



Coral Husbandry

Costa Rica Coral Restoration

Uvita, Costa Rica

Participant Info Guide



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Program Info

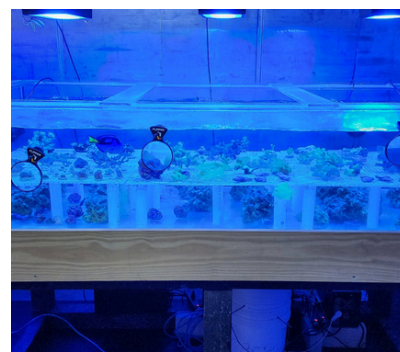
Step into Costa Rica's only coral restoration lab and experience the future of reef conservation. Located in Uvita on the Pacific coast, this immersive program gives you rare, surface-level access to corals through husbandry, asexual reproduction (fragmentation), water quality monitoring, and system management. Learn how controlled environments, biobanking practices, and advanced life-support systems are safeguarding reef diversity against climate change.

Beyond the lab, the project also works closely with the local community, raising awareness, sharing knowledge, and inspiring collective action. Get closer than ever to coral biology, gaining insights and hands-on experience impossible to achieve solely underwater, while contributing directly to one of Costa Rica's most innovative marine conservation efforts.

Duration & Start Dates:

Minimum: 2 weeks (up to 12 weeks)

Start at the beginning or in the middle of each month



How to get involved

Step 1

Create your personal Coral Profile

This helps us match you with the right program, dates and roles based on your previous experiences and level of education.



Step 2

Let us know your Preference

Mention it in the profile and send an email to volunteer@coralive.org with your preferred location, start date and duration.



Step 3

Confirm your Spot

Our team will review profiles, set up interviews and email you back with confirmation details, visa information, and pre-departure guidance.



Step 4

Get Ready for your Adventure

Arrange your international flights to arrive on your program start date. Pack your diving gear, clothes, personal items and a whole lot of curiosity and excitement.



Step 5

Arrive and dive right-in

Meet our representatives at the airport and transfer to basecamp. Receive your orientation, settle in, and start making an impact!

Your Roles and Duties

Volunteers

- Work hands-on with multiple coral species through fragmentation, husbandry, and daily care.
- Manage aquarium life-support systems by monitoring water quality, flow, and lighting.
- Track coral resilience by collecting and analyzing conservation data.
- Support scientific monitoring and reporting.
- Connect community and environment by sharing reef care practices and raising awareness of human impact
- Generate and lead interactive guest activities

Location Info

Situated inside Marino Ballena National Park on Costa Rica's South Pacific coast, the coral lab is located on Playa Ballina. This region is surrounded by rainforest and coral reef ecosystems, with seasonal visits from humpback whales, dolphins, and sea turtles. The town of Uvita is just a few minutes away, providing access to local culture, markets, restaurants, and a range of activities. The project location is approximately 200 km from San José easily reached by car or bus.

Beyond your volunteer work, you'll have the chance to enjoy the pura vida lifestyle of Costa Rica's South Pacific. On your days off, you can relax on quiet beaches, surf the endless beach breaks, explore nearby waterfalls and rivers, or take part in outdoor activities like snorkeling, zip-lining, or ATV rides through the jungle. There are also opportunities to experience the local culture and wildlife, or simply unwind and enjoy the natural surroundings.



Pricing Plan: Coral Husbandry Course - Costa Rica







Volunteers

	International	National
2 weeks	€ 2,160	€ 1,080
Additional week	€ 1,026	€ 513

Note:

- 4 Participants maximum per month

What's Included

	Meals in canteen
	Transfers from San José Airport and back
	Volunteer allocated room (max. 4 share)
	Formal theoretical training 5x per week
	Formal practical training 5x per week
	Fun dives 1x per week (during off days)

What's Not Included

	Visa Fees
	Flights to and from San José, Costa Rica
	Personal & Dive Insurance
	Dive Equipment (Mask, Snorkel, Fins, BCD, Regulator, Wetsuit if needed)

We'd love to welcome you!

Create a personal profile so we get to know you a little better. Tell us your interests and preferred location so we can start planting corals together soon!

Scan the code to Register!

