



Protecting the Coral Reefs of Malaysia

Annual Reef Check Surveys to Monitor Coral Reef Health

REEF CHECK MALAYSIA

Since it was registered in 2007, Reef Check Malaysia has become established as a leader in coral reef conservation in Malaysia. Its activities are organised around four core programmes:

- **EcoAction:** training survey divers and conducting coral reef surveys at over 200 locations around Malaysia to monitor coral reef health
- **Management:** working with stakeholders to improve the management of coral reefs in Malaysia to secure long term conservation goals
- **Science:** conducting studies on reef resilience and rehabilitation to better understand coral reefs and impacts
- **Advocacy:** raising awareness of the importance of coral reefs and the valuable ecosystem services they provide

Reef Check Malaysia's efforts now focus on improving management of marine resources, with an emphasis on involving local stakeholders in management. RCM has field teams in three locations, working with local stakeholders to encourage greater participation in management and to reduce impacts to coral reefs:

- **Tioman island:** we have had a team on Tioman for seven years, building ecological and community resilience. We have just started a three-year programme to prepare Tioman for accreditation under the IUCN Green List standard
- **Mantanani island:** we are working with local stakeholders to improve management of the island's marine resources (eliminate fish bombing and establish a marine managed area) and diversify the economy away from over-reliance on fishing and mass tourism
- **Johor islands:** a five-year programme to build a sustainable tourism destination and protect marine resources around the Johor islands



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