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## **Coral Grief: Fall of the Cities Beneath the Sea**

Often termed the “rainforests of the sea,” coral reefs are home to one of every four marine species known to science; and they’re vital to maintaining earth’s biological diversity. Existing for over 200 million years, coral reefs are among the oldest, most productive ecosystems on earth. Aside from their unequaled beauty, coral reefs are essential to maintaining the health of our planet, support many local economies and may rival tropical rainforests as a source for biomedical compounds.

Unfortunately, these magnificent natural wonders are in serious trouble. Twenty-five percent of the world’s coral reefs have been destroyed. And if current trends continue, we risk losing the rest by mid-century. But the situation isn’t hopeless. There is still much we can do to preserve these “cities under the sea” for future generations...but only if we act now. Come learn more from this powerful and timely presentation. Coral Reefs are dying, come find out why and what you can do about it.

**Dates:** Spring 2010, Dates TBA

**Time:** 6:00pm – 9:00pm

**Cost:** \$ 95

**Location:** Edison State College, Fort Myers Campus, room to be announced

**Instructor:** Dr. Alex Brylske is

- a past member of the Board of Directors of the Coral Reef Alliance (CORAL)
- a former member of the Florida Governor's Ocean Committee.
- the Senior Editor of the Dive Training magazine, America's oldest national scuba diving publication.
- the co-author of an award-winning book on marine conservation, Our World, Our Water.

**Seats are limited, so register today!**

**Advance registration and payment is required**

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