



Course on hard corals identification and coral reefs monitoring approaches

Bangka, north Sulawesi, Indonesia 26 October – 02 November 2014

Reef Check Italia onlus and Coral Eye organise a field course on hard corals identification and coral reefs monitoring approaches opened to marine biology students and diver volunteers.

The course aimed to:

- provide the basic knowledge for the identification of exacorals and their diseases
- present an overview on the well-established coral reefs monitoring approaches, including Reef Check and Coral Watch
- apply different methods underwater
- advance in the monitoring action 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 show what they have learned and results achieved.

The number of participants is limited to 10. Participants should be confident with main groups of marine invertebrates and possibly have experience in tropical dives. They should hold a second or higher level international dive certificate, a generic medical certificate allowing not-agonistic sport activities and an international dive insurance (e.g. DAN).

The organization and the cost 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 have to be booked to Coral Eye in advance. Each participant must have his/her personal diving equipment, excluding tanks and weights.



Costs

Accommodation (8 days/7 night), meals and unlimited dives are offered at € 600.00
Course, including teaching materials and Reef Check certificate cost € 100.00

Fellowships

Reef check Italia onlus offers **3 grants** to cover the costs of accommodation (€ 600.00) to the most deserving undergraduate or graduate students on the basis of their CV, including diver qualification and previous volunteer experiences. Grant applications must be submitted within the **15th of July** by sending the CV, copy of diving and medical certificates and valid insurance to postmaster@reefcheckitalia.it (PDF or JPG are welcome). Selection results will be communicated within the **21st of July**.

Booking

Both granted and non-granted participants should confirm their participation within the **21st of September** by paying a non-refundable deposit of € 100.00 by PayPal (postmaster@reefcheckitalia.it) or bank transfer (Reef Check Italia onlus IBAN: IT24F0605513319000000010004 BIC: BAMA1T3AXXX).