

CNMI Coral Reef Initiative

Annual



Challenge

Submission Deadline:
December 8, 2020

NOW more than ever, scientists are relying on community members (aka **Citizen Scientists**) to help identify & address issues that affect our oceans & coral reefs. Anyone can become a citizen scientist - you might even be one already! The International Coastal Cleanup and Eyes of the Reef Marianas are all examples of citizen science projects. Imagine you're an ocean scientist - grab your art supplies, get creative & show us:

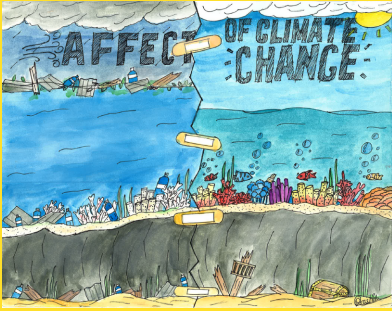
- What should a healthy coral reef & ocean environment look like?

Winning entries will be featured in the **2021 Tide Chart Calendar!**

OPEN to all CNMI students grades 4th-12th. See Challenge Rules for more details.



Rules & Requirements



The CNMI Coral Reef Initiative under the Division of Coastal Resources Management wants your help to raise awareness of the issues affecting coral reef and ocean health and how they can be addressed using citizen science. We're looking for original and inspiring artwork that showcases what a healthy coral reef and ocean environment looks like from students around the CNMI to feature in the annual CRI Tide Chart calendar. So grab your supplies, be creative, and show us:

1. What should a healthy coral reef and ocean environment look like?

Challenge Rules

Criteria for Art & Description - Each entry must be composed of a piece of artwork and a description (on the entry form). **All must meet the requirements below.** DCRM will collect all entries and a panel of judges will select 13 winners to be featured in the 2021 CRI Tide Chart Calendar. Entries will be judged on creativity, artistic presentation, and relevancy to the theme.

Eligibility - All 4th - 12th grade students from the CNMI public and private school systems are eligible to participate. *Students may submit entries on their own or as part of a classroom, but must work individually.*

Artwork & Description Requirements

1. One entry per student.
2. Entries must be on a single sheet of 8.5"x11" paper, landscape.
3. Use white, non-glossy paper. Do not laminate.
4. Any art medium may be used (e.g. colored pencils, crayons, paint), computer graphics will not be accepted. Artwork must be hand-drawn by the student.
5. Artwork must be flat (e.g. no glued pieces or glitter) and be able to be scanned.
6. Avoid labeling any brand names in the artwork.
7. A description of no more than 100 words must accompany the artwork (space provided on entry form).
8. Teachers may send in as many entries as they would like.
9. Label each entry on the back in pencil (marker bleeds through the artwork) with student's name, age and grade, along with the teacher's name, school name, and telephone number.

Submitting Entries

There should be one entry form filled out per student. Please ensure that the entry form is filled out completely and legibly. All entries (entry form + artwork) must be submitted to the BECQ office **no later than December 8, 2020.**

Entries (entry form + artwork) can be delivered to:

Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality
Division of Coastal Resources Management
Gualo Rai Center
ATTN: Mallory Muna
CNMI Coral Reef Initiative

If you have any questions, please email outreach@dcrm.gov.mp

Entry Form

2021 Tide Chart Calendar Annual Art Challenge

Student First and Last Name:

Age:

Grade Level:

Teacher's Name:

School Name:

School/Teacher Contact #:

Teacher Email Address:

Parent(s) Name:

Parent(s) Contact #:

Parent(s) Email Address:

Artwork Description:

Art Medium Used (e.g. colored pencil, crayon, paint):

Please write your description legibly. (100 words max)

Imagine you're an ocean scientist, describe what a healthy coral reef and ocean environment should look like:

Please Read

Submission of this entry grants permission for the Division of Coastal Resources Management and the CNMI Coral Reef Initiative to use the student's name (first name, last initial) and artwork in communications materials relating to the 2020 CRI Annual Art Challenge and 2021 Tide Chart Calendar, including written and online publications.

For information on DCRM programs please visit www.dcrm.gov.mp

If you have questions or concerns regarding the CRI Annual Art Challenge, please email outreach@dcrm.gov.mp