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Hess semi-retired in 2016 after more than 20 years of working in the environmental and marine science field at the College of Marshall Islands (CMI). He served as Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and taught courses primarily in marine and environmental sciences. He was involved in developing the RMI Reimaanlok conservation area planning process, and was a co-author of the Reimaanlok Field Guide as well as a founding member of the Coastal Management Advisory Council.

Currently Hess is engaged as the Grants Manager for the Culture and Historic Preservation Office and grant writing/management on climate change and conservation in the Marshall Islands, notably on coral reef management, restoration, and sewage outfall projects. He recently authored RMI's 6<sup>th</sup> National Report of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Hess serves on the board for the Marshall Islands Conservation Society, and represents the Marshall Islands on Marine Stewardship Council auditing processes for certification on transshipment of tuna.

Hess obtained diver certification in 1984 and became a PADI diving Instructor (166057) in 2002. He has over 2000 logged dives. He is active in coral reef monitoring and diving instruction in the Marshall Islands and has completed about 60 technical dives to 50m+ in Bikini Atoll. He has conducted ecological surveys throughout Micronesia, and carried out follow-up coral relocation and obstruction removal on the South Tarawa outfalls in late 2016 and early 2017.

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