

## MarineWatch Rocky Reef Snorkel Survey

The MarineWatch Reef Survey is an experiential education package that combines quality science with the excitement of experiencing the marine environment first hand.

The user friendly resource kit and teaching guide includes class plans and presentations to introduce the marine life and surveying, snorkelling, carrying out a field survey, how to interpret the data and what action that might lead to.

MarineWatch was developed by the Department of Conservation Tauranga in conjunction with the Bay of Plenty Polytechnic and Indigo Pacific to empower local communities with the skills and knowledge to protect their coastal; environment. A popular pilot programme has been running successfully for the last three years, and work is now underway to encourage schools and community groups to deliver the programme themselves.

**Free** teacher workshops have been run in the Bay of Plenty to work through key concerns of teachers; risk management and species identification and the practical implications of snorkelling with groups. Further workshops are scheduled for **February 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 2008** in Mount Maunganui.

These resources are freely available to teachers, and may be used in part or as a whole. It is strongly recommended that schools seek professional support and advice to manage hazards when undertaking any field work. Risk management guidelines are included. Teachers are also asked to follow the 'do no harm' kaupapa of all the MarineWatch programmes.

If you are interested in participating in the upcoming workshops please contact Steph Twaddle [stwaddle@doc.govt.nz](mailto:stwaddle@doc.govt.nz) ph 07 571 2723.

Get your free CD of these resource kits and teaching guides by contacting: Marine Conservation Unit [conservED@doc.govt.nz](mailto:conservED@doc.govt.nz) ph 04 496 1962. (A small fee may apply for bulk orders.)

### **What teachers had to say about using MarineWatch with their class:**

'Wonderful experience/ students gained so much awareness and empathy for their local marine environment'

'The children got so much out of this. They learnt new skills and heaps of knowledge'

### **What teachers had to say about MarineWatch teaching resources:**

'Great to see MarineWatch kit...previously nothing like it.'

'Really helpful and informative. User friendly and relevant'

'I can use this in my class!! It is exciting.'

### **What teachers had to say about MarineWatch teacher training:**

'A great combination of introducing a resource and applying it practically.'

'Practical. Hands on. Experts on hand'

'Really good field trip 'packages' for local and other schools'