# HUMANS THE REF



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# What does a day working at the reef look like for you?

Whitsunday Escape offer a most unique holiday experience in paradise with "Skipper Yourself Bareboat Charters." The customer chooses the itinerary, pace and adventures to explore the tropical Whitsunday Islands from the comfort of your own floating accommodation.

### What is your favourite part about working at the reef?

Hearing our customers' stories about exploring the marine park. Every day we hear customers tell us about their marine life experiences, from whales breaching, dugongs swimming by and the many colourful fish they snorkelled with each day. They tell us that it is an unspoilt part of the world and they had 'the best holiday ever'.

### In your opinion, what is the state of the reef?

It's recovering! You can see that some bays have lots of new soft and hard corals growing and plenty of marine life around.

## What can people do to help preserve and protect the reef?

People want to help. We need to start an ecotourism program where holidaymakers can be hands-on with the planting of coral gardens and education. Government should support a university with a marine biology camp on an island; this would run education programs, coral garden planting for holidaymakers, locals and primary and secondary school education programs.

### What is your favourite reef critter? Sea Cucumber



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