

## Coral Identification Workshop

Join **Doug Fenner**, NOAA NMFS Protected Species program, to learn about rare and threatened coral species.

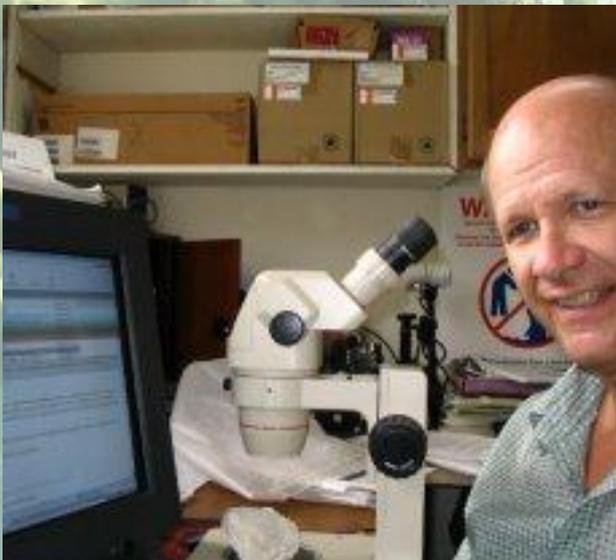
**Venue:** The University of the South Pacific, School of Marine Studies, Lower Campus, Conference room (opposite fish display tank).

**Time:** 9 am to 4pm **Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

**Cost:** Free, **Lunch:** provided

**Targeted at:** Marine managers, researchers, conservation groups, NGOs and government officials.

In the morning Doug will be talking about the problem of species extinction, tools for conserving endangered species including the IUCN Red List, CITES, and the US Endangered Species Act, and the many reasons why coral species are so difficult to identify and have a confusing taxonomy. In the afternoon, he will have a slide show of all 12 species listed in the Indo-Pacific as "threatened", plus species that look similar, and how to tell the difference between them.



Doug Fenner received his BA from Reed College in 1971. He went on to get a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1976. He then turned his attention to Hawaii, studying the coral species there, and eventually publishing a book *Corals of Hawaii*. After that, he moved to Australia, where he worked at the Australian Institute of Marine Science for Dr. J.E.N. Veron, one of the world's top coral taxonomists. During his 6 years there, he joined several research expeditions to places like the Philippines, Indonesia, New Guinea, the Andaman Islands (India) and Rodrigues Island in the Indian Ocean. He then moved to American Samoa, accepting a position in the Dept. of Marine & Wildlife Resources of the American Samoa government, doing coral reef monitoring there supported by grants from NOAA. There were more trips to a variety of other reefs for coral surveys. Doug has been in

American Samoa for 11 years now, and now is a consultant, primarily working for NOAA on the coral species proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act.

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