



Vakkaru Maldives Appoints New Marine Biologist to Lead Ocean Conservation Efforts

Baa Atoll, Republic of Maldives, June 2025 – Vakkaru Maldives, an award-winning luxury resort set within the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of Baa Atoll, is pleased to announce the appointment of Renato Alexandre Bezerra Silva as its new marine biologist. With a passion for marine ecosystems and extensive experience in dive instruction and conservation, Renato brings fresh energy and expertise to the resort's sustainability initiatives and guest marine experiences.

Originally from Brazil and raised in Italy, Renato is a certified PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor with specialities in coral reef conservation, buoyancy control, and underwater debris management. Fluent in Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and English, he has worked with international dive centres, most recently at the Marine Protected Area of Capo Carbonara in Sardinia, guiding dive excursions and conducting training courses for aspiring divers.

At Vakkaru, Renato will lead the resort's marine biology programme, offering guests immersive experiences that explore the rich biodiversity of Baa Atoll. From guided snorkelling and diving trips to coral planting and marine life workshops, his goal is to create safe, engaging and educational encounters that deepen understanding of the ocean and foster a sense of stewardship.

"I believe that learning about the sea should be both stimulating and accessible," says Renato. "My mission is to inspire guests through hands-on experiences that celebrate the beauty of marine life while raising awareness about the importance of ocean conservation."

Renato Alexandre Bezerra Silva - Marine Biologist





Beyond his work, Renato is an avid traveller, surfer and ocean advocate who has volunteered in various international projects focused on marine sustainability, coral restoration and ocean clean-ups. His proactive approach to safety, combined with a genuine love for the sea, makes him a natural fit for Vakkaru's commitment to preserving its natural surroundings and promoting sustainable tourism.

"We are thrilled to welcome Renato to Vakkaru Maldives," says Teddy Susanto Wiryawan, General Manager, Vakkaru Maldives. "His expertise in marine conservation and passion for delivering engaging guest experiences will enrich our environmental programmes and elevate our commitment to preserving the unparalleled underwater world of Baa Atoll.


Renato's arrival perfectly aligns with our vision of sustainable luxury and meaningful ocean education."

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ABOUT VAKKARU MALDIVES

Located in Baa Atoll, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve renowned for its spectacular sea life, Vakkaru Maldives is an award-winning, timeless sanctuary. A scenic 30-minute seaplane ride from Velana International Airport takes you to this secluded reef island, shaded by coconut palms and blessed with calming ocean views and powder-soft white-sand beaches.

Here, 111 beautifully appointed Overwater and Beach Villas and Residences are elegantly designed to respect their surroundings, while exceptional dining experiences and amenities await in six restaurants, two bars, and a wine cellar. Among our industry-leading offerings is Merana Spa, complete with an Ayurveda practice and a regular host to residencies by the world's most inspiring wellness practitioners. Children and teens are generously catered for in the Parrotfish Club and Coconut Club respectively, while guests of all ages can play against world-famous pros through best-in-class coaching or play each other on the padel tennis court. Splash offers a host of thrilling water sports, ocean excursions, private luxury yachts as well as coral adoption programmes.