



St. Maarten Caribbean Sea Turtle

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The World Federation for Coral Reef Conservation has developed the **St. Maarten Caribbean Sea Turtle Program** as an underwater monument and diving attraction for divers and snorkelers.



Michael Hall the world renowned bronze sculptor has been one of **WFCRC's** featured artist for some time and he has agreed to create **The St. Maarten Caribbean Sea Turtle** in a small version in a limited addition of 50 which is available now (see picture) to be used as a desk to top version.

The life sized version (see picture below) is in a limited addition of 25 and is scheduled to be completed soon. And will be used as a diving monument and attraction for divers and snorkelers.

This unique pure bronze sculpture w/base will be 38" high, 27" wide, 36' long and weigh approximately 200 lbs. Pictured is one of many required developmental steps in casting a bronze sculpture.

It is proposed to place the bronze sculpture in an underwater location where coral growth potential is greatest to allow for coral growth on the specially designed base to enhance coral growth and to increase the life like surroundings.

[ReefLive Restoration](#) technology will aid in this new coral growth phase. In addition to the bronze turtle coral growth, it should also be placed in an area that divers/snorkelers will use the site to have their picture taken with the "St. Maarten Sea Turtle" (or wherever) as an attraction and monument for divers as well as creating a tourism attraction.

This is also the place to put a plaque on the sculpture showing that the SXM Nature Foundation MPA support of coral conservation or wherever the location might be and who is promoting conservation efforts. This type of promotion will be there for all to see now and well into the future.

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It is also proposed to be one of 25 turtle monuments for each Caribbean country participating in the **Caribbean Ring of Hope Sites**. This monument to turtle and coral conservation will be in place and will last for 100s of years, to be seen by many generations.

With the combined concern interest in turtle conservation and to promote tourism, I think this event would bring a great deal of interest.

We also thought that to have the large turtle on display in the airport to raise funds to pay for the sculpture and placement would be an appropriate avenue to introduce local stakeholders as well as visitors to the island to "The St. Maarten Sea Turtle" and what it is raising the awareness for. Another placement possibility would be in aquariums, Sea World, theme parks and any ocean related facility.

The Sculptor

[Michael Hall](#), born in Austin, Texas on February 4th, 1945, holds a degree in Aeronautical and Aerospace Engineering and has 45 years' experience as a professional artist, 41 of which spent as a sculptor and founder, operating his own full service fine art sculpture studio and lost wax bronze casting foundry.

Michael has been President Emeritus of The Texas Society of Sculptors since 1989 and sits on the Board of Director of that organization.

Bronze sculptures created by Michael can be found in private and corporate collections from The Royal Palace in Kathmandu, Nepal to The Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of Medicine.

All of Michael's work illustrates the fine detail and beautiful composition of a truly imaginative artist. His experience has surpassed his education, which was well focused in the fields of art and engineering, and his commissions are vast, as are his awards.

People, museums, and organizations that own sculpture by Michael Hall

His Royal Majesty, Bihendra Bhikram Sha Dev - King of Nepal

Gov. John Conlley - Former Governor of Texas

Andy Edgerton - President Texas Long Horn Assoc.

Museum Of the Southwest - Corpus Christy, Tx

Smithsonian Institute, Museum of Medical Art

H.E.B. Foundation Camp, Leaky, Tx

Gulfside Hospice, Zepherhills, Fla.

Camp Swift, Smithville, Tx

CAA President Dr. Denis Bowyer

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Neil A. Armstrong - U S Astronaut, Apollo 11, first man to walk on the moon
Dr. Robert Zubrin - Mars Society President
James A. Lovell - U S Astronaut
B. Gen. Charles (Chuck) Yeager - U S Astronaut, first man to orbit the Earth
Burt Rutan
Peter Diamandis, International Space University, X-Prize founder
International Space University,
Dr. Stephen Hawking
Stevens Squyers
Elon Musk- co-founder SpaceX, chairman Tesla Motors
John H. Marburger III
Freeman Dyson - Scientist, author
Russell Schneickart - Apollo IX astronaut
David R Scott - Apollo IX astronaut
James A McDivitt - Apollo IX astronaut
Senator Harrison Schmitt - U S Astronaut
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