

# Scuba Cat Diving PADI 5 Star CDC Center Phuket, Thailand



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### **Scuba Cat Diving goals:**

- Educate divers about the value of coral reefs, ecosystem in general
- > Educate divers about the crisis in the marine life
- Educate new divers with respect towards the environment
- > Stimulate divers to protect the environment

### **About Us**

Scuba Cat Diving, Phuket, Thailand is proud of our extensive contributions to the preservation and enhancement of the marine environment. We work closely with various government departments and NGO's in planning, developing and instituting programs to raise environmental awareness with local and visiting divers as well as other dive operators.

Scuba Cat Diving is a 5 Star Career Development Center, the highest rating in diving for a dive center. Scuba Cat Diving is also:

- National Geographic Dive Center supported by National Geographic
- Go Echo Dive Center supported by Project AWARE
- Green Fins supported by United Nations Environmental Project
- **Reef Check Dive Center,** the only Reef Check Dive Center in Phuket
- PADI Project AWARE Dive Center
- Reef Balls Foundation

### **About Reef Check**

The Reef Check Foundation was founded in 1996 by marine ecologist, Dr. Greg Hodgson. The Foundation, based in Pacific Palisades, California is dedicated to research, education and conservation with respect to two ecosystems: tropical coral reefs and California rocky reefs. With headquarters in Los Angeles and volunteer teams in more than 90 countries and territories, Reef Check works to create partnerships among community volunteers, government agencies, businesses, universities and other non-profits. Reef Check goals are to: educate the public about the value of reef ecosystems and the current crisis affecting marine life; to create a global network of volunteer teams trained in Reef Check's scientific methods who regularly monitor and report on reef health; to facilitate collaboration that produces ecologically sound and economically sustainable solutions; and to stimulate local community action to protect remaining pristine reefs and rehabilitate damaged reefs worldwide.

Since then, Reef Check's fast-growing network has expanded throughout all tropical seas, and has played a major role in efforts to preserve and sustain reef ecosystems. Reef Check's approach is to engage partners, especially businesses in a non-confrontational manner to develop mutually beneficial solutions especially the creation of self-funding Marine Protected Areas. In 2005, Reef Check launched its first temperate reef program in California.

Reef Check has received international environmental awards for its work, and is the United Nations' official community-based reef monitoring program.

### **Program Schedules**

Scuba Cat Diving gives you the opportunity to tailor our own schedule. The length for the programs we give is flexible. For us to organize such programs we need a minimum of 6 students, except if you only want to do your PADI Open Water or Advanced course (minimum 1 person) in that case you can to these programs in few segments.

If you have a group of people who wants to do a 7 or 9 days program and certain of them are already certified as PADI Open Water and Advanced or Advanced, they can join the whole 7 or 9 days, they have the option to go fun diving or take other PADI courses.

These programs can be organized anytime of the year, we can give the most comprehensive flexibility for your group to be at ease.

### **Boat options**

# If you decide to do on one of our programs on liveaboard, we have two different seasons:

- From June to October, our liveaboard is based at Racha Yai island
- From November to May, our liveaboard is in the Similan Islands

# If you decide to do one of our programs on our daytrip boat, the destination will be Racha Yai (Year around)

- Maximum capacity for our daytrip boat M/V Scuba Fun: 20 students
- Maximum capacity for our liveaboard M/V Scuba Cat: 20 students
- For our liveaboard M/V Scuba Adventure, the maximum capacity is 12 students. To organize a program on this boat, it has to be a full charter (12 students) and be flexible with our schedule.

These programs can be organized anytime of the year, we can give the most comprehensive flexibility for your group to be at ease.

**Prices:** depending on your request

### 1st Option M/V Scuba Cat Liveabaord



### **Maximum capacity**

• 20 students **Length:** 30 meters

Beam: 7 meters

**Facilities:** 3 Toil/Shower **Entertainment:** DVD, TV

Stereo and Library

**Emergency:** First Aids Kit, Oxygen cylinder. Life jackets **Communication:** Mobile, Phone, VHF, Citizen Band

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Option M/V Scuba Adventure Liveabaord



