



REEF CHECK

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our reefs and oceans



5th course on hard corals identification and coral reefs monitoring approaches

Bangka, north Sulawesi, Indonesia
10-17 October 2016

Reef Check Italia onlus and Coral Eye organise an international field course on hard corals identification and coral reefs monitoring approaches opened to both marine biology students and diver volunteers from around the world.

The course, taught in English, aims to:

- provide the basic knowledge for the identification of hard corals and their diseases
- present an overview on the well-established coral reefs monitoring approaches
- learn and apply different methods underwater, including Reef Check and Coral Watch protocols
- contribute to the monitoring and conservation of the coral reefs at the Bangka outpost

Lectures and seminars will be alternated with day and night dives, as well as practical sessions in the lab. At the end of the course it is expected that the participants demonstrate what they learned and discuss the results achieved.

The number of participants is limited to 12. Although it is not required any scientific qualification, participants should be confident with the main groups of marine invertebrates and possibly have some experience in tropical dives. They should hold at least a 2nd level international dive certificate (allowing diving to 30 m depth), a minimum of documented 30 dives, a medical certificate allowing to dive (written in Italian, English or Bahasa Indonesia) and an international dive insurance (e.g. DAN).

Costs

Accommodation (8 days/7 night), meals and dives are offered by Coral Eye at the reduced price of **€ 650.00**

Course fee, including teaching materials and Reef Check certificate, is **€ 150.00**

The organization and the costs of travel to / from Manado are in charge to individual participants. Transfer between Manado and Bangka will be organised by Coral Eye according to Manado arrival/departure schedules communicated in advance by each participant. Longer stays in Bangka have to be booked to Coral Eye in advance at extra costs. Each participant must carry his/her own diving equipment, except scuba tanks and weights, provided on site. Drinks and excursions not scheduled have additional costs.

Fellowships

Reef check Italia onlus offers **3 grants** to cover the costs of accommodation, meals and scheduled dives (€ 650.00) to the most deserving undergraduate students and young (<28 yrs.) graduate marine biologists on the basis of their CV, including diver qualifications and previous volunteer experiences. Grant applications must be submitted within the **16th of May 2016** by sending the application form (available at www.reefcheckitalia.it), CV and copy of diving certificate to postmaster@reefcheckitalia.it (PDF or JPG are welcome). Grant selection results will be communicated within the **1st of June 2016** and acceptance has to be confirmed in a week.

Booking

Participants without grant will be selected in the order of application submission and they will be informed from **13rd of June**. All participants should confirm their participation as soon as possible by paying a non-refundable deposit of **€ 150.00** either by PayPal (to postmaster@reefcheckitalia.it) or by bank transfer (to Reef Check Italia onlus, IBAN: IT24F0605513319000000010004 BIC: BAMAIT3AXXX).

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