

11th CoralWatch Ambassador Workshop

18-22 February 2026 • Heron Island Research Station



COME JOIN OUR WATCH

GET INVOLVED AND TURN YOUR MARINE CONSERVATION IDEAS INTO REAL ACTION

The Ambassador program offers you the chance to become a volunteer for the reef with CoralWatch. CoralWatch has successfully trained over 130 Ambassadors. Ambassadors actively participate in events, engage with communities and deliver positive messages, motivating audiences to take action to protect our coral reefs. Throughout the workshop, you will gain comprehensive knowledge about reefs, citizen science, climate change, sustainability and translate your ideas into effective educational tools to raise awareness about the importance of reefs.



Join our zoom info session
16 December 6-7 PM
<https://uqz.zoom.us/j/89140067687>



Application form



APPLICATIONS OPEN 11 DECEMBER 2025 • CLOSE 11 JANUARY 2026 • NOTIFICATIONS BY 20 JANUARY 2026





Workshop Feedback

- 'An amazing opportunity learning from everyone with such diverse backgrounds, magical' Rebecca
- 'Mind-blowing, fantastic, one in a lifetime opportunity to learn about the reefs, climate change and sustainability' Marcin
- 'Wow, truly amazing and an experience I will carry with me for a long time to come' Nadine

Workshop favourites

- 'The reefwalks which provided plenty of opportunity for curious enquiry and fun' Sharon
- 'I think I gained most from networking/talking and listening to my fellow ambassadors – a brilliant bunch' John
- 'Everything! The positive, welcoming encouraging atmosphere' Geoff

View Ambassador workshop video
https://youtu.be/OL_PxjIZDH0

WORKSHOP AIMS

- Acquire knowledge about coral reefs, the CoralWatch program, and sustainability.
- Gain field experience in the marine environment, including the use of tools and conducting surveys.
- Develop Ambassador ideas into actionable and pragmatic plans.
- Hone skills through opportunities such as reef walks, presentations, and displays.
- Foster a collaborative atmosphere by exchanging ideas, inspiring and supporting each other.
- Build meaningful connections with fellow participants.

WORKSHOP CONTENT

- Informative presentations (coral biology, monitoring, sustainability, data analysis).
- Interactive working sessions (roleplay, project development, science communication, planning, practice sessions, data entry).
- Fieldwork (snorkelling, collecting data, monitoring techniques).

YOUR CONTRIBUTION

- Active participation in CoralWatch community events (school visits, festivals, workshops).
- Collect and upload Coral Health Chart data and inspire others to do the same.
- Report and liaise on outreach activities and experiences to CoralWatch.
- Workshop contribution of \$250 AUD.
- Arrange and cover travel expenses from your location to Gladstone.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be a confident swimmer/snorkeller.
- Available to attend the full 5-day intensive training workshop at Heron Island Research Station from 18-22 February 2026.
- Available to attend the Ambassador return workshop at Moreton Bay Research Station on North Stradbroke Island 19/20 September 2026.
- Available in volunteer capacity in 2026, and beyond if you wish.



APPLY NOW

Up to 15 participants will be selected through a formal application process. You can download the application form from CoralWatch and propose your Ambassador ideas to CoralWatch before 11 January 2026. (<https://coralwatch.org/index.php/ambassadors/>)

CoralWatch will deliver a 5-day workshop, including accommodation, food, materials, expertise and onward support with a certificate upon completion. Participants pay for their own transport to Gladstone and a workshop contribution fee of \$250 AUD.

Any questions contact info@coralwatch.org

Together we can make a difference!

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