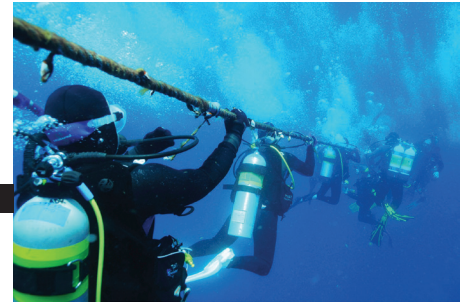




Course Overview

AWARE - Fish Identification

Program #RST.003



This course is designed to introduce divers to the most common families and species of fish found in temperate and tropical waters. Divers learn basic fish identification and scientific surveying techniques. Through an overview of Project AWARE and other preservation and research efforts, such as the REEF Fish Survey Project, divers also learn the importance of personal involvement in aquatic environment conservation.

As an authorized REEF Field Station, Indian Valley Scuba teaches this specialty course using the REEF Fish Identification materials. This is one of the most comprehensive field identification programs available, and adds a tremendous aspect to every dive, being able to accurately identify and point out the wildlife which surrounds us. During your AWARE - Fish Identification Diver Specialty course, you'll practice basic fish identification techniques then collect fish identification data for submission to the REEF Fish Survey Project. The course includes all the background you'll need to identify fish in your area, including:

- Information on the REEF organization, PADI Project AWARE and aquatic protection worldwide
- Characteristics of local fish families and species
- Fish survey techniques and strategies
- Fish identification dive planning, organization and procedures

Agency Certification

PADI

Required Student Equipment

Basic Scuba Set-up

Course Name & Certification Issued

AWARE - Fish Identification

Administrative Items

Medical Statement
Liability Release Form

Student Prerequisite(s)

PADI (Jr.) Open Water Diver - or- equivalent

Required Student Materials

Humann/DeLoach Reef Fish ID book
REEF Fish ID Survey Kit

Minimum Age

10

Materials included in Course Fee

PADI AWARE – Fish Identification Manual

Class Session(s) (hours)

1 (1.5)

Library Items Available?

N/A

Pool Session(s)

N/A

Open Water Dives

2

Class Start Dates

See Class Schedule for Dates

Minimum/Maximum Depths

130 ft. maximum
(70 ft. Jr.)
(40 ft. 10-11 year-olds)

Course Fee

\$25

Breathing Gas(es)

Air or Nitrox

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