

# **DIMO's 'Life To Reef' Project Restores Corals**

Life to Reef is a key sustainability project of Diesel and Motor Engineering (DIMO) to protect and restore the coral reefs in the Bonavista Reef at Rumassala near Galle.

DIMO is replenishing and restoring corals, which are rapidly becoming an endangered variety of marine species.

In a collaborative approach, DIMO constantly monitors the growth and progress of conservation efforts with the Wildlife and Ocean Resources Conservation, the Technical Partner of the project.

Ranjith Pandithage, Chairman and Managing Director, DIMO, said, "Coral reefs play a significant role in maintaining a balanced marine ecosystem and protecting coastlines. Conservation and the sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources are not only a global mandate declared by UN SDGs, but have been identified as one of our national biodiversity priorities. As a responsible corporate in Sri Lanka we believe it is our prime duty to take such an initiative in environmental conservation for the betterment of our planet and mankind."

The programme attracted the participation of 112 volunteers from cross-functional departments of DIMO, recording a total of 739 volunteer hours. The volunteers contributed towards the project as divers, snorkelers, swimmers and underwater photographers.

"Volunteering and helping others is beneficial for employees to be mentally stimulated, providing a sense of purpose. This project inculcated positive attitudes amongst our staff as they realize they had contributed to ensure the future of the reef and rebuilding a community," commented Gahanath Pandithage, Group CEO, DIMO.



*DIMO staff volunteering for the project*