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Diving the world's first undersea whale graveyard

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Reefs are re-created

This is no giant Cheddar cheese but an ingenious way of creating artificial reef structures. The Americas-made Reef Ball mimics natural coral heads and, during a 5-month trial in Florida, test samples quickly attracted coral populations, fish and invertebrates. Even divers liked them.

Using a fibreglass mould, the Reef Ball is formed in concrete, textured carefully to encourage coral settlement and growth. During manufacture, an internal bladder is fitted so that the device can be sunk in a controlled fashion by divers and placed exactly where it is wanted. The bladder is removed to leave an ecologically sound reef replica.

Reef Balls can be deployed singly or joined together with a specifically designed linkage to form larger structures. Those interested in the product can write to: Reef Ball Development

Group, 7085 Chappel Circle
Doraville, GA 30380, USA (tel. 8110
404 840 8389; fax 404 242 9023).



Reef Ball - reef replica favoured by marine creatures and divers alike.