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

I wake up with the sunrise for a big 4-5 dive day, have coffee, drop the tender, help tie up the boat, give dive briefings, dive, get wet, blow some bubbles, take some photos, fill some tanks, drop the lines, move the boat, eat and repeat. Then finally bed, ready to do it all again tomorrow.

What is your favourite part about working at the reef?

I can dive a site hundreds of times and still be surprised and excited by the different types of marine life we get on the Great Barrier Reef. I love going for a dive with my camera and taking photos of up close and personal encounters with anything from turtles and potato cod to sharks and minke whales!

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

There are some parts of the reef that have been damaged in the past but from what I see, the coral growth is coming back. The reef is resilient and some of the spots we dive have extremely impressive, healthy coral coverage.

What questions do people always ask you about the reef?

I get asked a million questions per day about the reef and beyond... the most common one is "What time's the next dive?" :)

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

One of the best things people can do is become aware of their own actions and the impact they could be having. Make little changes in your lifestyle that can help preserve and protect the reef in the long run. Be conscious of the things you do and instead of doing nothing... do something. Even if it's small, if we each do our part, it matters - right?

What is your favourite reef critter?

At the moment I love cuttle fish and octopus! I can spend half my dive just watching them change colour and texture. Crazy creatures!

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