



REEF CHECK AUSTRALIA

PROJECT OFFICER PLACEMENT

JANUARY 2010

May - November 2010 (preferably full time)

The Project Officer position will involve the planning, coordination and leadership of Reef Check Australia research teams to survey sites in the South East Queensland (SEQ) region. You will also be responsible for data management, analysis and the creation of a scientific report. Additional responsibilities subject to interest may include fundraising, event coordination and grant writing.

The SEQ project works with a dozen dive operators to collect coral health data on more than 20 research sites ranging from Noosa to the Gold Coast. Good communication, motivation, delegation and social skills are therefore essential. Minimum Rescue Diver is required. However, an insured divemaster or instructor is preferred.

The position is entirely voluntary. However, if you can identify potential grants that could provide you with a source of funds we are happy to assist you with an application.

Required skills and qualifications:

- Tertiary qualification in marine biology
- Field experience: coral health surveys
- Rescue diver with a minimum of 50 logged dives
- Proven experience with team leadership and coordination of projects
- Good communication skills, both verbal and written
- Ability to take initiative and work independently

Desired skills and qualifications:

- Divemaster or Instructor with full insurance
- Extensive experience with coral monitoring (>25 surveys completed)

Why Work for Reef Check Australia?

- Part of the United Nations' official International coral monitoring program
- Strong scientific reputation
- Work with likeminded people at the cutting edge of coral conservation

Benefits to you include the opportunity to:

- Gain experience in leading coral health surveys
- Learn monitoring and research skills
- Enhance project coordination skills
- Contribute to Australia's long-term coral reef data set
- Take part in the most comprehensive Reef Check Training program in the world
- Work with like-minded professionals and volunteers at one of the world's leading centres of tropical marine science
- Log dives in unique coral habitats, including Ramsar Wetlands, Grey Nurse Shark protection areas and Humpback whale migration paths
- Potential for ongoing opportunities with Reef Check Australia

Applicants should send their resume and cover letter to seq@reefcheckaustralia.org