

# ECE is at the forefront of change and so is Ocean Protection

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N AWESOME CONCEPT FOR KAIAKO TO INCLUDE IN PLANNING AND SIGNS AND SYMBOLS FOR OUR TAMARIKI. MY PREDICTION IS THAT THE NEXT GENERATIONS WILL focus on ocean protection majorly as we move forward. Systems are in place already for environment/land protection.

My passion is coral reef restoration. Your children at your centre and parents can adopt a coral plant for \$25 and they receive a certificate of adoption and GPS. How cool is that?

It takes 2 -3 years to see a significant resurgence in abundant coral life.

Coral Reef guardian is a French NGO but coral reef restoration on the ground is currently Indonesia. Coral reefs' estimated value is \$375 billion to the world's economy and then some. Restoring areas that have been affected by bleaching and other factors is vital for healthy marine ecosystems.

### **Presenting Coral Guardian**

Coral Guardian works towards restoring and protecting marine biodiversity. The organisation's missions are particularly aimed at preserving coral ecosystems through involving coastal communities that depend on them. The organisation offers concrete actions thanks to a participatory, sustainable and replicable model of marine conservation. Coral Guardian also raises awareness and takes part in scientific discoveries.

### **Coral reef transplantation**

Coral Guardian has set up a coral reef conservation awareness program: adopt a coral. The goal is to allow any individual to act towards coral reef conservation. Coral reefs are indeed essential to the balance of our planet but highly threatened by extinction. Coral Guardian transplants each adopted coral in an area where reefs were previously damaged. The organisation also monitors each coral scientifically and studies the impact on coastal communities that depend on them.

#### **Adopting Coral Plants**

#### www.coralguardian.org/en/adopt-a-coral/

**Step 1:** Name your coral. Adopt a coral for yourself or for a loved one and give it a name! By choosing to adopt a coral as a gift, it is your recipient who will be able to choose the name of their coral thanks to their gift code.

**Step 2:** Receive your certificate of adoption. With a picture, the name you gave your coral, a picture of our team member who will transplant it for you and for your loved one, and its GPS location.

**Step 3:** We will transplant it for you. We will transplant your coral onto our restoration area and bring the reef back to life thanks to you!

There are also tropical resorts that can be stayed in where as a family you can assist in local programmes and plant them yourself. They are...

https://www.travelandleisure. com/travel-tips/responsible-travel/ resorts-helping-save-the-coral-reef

Many areas need to be restored in the pacific but this is a start.

Happy Coral Reef Guardian adopting with your tamariki!



