



REEF CHECK AUSTRALIA

2015

South East Queensland




Since 2007, Reef Check Australia volunteers have been collecting locally and globally relevant reef health data on subtropical rocky reefs in South East Queensland. During the 2015 survey season, trained volunteers conducted 35 surveys on 33 sites at 20 reefs from the Sunshine Coast to the Gold Coast. Here are some highlights!




VOLUNTEERS SURVEYED **14,000m²** OF REEF

AVERAGE SEQ
hard coral
COVER: **20%**
(RANGED FROM **4-68%**)




HIGHEST BLEACHING:
INSHORE MORETON BAY:
14% OF THE **CORAL**
POPULATION
AT SURVEYED SITES


CORAL BLEACHING
WAS RECORDED ON
90% of surveys,
WITH AN AVERAGE OF
7% OF THE POPULATION
AFFECTED




6 WOBBERGONG
SHARKS,
BLACK-TIP
REEF SHARK AND
GREY CARPET SHARK
RECORDED
ON SURVEYS



DISCARDED FISHING LINE
WAS RECORDED ON
14 of **35** surveys
WITH **116** incidents
RECORDED



MOST ABUNDANT
FISH TYPE
SIGHTED: **100**
Butterflyfish



RECORDED INVERTEBRATES:

3 BANDED
CORAL SHRIMP



432 URCHINS



15 GIANT
CLAMS



465 ANEMONES



3 LOBSTERS



113 DRUPELLA
SNAILS



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