



REEF CHECK AUSTRALIA

PROJECT OFFICER PLACEMENT

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2 positions available: January 15th - July 17th 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 Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. You will also be responsible for data management, analysis and the creation of a scientific report. Additional responsibilities subject to interest include fundraising, event coordination and grant writing.

Reef Check Australia has more than 150 trained volunteers and works with over 20 dive operators on the Great Barrier Reef Project. 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 reef 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 reef monitoring (>25 surveys completed)

Why Work for Reef Check Australia?

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

Benefits to you include the opportunity to:

- Gain experience in leading coral reef surveys
- Learn coral reef 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 at some of Australia's most spectacular coral reefs
- Potential for ongoing opportunities with Reef Check Australia

Applicants should send their resume to placement@reefcheckaustralia.org