

2008 The International Year of the Reef Additional Activities

WEBSITE RESOURCES

www.iyor.org

(International Year of the Reef 2008: official website)

www.gbrmpa.gov.au

(Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority)

www.reefcheckaustralia.org

(Reef Check Australia)

www.macquarinet.com.au

(Search for 'coral reef' or other specific keywords)

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Painting

Invite the students to imagine they are each a bird flying above a coral reef. Provide the class with paper, paints, sand, crayons and other recyclable materials. Ask the students to create a collage of a tropical island and coral reef from a bird's eye view. Display the works around the classroom.

Get involved

Once again, use the website **www.iyor.org** and click on the 'Get Involved' link. As a class choose one of the suggested activities in 'Activity and Event Ideas' or make up your own. Modify your event to make it viable to do as a class group or school. Allocate different roles to the class members to 'get involved' in saving our reefs.

Message in a bottle

Invite the students to write a short message about reefs and conservation that could be found washed up on the shore in a bottle years after it was written. Encourage the students to think about what they would say to future generations about this issue.