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Plant-A-Coral, Seed-A-Reef Programme

Caring for the marine biodiversity and the environment is the social responsibility of every individual. The Garden City Fund's Plant-A-Coral, Seed-A-Reef programme is a platform for organisations and individuals to actively participate in the habitat enhancement efforts of the Sisters' Island Marine Park by sponsoring a coral under the Plant-A-Coral initiative or a Reef Enhancement Unit (REU) under the Seed-A-Reef initiative.

Plant-A-Coral initiative

Under the Plant-A-Coral initiative, organisations and individuals will be able to sponsor a coral with a minimal donation of \$200. Coral nubbins, which are small coral fragments, will be attached to wall plugs and allowed to grow to suitable sizes within nurseries and on the reef before being transplanted to the REU. Donors will be entitled to participate in a free intertidal guided walk at Sisters' Islands Marine Park to experience the rich biodiversity.

Seed-A-Reef initiative

Under the Seed-A-Reef initiative, organisations and individuals will be able to sponsor a REU with a minimal donation of \$20,000. REUs are artificial structures placed within suitable reef zones to enhance bare areas for marine organisms to grow and reef fish to seek refuge. Donors will be able to prepare coral nubbins which will be transplanted to the REU when ready. In addition, donors will be entitled to participate in a free coastal guided walk at St John's Island to experience the natural and historical heritage of the island.

To kick off the programme, HSBC has fully supported the first phase of the Seed-A-Reef initiative, donating \$180,000 for nine REUs. More REUs will be put up for sponsorship in subsequent phases of the Seed-A-Reef initiative.

The Plant-A-Coral, Seed-A-Reef programme is open to the public. To sponsor a coral, interested parties can make a donation online via NParks' registered charity and IPC, Garden City Fund, at www.gardencityfund.org/coral. Donors will also receive a certificate of recognition and a photo update every six months on the progress of the REUs on the Garden City Fund website for a period of three years.

About the Garden City Fund

The Garden City Fund is a registered charity (T02CC1634C) and Institution of Public Character (IPC000104) established by the National Parks Board in 2002. The Fund works with corporations, organisations and individuals to better engage members of the public through conservation efforts, research, outreach and education. In doing so, we hope to cultivate a love for the environment, promote a sense of ownership, and encourage the community to play its part in preserving Singapore's legacy as a lush and vibrant City in a Garden. For more information please visit www.gardencityfund.org.