### **Maximum capacity**

• 14 Students

Length: 23 meters

Beam: 5.5 meters

Facilities: 4 Toil/Shower

**Entertainment:** DVD TV,

Stereo, and Library

**Emergency:** First Aids Kit, Oxygen cylinder, Life jackets **Communication:** Mobile, Phone, VHF, Citizen Band

Only for full charter

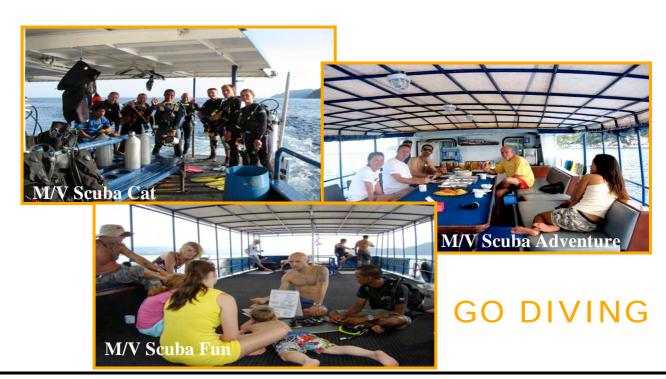
# 3<sup>rd</sup> Option M/V Scuba Fun

### **Maximum capacity**

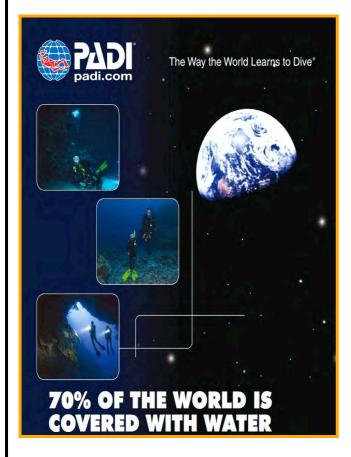
• 14 Students **Length:** 20 meters **Beam:** 4.5 meters

Facilities: 1Toil/Shower Emergency: First Aids Kit, Oxygen cylinder, Life jackets Communication: Mobile, Phone, VHF, Citizen Band





# Scuba Cat Diving offers Programs for certified divers and for non-certified divers



### 1. For Non-certified Divers

#### Student divers have first their:

### **PADI Open Water Course**

The PADI Open Water Diver Course program is designed to teach you how to dive safely during the 3 days where you have 5 confined water sessions in the swimming pool, 4 Open Water Dives from our own boats, the first two to a maximum depth of 12 meters and the last two to 18 meters maximum, some knowledge development in the classroom to learn the dive tables and how to plan your own dive. Throughout the course, you'll learn the fundamentals of scuba diving, including dive equipment and techniques.

**Minimum age**: 10 for our Junior Open Water Diver Course

#### As a second step:

### **PADI Advanced Open Water Diver**

PADI Adventures in Diving program at Scuba Cat Diving offers you the opportunity to extend your scuba diving experience through the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver certification. If you complete your PADI Deep Adventure Dive, PADI Underwater Navigation Adventure Dive and three Adventure Dives for a total of five, you can earn your PADI Advanced Open Water Diver scuba diving certification.

This certification includes five Adventure Dives, including the PADI Deep Adventure Dive, the Underwater Navigator Adventure Dive and three of the Adventure Dives.

\* Minimum age: 15 (12 for PADI Junior Advanced Open Water Diver)



#### Choose between these dives

- AWARE Fish ID/Naturalist Dive
- Deep Dive
- Drift Dive
- Multi Level and Computer Dive
- Night Dive
- Peak Performance Buoyancy Dive
- Search and Recovery Dive
- Underwater Naturalist Dive
- Underwater Navigation Dive
- Underwater Digital photography

### 2. Certified Divers



### Reef Check course:

The Reef Check Ecodiver course will open your eyes to the underwater world and you will see it in a whole different light. The ECO diver course is a 4-day program that allows divers to participate in Reefcheck surveys and submit data to Reefcheck scientists in preparation for submission to the Reefcheck Database

The course is very in-depth and will leave you never looking at the reefs in the same way. The Eco Dive course will allow you to join the Reef Check monitoring team and assist in underwater surveys around the world.

The EcoDiver Course provides training in globally standardized Reef Check methodology. You'll learn how to identify different types of coral formation and to access whether they are healthy or damaged.

You'll identify key indicator fish and invertebrates selected by Reef Check for global monitoring and find out how to collect data that can be submitted to Reef Check's global reef-monitoring database.

