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INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL MARINE ECOLOGY (ITME)

A New Marine Science Program and Field Station in Dominica, Lesser Antilles

The Institute for Tropical Marine Ecology (ITME) is a new educational/research organization. Founded in 1998 by Dr. Sascha C.C. Steiner, ITME is currently based in the U.S.A., and preparations for the establishment of a permanent office and field station in Dominica are under way. Dominica's spectacular volcanic topography, and the relative paucity of research stations in the Lesser Antilles, put ITME in an interesting geographic location for marine research.

In June 1999, ITME's academic program will be launched with a six-week summer course in marine resource conservation, followed by a three-month semester in September 1999. The semester program includes courses in tropical marine ecology, natural history and identification of marine or-

ganisms, and marine resource economics. All courses are experiential, issue-driven, and aimed at advanced undergraduate biology and environmental studies majors, however, graduate students are welcome. The inter-disciplinary curricula will incorporate ongoing research projects on coastal habitats, allowing students to participate in the exploration of Dominica's marine life. When courses are not in session, ITME will operate as regular research station, available to visiting scientists and student groups from other institutions.

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