# SAFE Tour

**KEY LARGO - REEF**
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**Situational Awareness for the Environment: see the unseen ... beyond perception**

*Some things become visible only when new senses and new ways of thinking, start looking together.*

Environmental challenges, such as coastal change, extreme weather, pollution, ecological disruption, or emergencies like earthquakes, floods, and wildfires, rarely present themselves as simple problems. They behave as complex systems, where decisions can't rely on data and information alone: they call for situational awareness, the ability to read the whole as it unfolds, not just measure its parts.

An international, multi-year scientific tour hosted by leading universities, research centers, embassies, and consulates around the world, SAFE Tour brings together researchers who rarely share a room, fields such as environmental engineering, forensic science, aerospace technology, organic chemistry, computer science, civil protection, among many others, depending on the stop. Each stop turns into a space where interdisciplinary teams meet, compare perspectives, and let new solutions take shape from that encounter: real cases, live demonstrations, direct exchange, all guided by one shared pursuit, not just maximizing situational awareness, but sharing its meaning, its value, and growing it together.

This Site Visit is part of the 2026 Florida leg of SAFE Tour, at the campus of **Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF)** in Key Largo. **Dr. Jill Kuehnert**, Campus Director, serves as host referent on site, in a visit coordinated together with **Dr. Christy Pattengill-Semmens**, Co-Executive Director: Science & Engagement. The SAFE Tour team, led by **Prof. Massimiliano Lega** with **Prof. Roberta Teta**, meets REEF's community and its Volunteer Fish Survey Project — one of the clearest real-world examples of environmental situational awareness built through distributed observation and citizen science

*The goal isn't that you leave informed. It's that you leave connected.*

## STAGE main info

**date:**
September 2, 2026

**time:**
3:00 PM

**location:**
Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF),
98380 Overseas Hwy,
Key Largo, FL 33037

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**Host Institution:**
REEF
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## Permanent speakers on stage

KeyNote Speaker

**Massimiliano Lega**, *PhD*
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Invited Speaker

**Roberta Teta**, *PhD*
Professor
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Special Guest Speaker

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