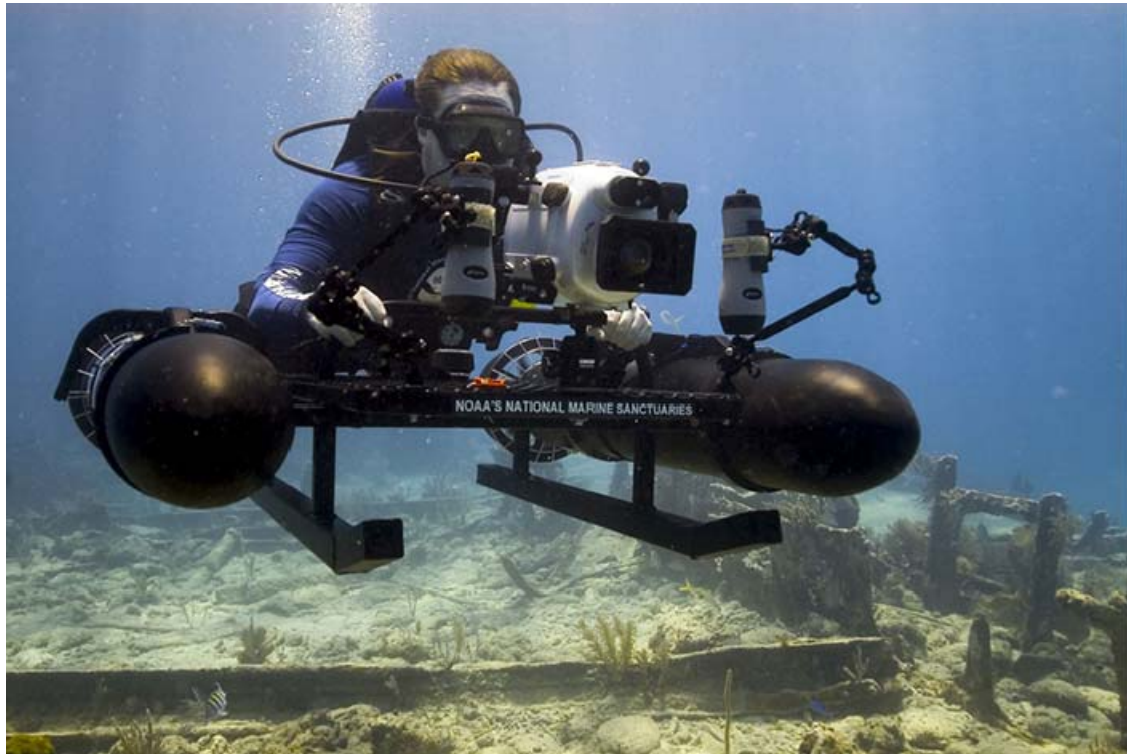


Introduction to Marine Biology



Marine biology is the scientific study of the living organisms in the sea. Study of the ocean and its organisms is of great importance. Most scientists believe that life on Earth originated in the sea, so study of the organisms in the oceans can teach us much about all life on Earth. Additionally, the oceans and the life within have a tremendous impact on our daily lives. Marine organisms produce around half of the oxygen we breathe and the ocean currents shape the Earth's weather and climate.

Marine biology is not really a separate science, per se, rather it is a general science applied to the sea. Marine biologists must have an understanding of chemistry, biology, and geology.

Click the link, David Gallo: Underwater Astonishments from TED Talks at <http://www.ted.com/talks/view/lang/en/id/206> to watch a short video showing a great diversity of intriguing organisms you will learn about this year.

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