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Reefballs revitalize

Funny-looking concrete balls Swiss-cheezed with holes are all the rage in threatened reef areas around the Caribbean. The ReefBall Coalition [(800) 831-5731 ,

reefballcoalition@innova.net] molds these cement sea-life habitats on land and then submerges them offshore to encourage rehabilitation of damaged reef areas.

Reefballs have been used successfully on Dominica and around the Turks and Caicos Islands north of the Dominican Republic. The enterprising folks who run this project have turned this labor of love into an exciting vacation for volunteer reefball-casters, who pay for a week's stay at a hotel and participate in reefball workshops and reef monitoring by boat. Future ReefBall projects are in the works in Jamaica, Cancun and the Dominican Republic. A great idea for a constructive, guilt-free tropical vacation!



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