

SY Philippine Siren and Reef Check

About Reef Check

The non-profit Foundation began in 1997 when a group of volunteer scientists agreed to train volunteer divers how to monitor coral reefs using a new protocol designed by Dr. Gregor Hodgson. Since its inception Reef Check has grown to monitoring reefs in over 90 countries and the protocol is used by many national governments as their primary coral reef monitoring tool. The Reef Check Mission is to *“empower local people to save their reefs through research, education and active conservation”*.

More information may be obtained from their website:- www.reefcheck.org



About Dr. Hodgson

The Siren Fleet are pleased to welcome aboard Dr. Gregor Hodgson, coral reef ecologist and founder of the Reef Check Foundation. Greg holds a bachelor's degree in biology and attained his doctorate studying the impacts of logging on reefs in El Nido, Palawan. He worked for 10 years in Hong Kong as an environmental consultant prior to becoming a professor at the Institute of Environment at the University of California, Los Angeles. Greg now devotes his full time and attention to running the non-profit Reef Check Foundation.

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About the Trip

Date: -23rd July – 02nd August 2012

Itinerary:-10 nights Southern Visayas

Departing from and returning to Cebu, Philippines.

All trips include:

Reef Check Eco Diver or Discovery Course

All guests* will have the option to take the Reef Check Discovery or the full Eco Diver certification.

Eco-Diver: - The full course takes up to 3 days, over which you will be taught by Greg how to monitor coral reefs by using a set of 30 predefined indicators. Upon successful completion of the course you will receive a certification card allowing you to participate in future Reef Check survey expeditions anywhere in the IndoPacific.

Discover Reef Check: - A half day course for divers interested in learning a little more about reef conservation.

All participants receive a wall certificate signed by Greg & all course participants must be certified to a minimum of Open Water Diver prior to commencing the trip.

We have devised a special 10 night Southern Visayas itinerary to include marine protected areas that were initially set up by Dr. Hodgson, so we will be able to adopt these reefs for the future.



** Worldwide Dive and Sail believe strongly in reef conservation and protection. We offer this cruise at a discounted rate (reduced from 2600Euro to just 2000Euro per person) and will be covering the cost of all materials and certifications for Reef Check Courses.*

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