



## 2015 WINTER PRINT: FIJI REEF SCENE

Dear REEF Contributor:

Thank you for your generous contribution to REEF. Without your help, REEF could not continue to assemble and disseminate vital information about fish population trends and biodiversity. This information is needed by the marine life management and environmental communities to help save our marine life heritage. In 2011, REEF held its first Field Survey trip in the Topical Pacific. After a couple of trips to Fiji, several of REEF's top level 5 surveyors started doing surveys in the Philippines and eastern Indonesia, where marine biodiversity is the greatest in the world. From these surveys, REEF has developed new survey and report forms for those areas. Currently, REEF is working to rapidly expand its survey program to additional island groups and Australia. Soon REEF's survey program will be truly global in tropical and sub-tropical waters. A great and needed expansion.

In honor of the expansion, this year's print is of a wide-angle reef scene in Fiji where the great expansion of REEF's survey program started. This expansion is not easy for surveyors because they must learn about double to nearly quadruple the number of species compared to Caribbean waters. None-the-less, it appears REEF surveyors are up to the challenge with over 1,600 surveys taken to date in Fiji alone.

For you photo buffs, the picture was taken in 2011 during REEF's first survey in Fiji. Picture was taken with a Canon EOS 5D and wide angle 17-40 mm lens and large dome port at f11 and ISO set on 125 in a Subal U/W camera housing.

*Best "Fishes"*  
*Paul Hermann*

**Thank you for supporting marine conservation!**