I graduated from the University of York in Marine Environmental Management on March 2008. I was employed soon after by the people who hosted my MSc. summer placement which is the Department of Fisheries, Brunei. Since then I have been working on many projects concerning the coral reefs in Brunei Darussalam such as gathering data, outreach programs and clean up projects such as collecting discarded nets and fish traps. We recently discovered that we have a Crown of Thorns starfish problem and are currently trying to address this. Since I joined the department of fisheries I have participated in lots of projects and worked with coral reef scientists from all over the globe. I have therefore had the opportunity to experience working alongside world class scientists. My very first opportunity was of course with Dr. Julie Hawkins (who was also my 1st supervisor in York), Professor Callum Roberts (my 2nd supervisor) and Dr. Rupert Ormond (my supervisor while at Sharm El Sheikh). These people are very well known and the experience that I gained from learning under them is priceless. I’m glad that I was accepted to be their student and I have come a long way since then and now my goal is to be like them and continue my work in conserving the marine environment. I face many challenges in my working life and as far as scientific knowledge is concerned, I acquired a lot from the course that I took while at the University of York. It has equipped me very well in trying to achieve my goal here. My work has kept me very busy and I know the work I try to accomplish will not be finished 10 life times over. Nonetheless I am doing it and loving it. Since I started working I have also had opportunities to attend conferences to learn more and meet new people with the same interest. One that I am looking forward to is the “4th Coral reef MPA Network Meeting which is held by ICRI!” in Tokyo this 17th November 2008. All this would not have been possible without my MSc qualification!