Reef Check Eco Scuba Diver course includes a buoyancy check dive not just to refresh your buoyancy skills but teach you new methods of moving in the water.



For the course we need a minimum of 6 students, the length of the course is 4 days. There are three different components for the course:



#### 1. Classroom

- Reef check Introduction + Video
- Fish presentation and ID session
- Invertebrates presentation and ID session
- Substrates presentation part 1 and part 2
- Transect lines (theory and practice)
- Different Fish, Invertebrates and Substrates ID sessions in groups

### 2. Training dives

- 1 Fundive & practice spotting fish
- 1 Fundive & practice spotting Invertebrates
  - 2 Fundive & practice spotting Substrates
- 2 practice dives laying 50m line doing Fish/Invertebrates/Substrates checks)
- 1 Final dive for students to do a survey and recognize Fish, Invertebrates and Substrates

### 3. Exams

- Recognition of fish, Invertebrates and Substrates

### For the Reefcheck course we offer two different options

### 1. On our daytrip boat

### 1st day in the classroom

- Reef Check introduction (about Reef Check plus video)
- Reef Check Fish presentation and ID session
- Reef Check Invertebrates presentation and ID session
- Reef Check Substrate presentation part 1
- Reef Check Substrate presentation part 2

### 2<sup>nd</sup> day three dive boats and classroom

### Dives

- Fun dive & practice spotting fish with instructor
- Fun dive & practice spotting invertebrates with instructor
- Fun dive & looking at substrates with instructor

### Classroom

- Transect lines (theory and practice on land)
- Reefcheck Fish, Invertebrates, Substrates ID in groups



### 3<sup>rd</sup> day three dive boats and exams

### Dives

- Reef Check practice dive 1 (laying 50m line doing fish/invert/sub checks)
- Reef Check practice dive 2 (laying 50m line doing fish/invert/sub checks)
- Fun dive & looking at substrates with instructor

#### Classroom

Exams – Fish/Invertebrates/Substrates ID

### 4<sup>th</sup> day, final dive and classroom

#### Dive

Final dive – Fish/Invertebrates/Substrates recognition

### Classroom

 Survey data input for submission to Reef Check and certification procedures





### 2. On our Liveaboards



# 4.30pm Dive 4 - Fun Dive or 6.30pm Dive 4 - Night Dive

Substrate ID session7.30pm Dinner

# $3^{rd} day$

- 6.45am Light breakfast7.30am Dive 1 Fun Dive
- **9.00am** Breakfast
- **9.30am** *Dive 2* Fun dive & looking at substrates with instructor
- 10.45am Reef check Fish ID session in group
   11.45am Reef check Invertebrate ID session
- **1.00pm** Lunch
- **2.00pm** *Dive 3* Fun Dive
- **3.00pm** Reef Check Substrate ID session
- 4.30pm Dive 4 Fun Dive or
   6.30pm Dive 4 Night Dive
- **7.30pm** Dinner

# $1^{St}$ day

- **8:15am** transfer from your hotel to M/V Scuba Cat liveabaord
- **11.00am** *Dive 1* Fun Dive
- **12.30am** Lunch
- 1.30pm Reef Check introduction presentation (about Reef Check plus video)
- **2.30pm** *Dive 2* Fun Dive
- 4.00pm Reef Check Fish presentation and ID session
- **5.30pm** *Dive 3* Fun dive & practice spotting fish with instructor
- **7.00pm** Dinner

# $2^{nd} day$

- **6.45am** Light breakfast
- **7.30am** *Dive 1* Fun Dive
- **9.00am** Breakfast
- 9.30am Reef Check Invertebrates presentation and ID session
- **10.45am** *Dive 2* Fun dive & practice spotting invertebrates with instructor
- **12.00am** Reef Check Substrate presentation part 1
- **1.30pm** lunch
- **2.30pm** *Dive 3* Fun dive & looking at substrates with instructor
- **3.45pm** Reef Check Substrate presentation part 2



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# 5.00pm Dive 4 - Fun Dive or 6.30pm Dive 4 - Night Dive

■ **7.30pm** Dinner

■ **8.30pm** Exam – Substrates

# $5^{th} day$

• **6.45am** Light breakfast

■ **7.30am** *Dive 1* - Fun Dive

• **9.00am** Breakfast

 9.30am Dive 2 - Reef Check final dive to do a survey and recognize Fish, Invertebrates and Substrates

