

HSBC CONDUCTS REEF CHECKS

Reef Checks conducted at dive sites around the world provide invaluable base line data on the health status of coral reefs.

The data is made available in reports to government authorities, scientists and conservationists, and provides an overview of the state of coral reefs around the world – information that is vital to ongoing global conservation efforts.

The importance of coral reefs

Coral reefs are a major source of biodiversity, acting as a major breeding ground for an estimated of 25% of fish species. Reefs also act as natural barriers for coastal protection, reducing erosion of land.



In Malaysia, there are over 3,600 km of reefs in Malaysia, with more than 350 species of hard coral identified in Malaysian waters alone. One estimate puts the economic value of coral reefs in Malaysia at US\$630 million per annum.



HSBC staff conducts Reef Checks

HSBC divers have signed up to participate in Reef Checks conducted by RCM. The training includes modules on:

- (1) Fish ID Training;
- (2) Invertebrate ID Training;
- (3) Substrate ID Training

Divers will only be certified eco-divers (or Reef Check divers) upon completing both theoretical and practical tests. Six HSBC employees have been certified since 2007.



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About Reef Check

Reef Check was established 12 years ago in the USA, in response to the growing recognition of the problems facing coral reefs – an important marine ecosystem that are threatened by unregulated human activities. It has since evolved into an international organisation with representatives in over 80 countries.

Reef Check Malaysia (RCM) was officially registered as a non-profit company in 2007. HSBC has partnered with RCM on various projects since 2007.

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