



# Marine Conservation Photography in Belize



Photographs by Keith Ellenbogen

Join acclaimed underwater photographer Keith Ellenbogen and staff of the Wildlife Conservation Society for a week long adventure at Glover’s Atoll, part of the UNESCO Belize Barrier Reef World Heritage site. This unique opportunity combines group and personalized instruction, beginner to advanced, in underwater camera use and lighting techniques, photo composition and environmental storytelling as well as an introduction to marine ecology and conservation approaches.

### What’s included within the Course:

This class is focused on giving students an experience of living at a working marine research station and learning about the art of underwater photography at one of the Caribbean’s premier dive sites – Glover’s Atoll, Belize.

- Daily group and individual photography/video lessons, theory & techniques for students of all levels.
- Daily marine ecology and conservation lectures, workshops and guided dives and snorkels to engage students about the animals (sharks, rays, turtles, groupers) and habitats (coral reefs, seagrass beds) around Glovers which they can capture through their photography and videography.
- Sea & Sea and Kraken Sports will provide various professional underwater housings, strobes, video systems and lights for demo during the course to build your experience with a diverse selection of high quality equipment.
- Technical workshops focused on configuring underwater photography equipment
- Students may choose to share their images with WCS Glovers Reef Research Station to promote conservation.

- All SCUBA diving — 5days x 2-tank boat dives, tanks & weights
- Unlimited snorkeling and kayaking around the station - Middle Caye
- All meals and accommodations (shared with fan & internet) at the research station (all diet restrictions accommodated)
- ALL local transportation - Belize City to Glover’s Atoll
- One night hotel accommodation upon arrival in Belize City
- Airfare to Belize City is NOT included.

All Scuba divers need to be certified with DAN insurance. We encourage you to bring your own gear but rentals are available with advanced notice. Non-divers are welcome too. \*All profits are going to support conservation in Belize

Dates: **January 14-20, 2018** — Cost: **\$2,875 USD\*** Please register by December 7, 2017

To register or for more information please email Kenneth Gale, Station Manger: [grmrs@wcs.org](mailto:grmrs@wcs.org)



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Owned and operated by the **Wildlife Conservation Society**, the station on Middle Caye is located approximately 45 km off the coast of Belize on the Glover’s Atoll, one of the Caribbean’s most complex and important coral reef systems.

**For More Info:** [www.wcsgloversreef.org](http://www.wcsgloversreef.org)

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