

## **REEF FIELD SURVEY**

St. Vincent, Grenadines

With *Dive St. Vincent* and the *Mariners Hotel*Led by Paul Humann (Session 1) July 26-Aug 2, 2008
Led by Ned and Anna Deloach (Session 2) Aug 2 – Aug 9, 2008
8days/7 nights each week - 24 participants max

REEF Field Surveys are a great way to take a dive vacation that counts! These trips feature daily fish identification reviews and an opportunity to learn more about the natural environment you are diving in. Experts in fish identification and marine ecology lead each project. Participants are encouraged to report their fish sightings as part of the REEF fish survey project.

Per person: \$1,105 double occupancy per week, check with Dive St. Vincent for rates on singles and other accommodation requests.

**Package Includes:** Each session inclusive of lodging, 10 dives (per week), daily breakfast, hotel taxes and service charges, and r/t airport transfers. Divers can elect to sign up for one week or both.

Please call Jackie at Dive St. Vincent at 784-457-4928 or email to <a href="mailto:bill2s@DiveStVincent.com">bill2s@DiveStVincent.com</a> to inquire about this trip.

General Information: St. Vincent, one of the Grenadines and a British Commonwealth, offers a treasure trove of exotic topside and underwater sites. St. Vincent is one of those all- too-rare, virtually undiscovered dive destinations. The diving ranges from the gentle, even lazy, to the exhilarating, with an abundance of fish species to discover! The island has a volcano, rainforest, an almost infinite selection of wall diving sites, pristine corals, and is home to the oldest botanical garden in the Western Hemisphere, started in 1765.

Underwater St. Vincent is nicknamed "Critter Country," so make sure you have a fish I.D. book close at hand. Bill Tewes, owner of Dive St. Vincent, is the perfect host for a REEF Field Survey. Bill is a self-described critter nut and renowned photographer, even featured on a St. Vincent postage

stamp. He is a very enthusiastic REEF supporter and will add greatly to the overall trip experience. Bill's Cryptic Species Tours are designed for experienced REEF surveyors and creature watchers who are interested in learning more about the cryptic and small creatures that call the reefs around St. Vincent home. Renowned marine life authors and photographers, Paul Humann will lead the first week with Ned and Anna DeLoach leading the second week. They will give presentations about cryptic reef fish and creature identification as well as highlight unique behaviors. Our host, Bill Tewes, will guide the group on daily dives. More information on Bill and his operation can be found at <a href="http://divestvincent.com/">http://divestvincent.com/</a>

## **Additional Fees:**

\$300 tax-deductible REEF fee per person to cover the cost of the trip leader, seminars, and survey materials (for this trip since our members can participate in either one, or both weeks, just one \$300 fee is necessary for either week or both weeks combined).

Airfare from your city of origin to St. Vincent Meals other than breakfast

\$40 exit tax payable in CASH at the St. Vincent airport

## **Optional Fees:**

Additional dives
Gratuities to dive masters and staff

Getting There: Several major islands offer direct and connecting service to St. Vincent ET Joshua Airport (SVD). Please let Jackie at Dive St. Vincent know if you need help with flights. If you book your own flights, please send Jackie your schedule so that she can update your itinerary and help in arranging any transfers. Please schedule your flight to be in St. Vincent by 3:00pm on Saturday so that you do not miss the first fish ID seminar, taught by either Paul Humann or Ned Deloach, depending upon which week you participate.

Deposit Policy: \$250 per person to hold your spot. You will receive an invoice and final payment is due by (TBD by Dive St. Vincent).

**Cancellation Policy:** Please ask Dive St. Vincent at the time of booking for their cancellation policies as REEF is not using a travel service for this trip, REEF members should follow the cancellation policies of the vendor for this trip.

**Minimums:** Most REEf trips require a minimum number of participants. Trips are subject to cancellation if the minimum number of participants is not met. In the event of a trip cancellation, REEF or Dive St. Vincent are not responsible for airline tickets purchased for travel. We strongly suggest purchasing trip insurance. All prices are subject to change until ticketed and paid in full.