

## NASA Astronauts Help Restore Coral Reefs while Training for Missions to the Moon and Mars

During late June, astronauts and crew members from NASA and the European Space Agency began an expedition to train crews for space and while restoring some of the area's damaged coral reefs. Living in the underwater habitat off the Upper Keys for 10 days is good preparation for deep space missions to the Moon, Mars, and the International Space Station.



As part of the NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations 23, or NEEMO 23, the astronauts have been building and installing a series of underwater coral tree nurseries in collaboration with Coral Restoration Foundation™ (CRF) and Florida International University (FIU).

These unique coral tree nurseries will provide coral restoration practitioners with vital data to help save coral reefs around the world. "Coral tree structures developed by the Coral Restoration Foundation are used

worldwide as a means of growing large amounts of coral at a fast and efficient pace," said Alice Grainger, communications director at the Coral Restoration Foundation, "and this installation is unique."

According to the Coral Restoration Foundation, the nurseries that are being set up as part of NEEMO 23 are being established in an environment that is very different from the nurseries that they have already because the water is deeper, there are different communities of fish and marine life, and the light conditions are different.

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