

Festival OF SEAS



ENCHANTED MASQUERADE OF THE DEEP

1ST
NOVEMBER 2025
HOTEL INDIGO - GRAND CAYMAN





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You're invited!

Join CCMI as we embark on an inspiring journey to protect and safeguard coral reefs—one of the planet's most important ecosystems. Coral reefs are more than just underwater marvels; they are vital lifelines that connect us all. Whether you live along the coast or miles inland, your life is intertwined with these vibrant ecosystems. From providing food and coastal protection to supporting global biodiversity and livelihoods, coral reefs are essential to human existence. Together, we'll explore these connections, expand our impact, and deepen our commitment to combat climate change.

Dive in and play a pivotal role in creating a sustainable future for our ocean and planet at this year's Festival of Seas.



Saturday 1st November 2025
Hotel Indigo

6:30 pm Reception | 7:30 pm Dinner, speaker, live auction | 10:00 pm Music & dancing

ATTIRE: Formal; ocean-inspired elegance: Black tie & gowns in oceanic hues with subtle marine accents. Masks reflecting the sea's mystery are encouraged.

Our dedicated supporters come from a wide-cross section of the Cayman Islands community, from professionals in the financial services and legal industries, tourism community, civic leaders, donors, and friends who share our vision of a world with vibrant oceans and healthy coral reefs. Join the 300+ attendees as we embark on our journey to educate and safeguard one of the planet's most vital ecosystems.

A letter from the field ...

Dear Friends and Ocean Advocates,

We love to admire the beauty of the reefs across all three islands—an intricate, living tapestry that has sustained marine life and coastal communities for generations. But beneath the surface, we are witnessing changes that are happening faster than ever before, changes that are accelerated by human activity both locally and around the world.

Coral reefs everywhere are struggling under the weight of climate change. Record-breaking ocean temperatures over the last few years have pushed corals to their limits. Bleaching events, once rare, are becoming more frequent and severe. The vibrant, resilient ecosystems we rely on are being tested in ways we have never seen before.

At the Central Caribbean Marine Institute (CCMI), we are racing against time. Our research has never been more timely or urgent, as we work to understand how corals are adapting, where they are finding refuge, and what we can do to ensure their survival. Our efforts to find impactful, scalable solutions to declines in coral health is expanding, now moving to new depths as we discover potential of coral resiliency in cooler, deeper waters. Studying coral reefs at these deeper depths may hold the key to coral survival, offering an insight into a refuge where corals can continue to thrive despite the challenges at the surface.

Sponsor Festival of Seas 2025 and help us meet the urgent moment for the future of the marine environment.

We are expanding our efforts, accelerating our studies, and seeking solutions that will allow coral reefs to persist in a rapidly changing world. But we cannot do this alone. The future of coral reefs depends not just on research, but on action—on the collective commitment of scientists, conservationists, businesses, and individuals who recognize the critical role reefs play in our global ecosystem.

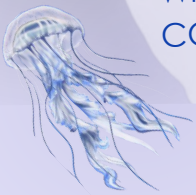
The challenges ahead are great, but so is our determination. With your support, we will continue this essential work, uncovering the answers that will help coral reefs endure for future generations.

Thank you for standing with us in this fight for our oceans.

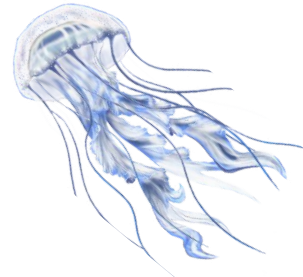
With hope and determination,
CCMI Board of Directors & Staff



Festival of Seas, 2024



Why support CCMI?



The dedicated team of professionals at CCMI has a proven track record of results. The organisation receives grants and donations specifically earmarked for research and education throughout the year, a testament to the confidence these funders have in our ability to deliver.

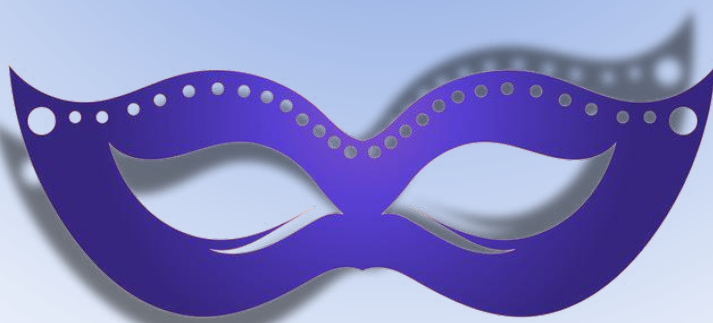
Your support of CCMI as climate change accelerates will help us expand our work to find impactful and scalable solutions to secure a future for coral reefs.



