



Free lecture : If everyone could help to protect coral reefs ?

Wednesday, May 27 mai at 19h at the InterContinental Moorea resort and spa – conference room

Do you know that the most potent drug to fight childhood leukemia was originally found in a coral reef sponge? Do you know that most beach sand comes from a fish? Coral reefs are valuable for so many reasons and unfortunately they are facing increasing threats. Reef Check is the only program that monitors coral reefs globally. To do this the Reef Check organization relies on teams of citizen scientists who are trained, tested and certified in the specially designed survey protocol. So far Reef Check has surveyed over 7000 reefs in over 90 countries. By using the same method everywhere, Reef Check allows scientists to track local problems affecting coral reefs such as pollution and overfishing, as well as global problems such as global warming. By working with local communities and including young people and adults, fishermen and environmentalists, we learn together about how to better care for our invaluable coral reefs.

Gregor Hodgson, PhD. – Founder and executive director of ReefCheck International

Dr. Hodgson is a coral reef ecologist, who received his bachelors from the University of California and earned a PhD in zoology in 1989 from the University of Hawaii. Subsequently, Dr. Hodgson served as Environmental Sciences Manager, designed and led integrated coastal management projects in China and Vietnam and also was a visiting professor in universities. He now works full time on marine conservation through Reef Check.

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