

Estelle Davies



Marine Biologist, Ocean Explorer, 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 has travelled the World's oceans inspiring and educating guests on the wonders of nature and the marine environment around the globe, including places such as South America, the Caribbean, the Amazon, Sea of Cortez, the Mediterranean, the British Isles, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Estelle served as a Cousteau Naturalist in French Polynesia from 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.

She also served as a Resident Marine Biologist in the Maldives, Fiji, Bonaire and Australia and worked on Marine Conservation projects in Belize, Madagascar and most recently Antarctica.

Based in Hong Kong, Estelle founded **Living Oceans Education** in 2016 to continue her mission of educating the younger generation through her marine education programs.