



News Release

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Award-winning publication donated to more than 100 schools statewide

In order to perpetuate greater environmental literacy throughout the State and to celebrate the International Year of the Reef, the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program (UH Sea Grant) has donated over 100 copies of its recently published *Reef and Shore Fishes of the Hawaiian Islands* to secondary school libraries statewide.

Recognizing that there is an urgent need to increase awareness and understanding of coral reefs, 2008 was designated as the International Year of the Reef. By donating copies of *Reef and Shore Fishes of the Hawaiian Islands* to every public and private school throughout the State and through other successful environmental literacy and marine education programs, UH Sea Grant hopes to increase awareness and inspire future generations of marine scientists and professionals.

Reef and Shore Fishes of the Hawaiian Islands, authored by world-renowned ichthyologist Dr. John E. Randall, marks the culmination of 47 years of study. It is regarded as Dr. Randall's finest publication to date. As the recipient of the Ka Palapala Pookela Award of Excellence in the Natural Science category, this comprehensive publication will serve as a vital resource for Hawai'i's school children.

Donna Shiroma, Department of Education School Library Services Administrator, Advanced Technology Research Branch, noted "Dr. John Randall's *Reef and Shore Fishes of the Hawaiian Islands* will be a valuable addition to any school library. This colorful book will be a useful resource to Hawai'i's students. We thank the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program for their generous donation."

The University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program this week donated 110 publications to public secondary school libraries statewide. In the upcoming weeks it will expand the number of schools to include both private and charter schools.

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The University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program supports an innovative program of research, education and extension services directed to the improved understanding and stewardship of coastal and marine resources of the state, region and nation. Science serving Hawai'i and the Pacific for 40 years.

