

Comic to educate youngsters about coral reef conservation ^[1]

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Cited from vocero.com ^[2] "The Caribbean is a suitable place for the formation of coral reefs. In Puerto Rico, the reef areas of La Parguera, Lajas, Cabo Rojo, Island of Mona, Vieques and Culebra are known world-wide by their attractiveness for fishing, diving, tourism and recreation." Coral reefs are one of the ecosystems with greater biodiversity. It provides diverse benefits like natural foods, products with medicinal value and works like a natural barrier against cyclonal swells and coastal erosion. This project "arises from a genuine preoccupation to take care of the reefs and that this information spreads and extends beyond text books and science classrooms." This comic displays the organisms that inhabit the reef and presents the organisms in it, explaining what they do, how they live, how they behave and what can affect them. At the end of history people learn the value of reefs and indicate visitors to "Take care of the reefs!", like the comic is titled." The comic "was illustrated by the artist Harry Garcia and published and reviewed by professor and marine biologist Edgardo Ortiz Corps and journalist Nydia Suárez, and produced by Environmental Educative Consultants, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA). It can be obtained visiting the Office of Coral Reef Management and the Luis Peña Channel in Culebra, of the Department of Natural Resources, in the Puerto del Rey Marina."

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