

VIRTUALREEFDIVER

Taking images & uploading them to VRD



Taking underwater images that can be used for the Virtual Reef Diver Project

- Point the camera directly at the reef from approximately 1 metre (3 feet) above the seabed or reef (left panel). If shooting along a reef wall, take photos approximately 1m from the wall (middle panel).
- This allows you to encompass an area of approximately 1m x 1m.
- Pictures taken at a side angle are less useful (right panel).











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- We recommend using a flash when possible. If a separate strobe is not being used the camera's built-in flash can also be used.
- Use a wide angle lens or zoom at widest angle when available. We recommend that you also set your camera on the highest digital resolution and largest record image size possible.
- Save your images in .jpeg rather than raw format.



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GOOD – In focus and adequately lit.



NOT AS GOOD – Not adequately lit, large dark areas, which can make classification difficult. Adjust camera settings if possible.



BAD – The aim is to take images of the Reef rather than people. Keep these image for yourself and friends!

It is ok if the image is not composed entirely of hard corals in pristine condition. Remember, we want to know where there is, and isn't coral and so any image of the seabed is extremely useful.



Then upload your images at: www.virtualreef.org.au/upload/



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UPLOAD YOUR PHOTOS OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF.

Submit your own photos and 360 degree images that you took while on your trip to the Great Barrier Reef. These photos are then available for review by you or other citizens, to help scientists monitor and understand coral cover across the Reef.

GET STARTED Upload Instruction

Thanks for contributing to Virtual Reef Diver!



STEP 1: SELECT REGION IMAGE(S) WERE TAKEN. THIS WILL ZOOM YOUR MAP VIEW TO THE REGION.



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STEP 3: FILL IN INFORMATION FIELDS ABOUT THE CAMERA, DIVE AND IMAGES TO HELP OUR RESEARCH. IF YOU NEED HELP, HOVER OVER THE "?" ICON FOR MORE DETAILS. SELECT "NEXT" WHEN FINISHED.

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STEP 4:

REVIEW ALL INFORMATION IN THE "OVERVIEW" SECTION. SELECT "EDIT DETAILS" IF A MISTAKE HAS BEEN MADE. UPLOAD IMAGES (JPEG/JPG ACCEPTED) AND AGREE TO THE TERMS & CONDITIONS BEFORE SUBMITTING.

OVERVIEW

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COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	
	EDIT DETAILS

STEP 5: YOUR UPLOAD WILL BE SUBMITTED AND PROCESSED. AN EMAIL NOTIFICATION WILL BE SENT TO INFORM IF THE UPLOAD HAS BEEN ACCEPTED OR REJECTED.

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