



FISH IDENTIFICATION SPECIALTY

ECO DIVER ENDORSEMENT

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Description

“What was that fish?” is a common question heard after a dive. If you want to be the scuba diver with the answers, instead of the one asking the questions, then take the Fish Identification Specialty course. You’ll enjoy your dives even more when you recognise the creatures that you see and can identify the main fish families and their characteristics.

If you’re at least 10 years old and a PADI (Junior) Open Water Diver or higher, you can enrol in the AWARE – Fish Identification course.

Academic

Once you learn to recognise what types of fish you see, you’ll find it easier to reference the exact species after a scuba dive. For example, a butterfly fish in the Caribbean has a similar shape to a butterfly fish in Southeast Asia, but colours and markings may be wildly different. If you know what fish family it belongs to, you can more easily look up the local name or at least be able to intelligently ask the local scuba instructor what you saw.

During two scuba dives, you’ll learn:

- How to identify characteristics of local fish families and species.
- Fish survey techniques and strategies.
- About Project AWARE activities that can help protect aquatic life

Get credit! The first dive of this PADI Specialty Diver course may credit as an Adventure Dive toward your Advanced Open Water Diver certification – ask your instructor about earning credit.

Equipment

Beyond using basic scuba equipment, you'll want a slate to record what you see and a fish identification card if available for your area. Your PADI Instructor may suggest additional equipment or references depending on what you're likely to see on your dives.

Getting Started

Book and pay for your course via the online checkout. Head to the shop -> dive courses -> FISH ID -> choose solo or group -> purchase ECO DIVER gear -> checkout.

We'll then contact you to arrange course material deliveries and book in course dates!

Pricing:

\$295 for 2-4 students (private courses so you organise your buddies!)

\$485 solo

Includes:

- Equipment rental (including mask, snorkel, fins and boots)
- Theory manual
- 2 shore dives

We have products available in our shop that fit our ECO DIVER ethos. If you wish to purchase equipment upfront and train in during your course, purchase with us knowing you're making an effort to reduce your diving footprint and make steps towards becoming an ECO DIVER.

Not Included:

- Slate & pencils or wet notes
- Torch