



## FREE SCHOLARSHIP PLACES TO TAKE PART IN MALDIVES CORAL REEF & WHALE SHARK STUDY



[Biosphere Expeditions](http://BiosphereExpeditions.org) and its partner [Soneva Resorts Maldives](http://SonevaResortsMaldives.com) are offering two free places to Maldivian nationals or residents with a dive qualification and English language skills to take part in a coral reef & whale shark study. More information about the study is at [www.biosphere-expeditions.org/maldives](http://www.biosphere-expeditions.org/maldives).

The two places will be given to applicants who can demonstrate a genuine interest in marine science and conservation or a career in this field. Successful applicants will then take part in the expedition from 3 – 9 September 2011 or from 10 – 16 September 2011, depending on availability.

The successful applicants will be able to demonstrate a genuine interest in the marine environment and that they will use the experience to the benefit of the Maldives' marine resources, carrying the message to other people and multiplying the effect of their experience.

### Requirements

- Maldivian national or resident
- Over 18 years of age
- Qualified diver (PADI Open Water or equivalent)
- Fluent English
- A genuine interest in marine science and conservation or a career in this field
- After the expedition, the successful applicant will hold two talks or events about his or her experience on the expedition, one to his peer group and one to the general public

### Application process

Your application should include a cover letter stating who you are, why we should take you, what the experience would mean for you and how you are going to use it. The cover letter should also describe how you plan to fulfil the requirement of holding two talks or events as described above. Please also state that if chosen, you would be free to attend on either 3 – 9 September 2011 or from 10 – 16 September 2011 and indicate which of the two periods would be your preference. Finally, the cover letter should indicate clearly what your interest in marine science and conservation is.

The application should also include information on your dive qualification and experience, a CV and a picture of you.

Please send your application to Dr Matthias Hammer at [m.hammer@biosphere-expeditions.org](mailto:m.hammer@biosphere-expeditions.org). E-mail applications are preferred and the application must be in English.

**The application deadline is 29 July 2011.** Applicants will be informed of the judges' decision by 5 August 2011 with the expedition taking place in September of the same year.