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What is your favourite part about working at the reef?

They're too numerous to count! It's such an amazing natural wonder.

What is your favourite reef critter?

Wow, tough call. Probably a juvenile humpback whale - it's hard to beat when one of them decides to play with you for a while in 3 or 4 meters of water around the Island

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

It's definitely under stress, but there are many positive things that are going on in the right direction right now. It's still the world's largest and most beautiful living thing. It's a dynamic environment that has continuously changed over many thousands of years and will continue to change over the years ahead.



Peter Gash and H.R.H. The Prince of Wales on Lady Elliot Island / Credit: Greg Sullivan

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

Educate themselves and others into the ways they can mitigate climate change and protect and preserve in any way possible all of the beautiful natural wonders on the planet. We are all interdependent... each needs the other.

What questions do people always ask you about the reef?

How are you so lucky to live and work out here?

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