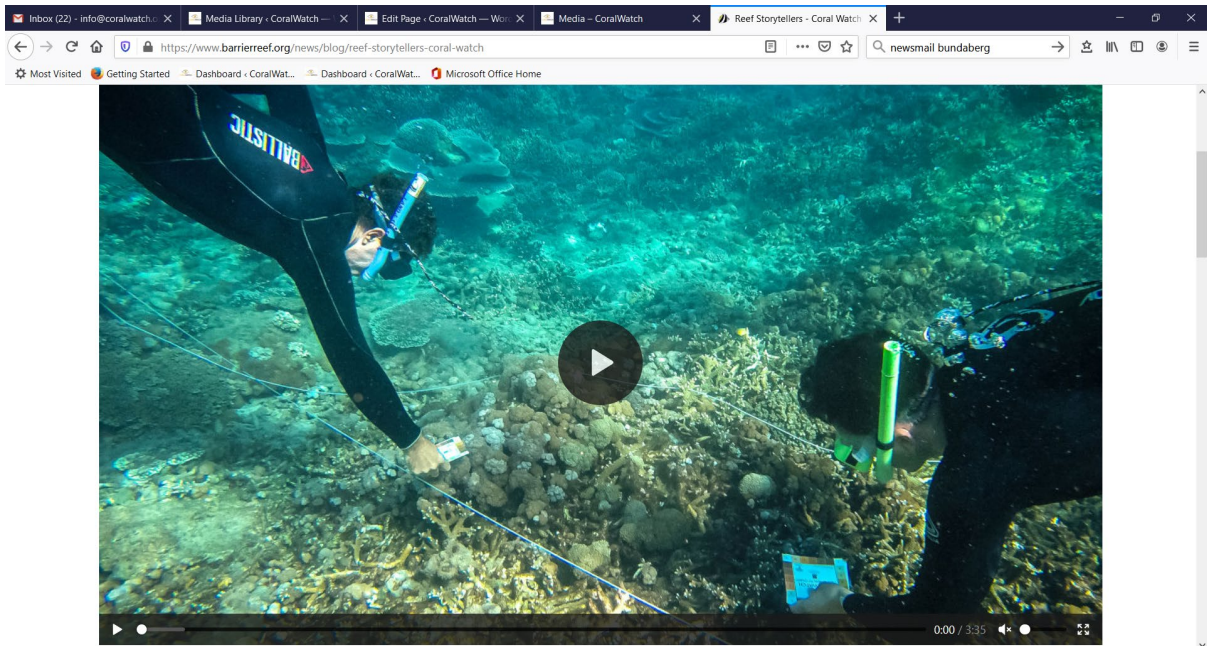


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# REEF STORYTELLERS - CORAL WATCH



**We partnered with Coral Watch to capture this short video that highlights their impact on the health of the Reef as part of our Reef Storytellers series.**

Meet the CoralWatch team that's training community members to become citizen scientists.

The Great Barrier Reef is the largest living thing on Earth, with corals spanning an area visible from space.

However, its size makes it hard to see how a growing combination of threats is affecting our Reef's health.

Researchers can't be everywhere at once, which is why we're supporting the training of more citizen scientists to collect vital information on the health of their local reefs.

Everyone from local teachers to Indigenous students are taught how to collect information using CoralWatch colour charts.

Corals turn certain colours when they are stressed so this is a quick and easy way to see and report on how healthy they are.

The information collected on their local area is used to make decisions such as where to focus restoration and recovery efforts.

Saving our Reef is a huge task but there's hope. Our citizen science projects are already making a real impact, but there's more to be done.

This is one of the Foundation's 25 citizen science and local action projects being delivered right now and already making a positive impact on the health of the Reef.

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