Petite Anse. We realize that we are just a small part of this ecosystem, but we could have a larger negative impact on it if we didn't provide checks on ourselves."



The resort staff had a complimentary diving session

The diving instructors giving a thumbs up to mark the day