

Estelle Davies

Marine Biologist, Diver, Educator



As a water ski instructor, PADI dive master, swimming teacher and ocean rower, Estelle's life revolves around water. Having been born on a Mediterranean Island and grown up in Hong Kong, the sea has always been a natural part of her life. "As soon as I understood that one could study the ocean and the creatures that live within it, there wasn't anything else I wanted to be but a marine biologist!"

Estelle has a BSc Honours degree in Marine and Environmental Science from St. Andrews University in Scotland, during which she spent her Junior year on exchange at the University of California, Santa Cruz studying marine mammals and temperate ecosystems. In 2003, she gained her Masters degree in Tropical Marine Ecology from James Cook University in Queensland, Australia, where she fell in love with the coral reef ecosystem. In 2004, Estelle received a Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) in Biology from King's College, London.

Working as a Naturalist for Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society, Estelle spent over 10 years travelling the world giving lectures on board Regent Seven Seas Cruises inspiring and educating guests on the marine environment around the globe, including places such as South America, the Caribbean, the Amazon, Sea of Cortez, the Mediterranean, the British Isles, Indonesia, Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Estelle has served as a Cousteau Naturalist in French Polynesia since 2006 leading Jean-Michel Cousteau's 'Ambassadors of the Environment Program', a unique, ground-breaking marine education program at sea, that introduces young travellers and their families to the extraordinary natural wonders of French Polynesia, through leading marine and land-based excursions and demonstrating imaginative ways to build environmental sustainability into their lives back home.

Estelle has also worked as resident marine biologist in the Maldives, marine educator and scientific diver in Bonaire, Dutch Antilles and on marine conservation projects in Belize, Madagascar and the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

Based in Hong Kong, Estelle founded **Living Oceans Education** in 2016 and continues to educate and inspire students around the World through her marine education programs.