- **10.45am** Survey data input for submission to Reef Check
- **11.45am** Lunch
- **12.45am** *Dive 3* Fun Dive
- 2.00pm Departure to Phuket, registration and certification procedures

# 4<sup>th</sup> day

6.45am Light breakfast7.30am Dive 1 - Fun Dive

• **9.00am** Breakfast

■ **10.00am** Reef Check – Transect lines (theory and practice on top deck)

- 11.15am Dive 2 ReefCheck practice dive 1 (laying 50m line doing fish/invert/sub checks)
- **12.30am** Lunch
- 1.30pm Exam Fish and Invertebrates
- 3.00pm Dive 3 ReefCheck practice dive 2 (laying 50m line doing fish/invert/sub checks)



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# Combine your PADI Open Water and Advanced Courses with the Reefcheck Course on our Liveaboard M/V Scuba Cat

Schedule for PADI Open Water, Advanced and Reefcheck course on liveaboard \*Recommended time 9 days (The schedule can be flexible) for these three courses

### 1st day in Phuket

### Morning

Theory in the classroom For the Open Water course

### Afternoon

Confined water session in the swimming pool





### 2<sup>nd</sup> day transfer to the liveaboard

■ **8.15am** Boat transfer to M/V Scuba Cat

■ **11.30am** *Dive 1* – Open water dive 1

■ **12.30am** Lunch

1.30pm Dive 2 – Open water dive 2
 4.00pm Dive 3 – Open water dive 3
 5.30pm Video, theory, final exam

■ **7.00pm** Dinner

# $3^{rd} day$

• **6.45am** Light breakfast

7.30am Dive 1 – Open water dive 4
 9.00am Breakfast and certification procedures

■ **10.30am** *Dive* **2** - Fun Dive

■ **11.30am** Knowledge Review – Peak Performance Buoyancy

■ **12.30am** Lunch

■ **1.30pm** *Dive 3* – AOW Dive – Peak Performance Buoyancy

■ **3.00pm** Knowledge Review – Deep Dive

■ **4.30pm** *Dive 4* - Fun Dive

■ **6.30pm** Knowledge Review – Navigation

■ **7.30pm** Dinner



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# 4<sup>th</sup> day

• **6.45am** Light breakfast

■ **7.30am** *Dive 1* – AOW – Deep Dive

• 9.00am Breakfast

■ **10.00am** *Dive* **2** – AOW – Navigation

■ **11.30am** Know. Review – Fish ID

■ **12.30am** Lunch

■ **2.00pm** *Dive 3* – Fun Dive

■ **4.30pm** Knowledge Review – Night

Dive

■ **6.30pm Dive 4** – AOW – Night Dive

**7.30pm** Dinner

# 5<sup>th</sup> day

• **6.45am** Light breakfast

■ **7.30am** *Dive 1* – AOW – Fish ID

• 9.00am Breakfast

■ **10.30am** *Dive* **2** – Fun Dive

■ **12.30am** Lunch

■ **1.30pm** Reef Check introduction presentation (about Reef Check plus video)

**2.30pm** *Dive 3* - Fun Dive

4.00pm Reef Check - Fish presentation and ID session

• **5.30pm** *Dive 4* - Fun dive & practice spotting fish with instructor

**■ 7.00pm** Dinner





# 6<sup>th</sup> day

• **6.45am** Light breakfast

■ **7.30am** *Dive 1* - Fun Dive

• **9.00am** Breakfast

 9.30am Reef Check – Invertebrates presentation and ID session

■ **10.45am** *Dive* **2** - Fun dive & practice spotting invertebrates with instructor

12.00am Reef Check – Substrate presentation part

■ **1.30pm** lunch

■ **2.30pm** *Dive 3* - Fun dive & looking at substrates with instructor

**3.45pm** Reef Check - Substrate presentation part 2

■ **4.30pm** *Dive 4* - Fun Dive or

■ **6.30pm** *Dive* **4** - Night Dive

Substrate ID session

**7.30pm** Dinner



# 7<sup>th</sup> day

6.45am Light breakfast7.30am *Dive 1* - Fun Dive

• **9.00am** Breakfast

• **9.30am** *Dive 2* - Fun dive & looking at substrates with instructor

■ **10.45am** Reef check – Fish ID session in group

11.45am Reef check – Invertebrate ID session in group

■ **1.00pm** Lunch

■ **2.00pm** *Dive 3* - Fun Dive

3.00pm Reef Check – Substrate ID session in group

■ **7.30pm** Dinner

# $8^{th} day$

6.45am Light breakfast7.30am *Dive 1* - Fun Dive

■ **9.00am** Breakfast

■ **10.00 am** Reef Check – Transect lines (theory and practice on top deck)

