

Preface

Since 1980 continued research on *Nautilus* has been carried out in the waters of the Philippines and the Fiji Islands. These areas have been known as the habitat for one of the world's oldest living fossils. The field survey was focused on the Geological, Paleontological, Aquacultural, and Biological area.

From research carried out at the two locations, the species living in the two areas have been found to be different. In the Palau area the habitat of *Nautilus* was investigated in various fields, namely, the geological nature of the sea bottom, the marine environment, living organisms, and the biological and ecological systems. These were some of the aims of our survey, and field investigations were carried out in Palau.

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