

January 24, 2008, 7:00 AM: Class 2
Topics to be discussed:

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Health Considerations while traveling abroad: Mary Fosse, ISU Student Health Center

Last week's Reef Creature quiz

Snorkeling/skin diving gear

Class/field trip notebook/journal/diary

You should already have one and you should be using it for the class

Log everything

You will be required to turn in your journal/logbook at the end of the field trip. Your journal/logbook will be returned to you.

Handouts

PASSPORTS:

Please email Don (dssakagu@iastate.edu) your passport number.

Please make at least 3 photocopies of your passport (the pages with your photo and vital information). Why 3 copies you ask? 2 copies for the trip leaders (Dusan and Don will each have a copy of your passport for safe keeping), the other copy/s is for you to keep in a safe place while we are in Roatan. Perhaps in your suitcase and/or book bag, not in the same place as your passport.

YOUR RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS:

You must provide us with a detailed outline of your proposed research project.

- 1) Select a partner/buddy for your project.
- 2) Select a research project - Don and Dusan must approve this project.
- 3) Prepare your detailed outline. Use the "Project Methodology" outline that you received as a guide in preparing your detailed outline.
- 4) This assignment is due in class on Wednesday, February 8, 2006.

Health insurance and International Student Identity Card:

You must have health insurance! If you do not have health insurance that will cover you while abroad, you need to obtain short-term health insurance (Study Abroad has information). The Study Abroad Center has information on insurance policies designed for students participating in international programs. The International Student Identity Card (ISIC) provides supplemental coverage as well as repatriation expenses up to \$7,500 and emergency evacuation up to \$25,000.

The ISIC policy is not a substitute for basic medical insurance. All ISU students studying abroad are required to purchase an International Student Identity Card (ISIC) for the duration of the program. An ISIC may be purchased at the Study Abroad Resource Center (\$25.50) or at STA Travel.

Please make a photocopy of your ISIC and submit to Don.

Webpage for assignments and discussion:

Marine Biology Field Trip homepage is located at the following web address:

http://molebio.iastate.edu/~d_sakagu/394HD.html

Everyone should get in the water and practice snorkeling/skin diving/freediving before we go.
Who needs snorkeling lessons?

SCUBA class

Don't forget to read the next module, complete the Knowledge Review and study for the test.

Next week's class:

January 31

Introduction to marine biology and coral reef biology: Dusan Palic

Discussion of your research projects.