■ 11.15am *Dive 2* - Reef Check practice dive 1 (laying 50m line doing fish/invert/sub checks)

■ **1.00pm** Lunch

**2.00pm** *Dive 3* - Fun Dive

■ **3.00pm** Reef Check – Substrate ID session in group

4.30pm Dive 4 - Fun Dive or
 6.30pm Dive 4 - Night Dive

**▼ 7.30pm** Dinner

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# 9<sup>th</sup> day



- 6.45am Light breakfast7.30am Dive 1 Fun Dive
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- 9.00am Breakfast
- 9.30am Dive 2 Reef Check final dive to do a survey and recognize Fish, Invertebrates and Substrates
- 10.45am Survey data input for submission to Reef Check
- **11.45am** Lunch
- **12.45am** *Dive 3* Fun Dive
- 2.00pm Departure to Phuket, registration and certification procedures

# Combine your PADI Advanced Course with the Reefcheck Course on our Liveaboard M/V Scuba Cat

Schedule for PADI Advanced and Reefcheck courses on liveaboards Recommended time 7 days (The schedule can be flexible) for these two courses



### 1st day Transfer to our boat

8.15am Boat transfer – KR - PPB
 11.30am Dive 1 – AOW Dive –
 Peak Performance Buoyancy dive

■ **12.30am** Lunch

Navigation dive

**6.00pm** KR – Deep dive

**▼ 7.00pm** Dinner

# $2^{nd} day$

• **6.45am** Light breakfast

■ **7.30am** *Dive 1* – AOW – Deep Dive

• **9.00am** Breakfast

■ **10.30am** *Dive* **2** - Fun Dive

■ **12.00am** Knowledge Review – Fish ID

■ **1.00pm** Lunch

2.30pm Dive 3 – AOW Dive – Fish ID dive
 4.30pm Knowledge Review – Night dive
 6.30pm Dive 4 – AOW Dive – Night dive
 7.30pm Dinner and certification procedures





# $3^{rd} day$

6.45am Light breakfast7.30am Dive 1 – Fun Dive

• 9.00am Breakfast

■ **10.30am** *Dive* **2** – Fun Dive

■ **12.30am** Lunch

■ **1.30pm** Reef Check introduction presentation (about Reef Check plus video)

■ **2.30pm** *Dive 3* - Fun Dive

 4.00pm Reef Check - Fish presentation and ID session

• **5.30pm** *Dive 4* - Fun dive & practice spotting fish with instructor

**■ 7.00pm** Dinner



- **1.30pm** lunch
- **2.30pm** *Dive 3* Fun dive & looking at substrates with instructor
- 3.45pm Reef Check Substrate presentation part 2
- Substrate ID session7.30pm Dinner

# 5<sup>th</sup> day

- **6.45am** Light breakfast
- **7.30am** *Dive 1* Fun Dive
- **9.00am** Breakfast
- **9.30am** *Dive 2* Fun dive & looking at substrates with instructor
- **10.45am** Reef check Fish ID session
- **11.45am** Reef check Invertebrate ID session in group
- **1.00pm** Lunch
- **2.00pm** *Dive 3* Fun Dive
- **3.00pm** Reef Check Substrate ID session in group
- 4.30pm Dive 4 Fun Dive or
   6.30pm Dive 4 Night Dive
- **7.30pm** Dinner

# $7^{th}$ day

- 6.45am Light breakfast7.30am Dive 1 Fun Dive
- **9.00am** Breakfast
- 9.30am Dive 2 Reef Check final dive to do a survey and recognize Fish, Invertebrates and Substrates
- 10.45am Survey data input for submission to Reef Check
- **11.45am** Lunch
- **12.45am** *Dive 3* Fun Dive
- 2.00pm Departure to Phuket, registration and certification procedures

