Reef Check Italia *onlus*, a network to improve civil participation in marine environment assessment

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The involvement of “citizens” (whether members of the general public or dedicated volunteers) to undertake data collection for regional-scale scientific studies is a key tool to achieve shared decisions in the field of biological conservation. Reef Check Italia *onlus* is applying fast and effective protocols since 2008 involving both young students and recreational divers, to collect data on abundance and distribution of target species, along beaches and underwater.

Stand and table adapted for beach surveys using a 4x40 cm frame with 38 subquadrats. At least five replicates per student are required.

Data provided by divers volunteers along Mediterranean Italy looking for the abundance of target species and environmental conditions.

Trends of seasonal surveys of the three categories of debris at Baia Blu.