



AREAS OF FOCUS:

RESEARCH

Conducting and disseminating leading-edge research to identify and map important marine ecosystems, especially coral ecosystems, in order to inform strong conservation policies.

INTERNATIONAL PARTERSHIPS

Building strong international partnerships for marine research and conservation, with special emphasis on Cuba and the Gulf of Mexico.

SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE

Advancing sustainable aquaculture and the use of next-generation land-based recirculating aquaculture systems in order to reduce pressure on wild fish stocks and provide sustainable alternatives that support local communities.

EDUCATION & INSPIRATION

Educating, inspiring and involving the public through strong outreach, education, radio and TV presence, visual media and leading-edge Web and social media technologies, while working to improve the quality, breadth and impact of



Ocean Doctor is a nonprofit organization founded in 2004 dedicated to protecting and restoring our oceans through hands-on conservation. We are engaged in projects around the world, from the South Atlantic to Cuba to the Bering Sea to schools in your neighborhood. Our work involves cutting-edge scientific research, advancing conservation policy efforts, helping coastal communities to solve problems, and educating and inspiring the next generation.



Restoring Our Oceans with Hands-On Conservation



To fully appreciate the challenge and complexity of environmental issues and to really make a difference, there is no substitute for working locally, side-by-side with those who live there.

***Hands-on conservation** gives us the experience, wisdom and humility to ensure our solutions are true and our voice is credible. And it invariably leads to friendships that last will last a lifetime.*

David E. Guggenheim, Ph.D.

Featured Projects

Cuba Conservancy

Cuba Conservancy – an Ocean Doctor Program – is built on more than 12 years of work in Cuba led by Dr. David E. Guggenheim. Its mission is to establish sustained collaboration between Cuba and the U.S. to:

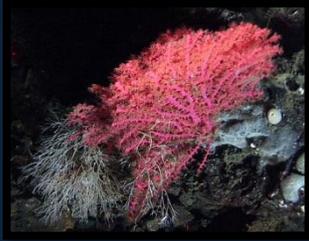
- ensure enduring, **locally-supported** marine research and conservation programs in Cuba.
- contribute to major **advances in the scientific understanding** of Cuba's natural resources.
- achieve **meaningful, long-lasting conservation** for Cuba's marine ecosystems and shared ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico.
- forge **long-term collaborative relationships** with our Cuban colleagues.
- help train the **next generation of Cuban marine scientists**.



Ocean Doctor's work in Cuba was featured on 60 MINUTES with Anderson Cooper

Training the Next Generation of Marine Scientists: *Our joint research is serving as the basis of Master's and Doctoral research for dozens of students at University of Havana's Center for Marine Research, the only institution in Cuba where marine scientists are accredited.*





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Because of the decades-old U.S. economic embargo of Cuba, scientific collaboration between U.S. and Cuban scientists has been exceedingly difficult. Even though research is a permitted activity and U.S. scientists are allowed to travel to Cuba, the harsh logistical and political realities have prevented all but a few institutions from successful collaborative projects in Cuba. Cuba Conservancy builds upon a **strong foundation of scientific research**, which not only serves to advance science and shape conservation policy efforts, but also helps forge strong, long-term collaborative relationships. The Program includes special focus in Cuba's northwestern (Gulf of Mexico) coast and the spectacular Jardines de la Reina (**Gardens of the Queen**).



Learn More: www.OceanDoctor.org/Cuba

Viet Village Urban Farm Sustainable Aquaculture Park

Village de l'Est, known locally as "Versailles" in New Orleans East, holds the highest concentration of Vietnamese outside of Vietnam. Settled in 1975 by Vietnamese refugees when Saigon fell to the Communists, the community's residents bought boats and have fished the Gulf of Mexico — 80 percent of the community is dependent on fishing and the fishing industry. But in 2005, **Hurricane Katrina** nearly wiped the community off the map. Still recovering from that disaster, the **BP Deepwater Horizon** oil spill now leaves the future of fishing uncertain in the Gulf. Now, in a partnership with Ocean Doctor, the community is developing **next-generation, sustainable land-based fish farming** as a solution.



Learn More: www.OceanDoctor.org/VietVillage

Ocean Doctor's 50 Years – 50 States – 50 Speeches Expedition

This unique expedition is a journey of outreach, education, and discovery announced by Dr. David E. Guggenheim, the "Ocean Doctor," on his 50th birthday, to bring at no charge **programs about the oceans to schools in all 50 U.S. states**. By its culmination, the expedition will reach **tens of thousands of students**, sharing firsthand accounts of ocean exploration and important lessons about the oceans and their conservation. Through outreach in the



visited communities, engagement of the media, and encouraging the visited schools to connect with each other, this project is helping to create an **enduring wave of renewed interest in the oceans** by its next generation of explorers, scientists and stewards.



Learn More: www.OceanDoctor.org/50States

How You Can Help

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