

Scuba Cat Diving Eco Packages



Helping to preserve World's Reef Go Eco Packages



Scuba Cat 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 Centre, the highest rating in diving for a dive center. Scuba Cat Diving is also:

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



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 your 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.



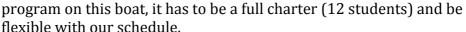
If you have a group of people who wants to do a 7 or 9 days program and certain of them are already certified as PADI Open Water and Advanced or Advanced, they can join the whole 7 or 9 days, they have the option to go fun diving or take other PADI courses.

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 September, our liveaboard is based at South Andaman
- From November to May, our liveaboard is in the Similan Islands and the South Andaman
- The maximum capacity is 12 students. To organize a





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 MV Scuba Fun: 20 students

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

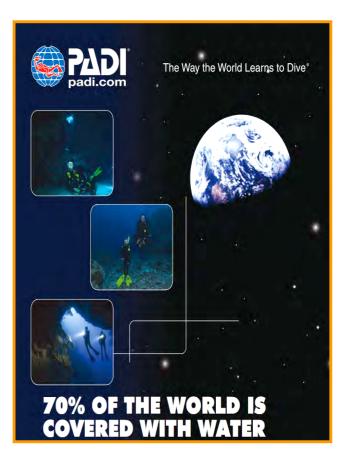
Scuba Cat programs for certified and non-certified divers.

Non certified

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 course, you'll learn the fundamentals of scuba diving, including dive equipment and techniques.

Minimum age: 10 for our Junior Open Water Diver Course



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
- Wreck Dive



For 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 4 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

Reef check on the day trip boat

Day 1 classroom

- 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

Day 2 on the boat 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

Day 3 classroom and boat

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

Day 4 boat and classroom

Dive

Final dive – Fish/Invertebrates/Substrates recognition

Classroom

Survey data input for submission to Reef Check and certification procedures

This course can also be completed on our liveaboard MV Scuba Adventure

Scuba cat environmental achievements

Aware

Scuba Cat Diving was a recipient of the prestigious *Project AWARE Foundation Environmental Achievement Award for 2006 and again in 2009*. This was first time that a Phuket company has been honored with this status.



The foundation is the dive industry's leading 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

Reef ball project 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



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 takes part in reef monitoring on Breakfast Bend Similan Island No 9) started during the year of the reef 2008. We wish to achieve 12 surveys each year... Help us to achieve our goal.

Reef Check

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, 2009 and 2010 Scuba Cat Diving organized a Marine Ecology program for students from the Concordia International School Shanghai, thirty five students have participated in total, 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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