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### Making Waves - Reef Check

**Reporter:** Chloe Lucas & Tim Prior

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As she swam towards the reef, marine scientist Jos Hill resembled a lion fish, with a regalia of coloured ribbons used to mark research sites fanning out from her scuba jacket. Jos had taken us out to the Great Barrier Reef on the Undersea Explorer to learn about Reef Check.

Reef Check is a marine



Jos explains Reef Check to Tim



Tim gets ready to dive

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Jos lays out the measuring tape

conservation program that involves volunteer divers throughout the world. By using keen and available volunteers more data can be gathered over a wider area than professional scientists are able to collect on their own.

The reefs of the world are facing increased pressure from human activities, and by involving the community in assessing reef health; the Reef Check program encourages people to take responsibility for their local reefs.

[Making Waves - Reef Check](#) in RealMedia format ) |  
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Reef Check – Coral reefs worldwide are under threat, and marine scientist Jos Hill is helping local divers to play a part in conserving the reef for the future. [ [listen](#) ]

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MAKING WAVES - MARINE SCIENCE ON ABC RADIO

This morning at 10.40 on ABC 630AM don't miss part three of Making Waves - Reef Check. Reef Check is a global initiative that involves volunteer scuba divers checking the health of coral reefs. This week Reef Check Australia co-ordinator, Jos Hill takes presenter Tim Prior out to the Ribbon Reefs on the Undersea Explorer, to teach him some monitoring techniques and to see how this part of the Reef has fared in the past year.

You can also see photographs and more information on all the Making Waves stories so far, as well as listen to the shows, on the web at: [http://www.abc.net.au/northqld/features/makingwaves\\_date.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/northqld/features/makingwaves_date.htm)

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