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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
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Administrative Information

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of audiovisual elements created during the production of several films featuring the research of Walter H. Adey, Curator/Research Scientist in the Department of Botany and the Marine Systems Laboratory at the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) and filmed by Karen Loveland, Producer in the Office of Telecommunications.

"Our Biosphere: The Earth in Our Hands" is a 60 minute film produced in 1989 and narrated by Robert Redford. The film follows the staff of the Marine Systems Laboratory and Space Biosphere Ventures as they work with scientists, architects, engineers, and builders in their attempt to create Biosphere 2, an experimental model of the Earth's ecosystems.

"The Sea: A Quest for Our Future" is a 60 minute film produced in 1984 and broadcast by the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). It is a documentary on the complex ecosystems of tropical coral reefs and focuses primarily on research projects conducted by the Marine Systems Laboratory. The film won several awards including the 1984 Best Nature Production Award from the International TV Movie Festival; a second place award at the 1985 National Educational Film Festival; and a 1986 Gold Medal and Diploma of the International Scientific Festival.

"Coral Reefs: New Discoveries, New Resources" is a 30 minute version of "The Sea." It was produced in 1985 and distributed for educational purposes.

"Exploring Marine Ecosystems" is the collective name for six short videos that accompanied the exhibition of the same name in the Life in the Sea Hall at NMNH. They were added to the exhibition in 1995.

Materials include videotapes, many of which are masters. Some materials are in electronic format.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Coral reef ecology
- Documentary films
- Documentary television programs
- Marine ecology
- Motion pictures -- Production and direction
- Museum exhibits
- Research
- Television -- Production and direction

Types of Materials:

- Electronic records
- Videotapes

Names:

- Adey, Walter H.
- Biosphere 2 (Project)
- Exploring Marine Ecosystems (Exhibition) (1985: Washington, D.C.)
- Loveland, Karen
- National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Department of Botany
- National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Life in the Sea Hall
- National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Marine Systems Laboratory
- Public Broadcasting Service (U.S.)
- Redford, Robert
- Space Biospheres Ventures

Preferred Titles:

- Coral Reefs: New Discoveries, New Resources (Motion picture : 1985)*
- Exploring Marine Ecosystems (Motion picture : 1995)*
- Our Biosphere: The Earth in Our Hands (Motion picture : 1989)*
- The Sea: A Quest for our Future (Motion picture : 1984)*

Container Listing

Box 1	
Box 1 of 1	Our Biosphere: The Earth in Our Hands, 57:00, VHS
Box 1 of 1	Our Biosphere: The Earth in Our Hands, Smithsonian Version, 4/4/1991, 47:50, VHS
Box 1 of 1	Our Biosphere: The Earth in Our Hands, Discovery Channel Version, 3/13/1991, 43:45, 3/4" U-matic
Box 1 of 1	Coral Reefs: New Discoveries, New Resources, 3/4" U-matic
Box 1 of 1	Coral Reefs, New Discoveries, New Resources, Master, Betacam SP
Box 1 of 1	The Sea: A Quest for Our Future, 3/4" U-matic
Box 1 of 1	The Sea: A Quest for Our Future, Dub Master, 58:00, Betacam SP
Box 1 of 1	Walter Adey/Marine Ecosystems, 5/8/1995, 16:00, D-2
Box 1 of 1	Exploring Marine Ecosystems, Edited Master/Videodisc Pre Master, 4/21/1995, 30:00, D-2
Box 1 of 1	Exploring Marine Ecosystems, Edited Master, Waves, 4/17/1995, 1:07, D-2
Box 1 of 1	Exploring Marine Ecosystems, Edited Master with Captions, 6 Shows (Walter Adey/Scientist/Scrubber Video - 4:51, Tides - 1:40, Food Web 1 - 2:16, Food Web 2 - 2:17, Food Web 3 - 2:00, Waves - 1:07), 4/18/1995, D-2
Box 1 of 1	Exploring Marine Ecosystems, Generic Submaster without Captions, 6 Shows (Walter Adey/Scientist/Scrubber Video - 4:51, Tides - 1:40, Food Web 1 - 2:16, Food Web 2 - 2:17, Food Web 3 - 2:00, Waves - 1:07), 4/18/1995, D-2