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## PHILIPPINE CORAL REEF EXHIBIT



**OPENS AT THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY  
OF SCIENCES IN SAN FRANCISCO  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2008**

When the new Renzo Piano-designed building of the California Academy of Sciences opens its doors this September at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, one of the exhibits that the public will behold is **THE WORLD'S DEEPEST LIVING CORAL REEF DISPLAY**.

The Philippine Coral Reef Exhibit, in a 212,000-gallon aquarium tank, will house a variety of soft and hard corals, black-tipped reef sharks, rays, and more than 4,000 reef fishes that are native to the Philippines. **SHOWCASING THE BEAUTY AND DIVERSITY OF A CORAL REEF IN THE PHILIPPINES**, the exhibit will also feature interactive displays and in-tank diver presentations.

The Academy is partnering with **PUSOD**, a non-governmental organization based in the Philippines and in Berkeley, California, to support scientific, educational and conservation efforts regarding Philippine coral reefs.

According to Dr. Terry Gosliner, Senior Curator at the Academy, "We wanted to exhibit **THE MOST DIVERSE MARINE ECOSYSTEM ON EARTH – A PHILIPPINE REEF**. The Academy's goal to reach a broad and diverse audience is the reason we have this wonderful evolution of interaction with Pusod and the Filipino community."

"Because the Philippines has more marine biodiversity than anywhere else in the world," says Malou Babilonia, Pusod Founder and Trustee, **"WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION IN ANY WAY WE CAN TO PROTECT, PRESERVE, AND ENHANCE OUR PHILIPPINE MARINE ENVIRONMENTS** and all other ecosystems. It is so important that we all immerse ourselves in the Philippine Coral Reef Exhibit at the Academy."

For information: [www.pusod.org/reef](http://www.pusod.org/reef)

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