The National Science Foundation Center of Microbial Oceanography: Research and Education (C-MORE) at UH-Manoa has just released an exciting series of six portable science kits that cover a range of marine science topics, including ocean acidification, coral bleaching, and marine debris. The kits provide teachers with innovative ways to integrate up to date oceanography content and technologies into their curriculum without requiring any previous training or specialized knowledge.

Funded by the National Science Foundation and the Hawaii Innovation Initiative, these kits involved over a year of development and field-testing by C-MORE, in partnership with Hawaii’s science teachers. Each kit is self-contained and user-friendly: all supplies, lesson plans, handouts, background readings, and PowerPoint presentations are included. C-MORE Science kits are aligned with both Hawaii Content and Performance Standards (HCPS III) and the national Ocean Literacy Principles.

C-MORE science kits are available free of charge to teachers on the islands of Maui, Kauai, Hawaii, Lanai and Oahu. To request a kit, go to http://cmore.soest.hawaii.edu/education.htm and click on “science kits”. The website also provides information on other teacher resources, such as grants up to $1000 and teacher-at-sea programs.

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