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## **REPORT TO REEF BALL INTERNATIONAL**

To: Mr. Todd Barber, Chairman

From: The Barbados Marine Trust

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## **REEF BALLS IN BARBADOS**

At the beginning to 2008, the Barbados Marine Trust embarked on a project within one of the most popular fishing communities on the island – Oistins – which is located on the South Coast. The project title is "Reef Ball Gardens: A Solution to Coral Depletion and Community Development in Oistins, Barbados".

The project seeks to install a number of Reef Balls in the Oistins Bay to serve as Fish Attraction Devices, and based upon this primary objective, the project also seeks to explore and develop alternative livelihood activities for fisherfolk in the community (sight-seeing tours, environmental tours).

At the beginning of the year, the Trust started its research regarding the Reef Balls – how many sites, how many Reef Balls per site, the locations of the sites etc. and the Trust is also sending proposals out to Corporate Barbados and other entities to provide financial support for the Project.

With regards to the Reef Balls installed at Hastings, further development has been seen on the Balls, and some photos of the Balls were taken to show their progression from when they were first installed, to their current state.