

# 2009 Reef Check in Taiwan



Under the blue / among the colorful fishes, here is the charming ocean .

The magic coral reef, the foundation of beautiful ocean.  
And you, you are the hope of this amazing beauty.

## Action Begin

As an island nation, Taiwan has abundant coral reef resources. Unfortunately, coral reefs around Taiwan are endangered and threatened due to overfishing, habitat destruction, pollution and climate change. . Hence, the 2009 ReefCheck aims to call for the attention of “health ocean, community action” from local communities as well as volunteers island-wise to conserve the underwater treasures of Taiwan.

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## Content / Schedule

The 2009 ReefCheck calls for the volunteers!! Diving volunteers are going to work with communities at 6 sites around Taiwan to help locals understand their hometown ocean and to accumulate the marine monitoring data. There are two types of Reef Check actions:

- **Reef Check** : Conducting simple but scientific monitoring method when enjoying the scuba-diving , 1~2 days , there are 4 sites for Reef Check :
  - √ **East-North coast** : 23<sup>rd</sup>, May~ 16<sup>th</sup>, June
  - √ **Green Island (east coast)** : 24<sup>th</sup>~26<sup>th</sup>, July
  - √ **Lanyu Island (east coast)** : 20<sup>th</sup>~21<sup>st</sup>, June
  - √ **Liouciou island (west coast)** : late September
- **Reef Check Working Holiday** : Having a unforgettable underwater vacation by combining scientific monitoring and local cultures , 3~4 days , there are 2 sites for RC Working Holiday :
  - √ **Penghu islands(west coast)** : 17<sup>th</sup>~20<sup>th</sup> , July
  - √ **Shanyuan(east coast)** : 28<sup>th</sup>~30<sup>th</sup> , August

Note : The hosts own the right to change the schedule for irresistible conditions.

## Join the Volunteers

[ Qualifications ] Advanced divers who sign up as a group with the diving instructor.

[ Activities fee ]The fee includes tutorial, basic insurance, and part of boat rental/equipment (not including foods, transportation, and accommodation). The fee varies depending on different action locations.

For further information, please check: <http://e-info.org.tw/node/40662>

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Preserving the Coral Reef

You are the ONE!