However, not all costs are supported through these grants, and the Festival of Seas is CCMI's main opportunity to raise funds to support the operational needs of the Little Cayman Research Centre such as laboratories, utilities, building and equipment maintenance, salaries, facility supplies, and more. This event – and your involvement in it – underpins the very existence of CCMI, allowing us to continue our work uninterrupted. With the urgency we have due to intensifying impacts from climate change, we need your support now more than ever to ensure we have maximum impact for the future of coral reefs.



Your support of CCMI's urgent work for coral reefs
has real impact for the Cayman Islands
and throughout the region



70 m²
Coral outplanted to the wild

155+
Published scientific papers

50+
PhD, MSc students and internships

200+
Visiting scientists

150 m+
Coral grown

1850+
Local scholarships awarded

300,000+
Reefs Go Live reach

\$1 million
Invested in field research annually

CCMI Impact

Potential Reach

CCMI social media (change since 2023)



7,809 (+1.5%)



3,396 (+40.1%)



565 (+14%)

Mailing list: 10,000+








































































Total estimated digital reach (2024)

Facebook: 116,900

Instagram: 44,700

Compared with 2023 statistics, 2024 Facebook visits to CCMI's page increased 25.5% to 14K+ visits, and visits to our Instagram profile increased 127.3% to 8.6K!



Sponsor Benefits	Titanium Sponsor CI \$10,000	Platinum Sponsor CI \$7,500	Gold Sponsor CI \$5,000	Silver Sponsor CI \$2,500	Staghorn Sponsor CI \$1,000	Keynote Speaker CI \$12,500	Welcome Drink Sponsor CI \$5,000	Photo Booth Sponsor CI \$5,000
Tickets to gala	10 VIP*	8 Standard	6 Standard	4 Standard	~	8 VIP*	6 Standard	4 Standard
Seating/ Table Location	Premium	Choice	Choice	Choice	~	Premium	Choice	Choice
Address guests during gala		~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Acknowledgment on CCMI website		~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Company profile in programme		~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Company profile on webpage		~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Verbal recognition			~	~	~	~	~	~
Event slideshow profile			~	~	~	~	~	~
Colour ad in gala programme	1/2 page	1/2 page	1/4 page	~	~	1/2 page	~	~
Inclusion in annual report					~			
Logo on online auction site								
Logo/Name on digital collateral								
Logo/Name on printed collateral								
Logo/link on webpage								
Recognition on social media								
Copy of gala programme								
Digital Thank You image								



Tickets and Table Partners

VIP Table Partner

CI \$5000

(limited number of tables)

Wow your guests with an expanded gala experience by upgrading to a VIP table for a special night. Here are some of the VIP offerings that come with your upgraded tickets:

Event Hospitality

- One table of 10 in a premium location
- Special upgraded food experience with wine pairing
- Upgraded decorations and service

Brand Recognition

Your corporate logo/name will be featured on:

- Printed collateral • Event website • Digital collateral
- CCMI's Annual Report for 2025 • Table sign

Table Partner

CI \$3000

Share the fun with friends and colleagues at your own private table! Table Partners organize 10 guests to attend the gala, enjoying a fun and memorable evening together at your private table.

Event Hospitality

One table of 10 in a choice location

Brand Recognition

Your corporate logo/name will be featured on:

- Printed collateral • CCMI's Annual Report for 2025
- Table sign

Individual Tickets

CI \$300 ea

Attend individually, as a couple, or with friends, and share a table with other CCMI supporters! You'll enjoy world-class hospitality from Hotel Indigo and the special touches that make this gala the unique, fun, memorable evening for which CCMI is known!

Additional tickets can be added to any sponsor package to fill a table or secure another table for your group. Contact events@reefresearch.org for information.

Support the Coral Fund

CCMI is moving forward with our plans to expand our Little Cayman facilities, which moves us toward our goal of doubling our capacity for research and education. We will build a new 11,000 sq. ft. facility dedicated to research and education, which will allow us to run education courses and research programmes simultaneously, reaching more students and marine scientists than ever before.

With a goal of raising USD \$3.9 million for Phase 1 of the build (over 5,000 sq. ft), we are already more than halfway there, having secured approximately USD \$1.9 million.

Last year, our special fund-a-need component of Festival of Seas raised more than US \$30,000 for the Coral Fund.

We still need to raise ~US \$1 million to fully fund the construction (anticipated start in early 2026) and kitting out of the facility. Your support is crucial for us to complete this project as we continue to evolve as a regional leader in marine research and education.

If you would like to support the Coral Fund with a sponsorship or a matching donation to help encourage other donors to support this fundraising goal, please contact Kate Holden at kholden@reefresearch.org.





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Ask us how your partnership with CCMI for Festival of Seas: Enchanted Masquerade of the Deep can benefit your company through your marketing, charitable giving, and ESG efforts while also supporting important work done in the Cayman Islands for coral reefs!