# 4<sup>th</sup> day

- 6.45am Light breakfast7.30am *Dive 1* Fun Dive
- **9.00am** Breakfast
- 9.30am Reef Check Invertebrates presentation and ID session
- **10.45am** *Dive 2* Fun dive & practice spotting invertebrates with instructor
- **12.00am** Reef Check Substrate presentation part 1



# 6<sup>th</sup> day

- 6.45am Light breakfast7.30am Dive 1 Fun Dive
- 9.00am Breakfast
- **10.00 am** Reef Check Transect lines (theory and practice on top deck)
- **11.15am** *Dive 2* Reef Check practice dive 1 (laying 50m)
- **12.30am** Lunch
- **1.30pm** Exam Fish and Invertebrates
- **3.00pm** *Dive 3* Reef Check practice dive 2 (laying 50m) 5.00pm Dive 4 Fun Dive or
- **6.30pm** *Dive 4* Night Dive
- **7.30pm** Dinner
- **8.30pm** Exam Substrates

### **ECO DIVERS**

### **Scuba Cat Diving Environmental Achievements**

### **Project AWARE**

Scuba Cat Diving was a recipient of the prestigious *Project AWARE Foundation Environmental Achievement Award for 2006*. This was first time that a Phuket company has been honored with this status.

The foundation is the dive industry's leading nonprofit environmental organization and each year recognizes outstanding environmental efforts made by dive operators around the globe.

Scuba Cat Diving organized Project AWARE programs since 1996

The Environmental Achievement Award is about rewarding vision, excellence and the pursuit of conservation. More importantly, this award ensures the enjoyment of underwater environments for future generations.

Dr. Drew Richardson, Chairman, Project AWARE Foundation





### Reef Balls project at Racha Yai

Scuba Cat Diving, Thailand met with Todd Barber, founder of the Reef Ball Foundation at the ADEX show in May 2001 at Kuala Lumpur and detailed our sinking of Marla's Mystery near an existing heavily damaged reef at Racha Yai. This has proven to be an excellent opportunity for reef regeneration and is already a spectacular dive site.

On 18th September His Excellency, Khun Suwit Khunkitti, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment were on hand to assist Mr. Barber to pour Thailand's first Reef Ball. This is certainly a huge step forward in the preservation and enhancement of our underwater environment.



Scuba Cat Diving created the first artificial reef in Phuket with Marla's Mystery

# GO ECO - Explore, Conserve, Observe

Scuba Cat Diving, Phuket Thailand is committed to environmentally responsible business practices and to providing our customers with dive experiences that enhance awareness of our local aquatic environment.



Exploring nature, traveling to new places and experiencing other cultures is exhilarating. But keeping earth's treasures pristine for future generations to experience can also be a challenge. If you like to travel and are concerned about your effect on the environment, GO ECO – the responsible way to travel – is for you. By staying informed and making responsible travel choices, you can minimize your effect as a tourist and help

preserve natural environments, local economies and native cultures.

### **Green Fins**

Scuba Cat Diving and Green Fins have for mission to protect and conserve coral reefs by establishing and implementing environmentally friendly guidelines to promote a sustainable diving tourism industry.



The "Green Fins" initiative will strengthen the involvement and role of dive operators as an important stakeholder and partner in the protection, conservation and sustainable use of coral reefs, and will raise the environmental awareness for coral reefs. In support of the "Green Fins" initiative, capacity building activities and training workshops will be organized as needed.

Scuba Cat Diving during 2008 takes part in reef monitoring on Breakfast Bend Similan Island No 9) as we enter the year of the reef 2008. We wish to achieve 12 surveys this year... Help us to achieve our goal.





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# Reefcheck



Friday 10th February saw four members of Scuba Cat Diving's Reef Check Team join our day trip dive to Racha Yai Island. This is part of our ongoing commitment to Project Reef Check and its worldwide long-term study of coral reefs.

In June 2008 Scuba Cat Diving organized a Marine Ecology program for students from the Concordia International School Shanghai, seventeen students participated, all of them did their PADI Open Water, Advanced and Reefcheck courses. The result of this combined program is outstanding. These new student divers are the future of diving, they have the ability to control themselves underwater and understand the marine life. They have the knowledge and can react for endangered reefs.

This initiative is the result of a very hard commitment and work from our Scuba Cat Reefcheck team and Scuba Cat crew.











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