January 31, 2008, 7:00 AM: Class 3
Topics to be discussed:

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Introduction to marine biology and coral reef biology: Dusan Palic
Introduction to your research projects: How to select projects (group discussion)

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 for instructor
evaluation. Your journal/logbook will be returned to you.

Handouts

PASSPORTS:
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.

Please make at least 2 photocopies of your International Student Identity Card. Why 2 copies
you ask? 1 copy for the trip leaders and 1 copy for you to keep in a safe place.

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 Thursday, February 7, 2008.

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.

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

**SCUBA class**
Don’t forget to read the next module, complete the Knowledge Review and study for the test.

**Next week’s class:**
February 7
Coral and Fish diseases: Dusan Palic
Discussion of your research projects.