

Oasis of the Pacific

Time is Running Out



Director's statement:

Over the past 18 years I have been fortunate enough to make some 5000 dives all over the world, from the wrecks of the British Coast to the azure waters of the Visayan sea. Sadly, even during this mere splinter in time I have noticed a huge decrease in marine biodiversity. Many of the large predatory fish have disappeared and much of the world's coral gardens have been reduced to petrified skeletons, both examples bearing witness to an impending ecological disaster that stalks the earth more rapidly than any before known in the history of the planet.

At first glance Hawaii's reefs appear to be everything one would imagine a tropical reef should be. Most people think of Hawai'i as the ultimate tropical paradise and yet the Hawaiian Islands are a mere fragment of their former glory and Hawaii's beleaguered marine life face a precarious future. People fail to realize the effect that their beachfront condo is having on the turtles and other marine life that they so love to snorkel with. They miss the connection between the swordfish steak on their plate and the impending extinction of the leatherback sea turtle. They are unaware of these things because they are uninformed.

Oasis of the Pacific is our first documentary and our vision was that it would accomplish three goals: To raise awareness about the anthropogenic impacts currently afflicting Hawaii's marine life; to show people that there are many simple actions that they can take to help turn the tide on this ecological tragedy and we wanted people to leave the film with a sense of urgency to take action.

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