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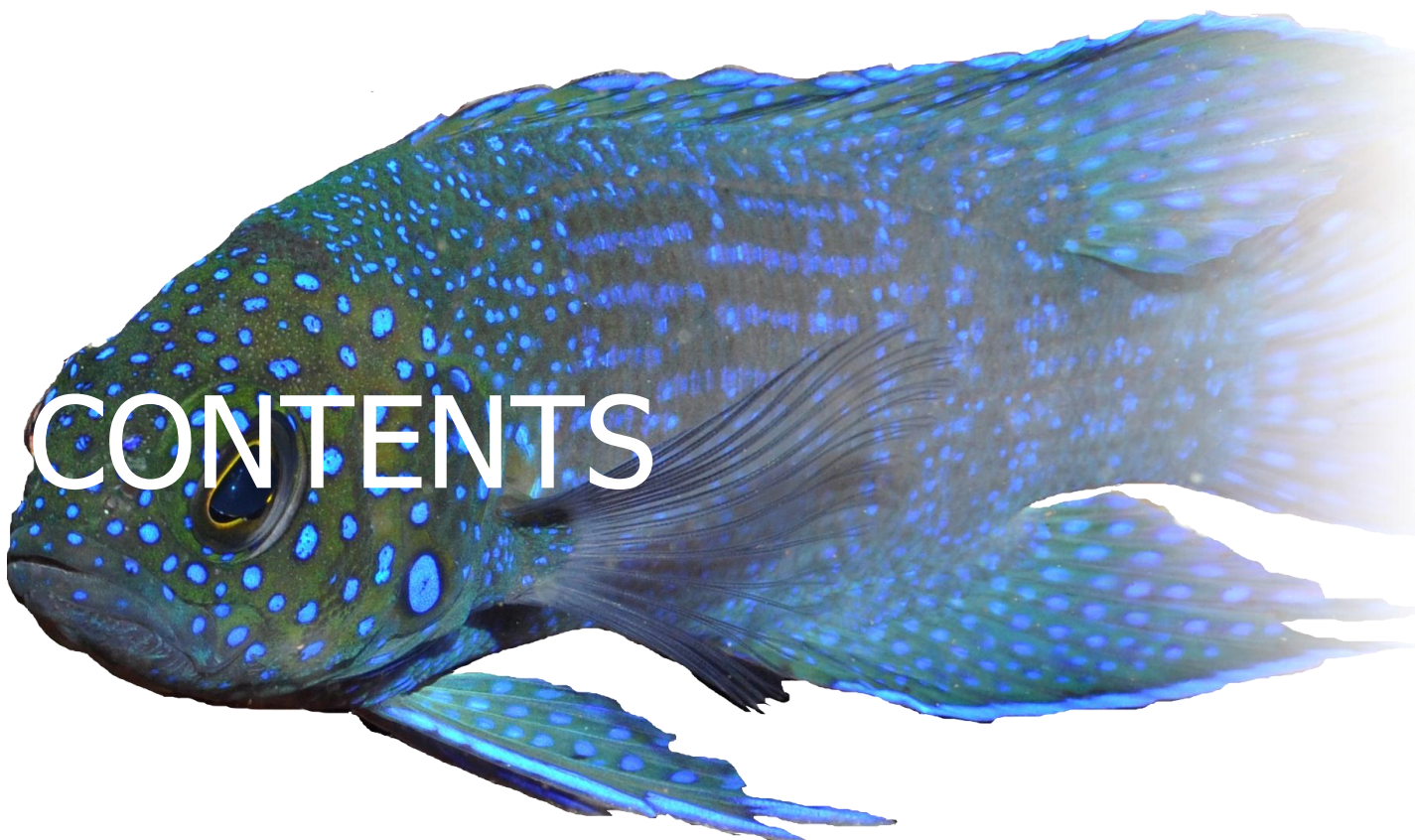
THE RLSF VISION

Improved knowledge and
condition of reef systems

An underwater photograph of a coral reef. In the foreground, there are various types of coral, including branching and table corals, in shades of brown, tan, and red. Numerous small, silvery fish are swimming throughout the water column. The background is a deep blue, suggesting the open ocean.

THE RLSF MISSION

To inspire and engage a global volunteer community to survey reefs using scientific methods, and share knowledge about the marine ecosystem.



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Rick Stuart-Smith

Executive Officer



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Community Diver Representative



ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Reef Life Survey Foundation activities are directed by a committed and active Advisory Committee. Committee members participate on a voluntary basis and enable RLSF to contribute information on marine biodiversity where it is most needed.

RLSF Advisory Committee members:

Neville Barrett Institute for Marine & Antarctic Studies, Tasmania

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Reef Life Survey Foundation progressed well on several fronts during the past year. Our organisation was fortunate in receiving substantial support from the Ian Potter Foundation, who have provided funds for organisational reforms in areas of financial sustainability, improved communication, and establishing an annual calendar of regular field surveys. Hopefully you have noticed the changes already happening on our website. Many more are planned, so that, at the end of the two project years, we will have a much more professional organisation with greatly expanded reach.

A second highly positive move over the past year has been increased engagement with the Commonwealth Department of the Environment. This has included some funding to undertake the first detailed ecological surveys of remote Ashmore Reef in the northern Coral Sea using our RLSF flagship vessel '*Eviota*'. As a consequence of the success of this project, and earlier surveys in the central and southern Coral Sea, all looks good for continuing Commonwealth collaboration for much expanded offshore field surveys. This is a win-win situation with costs covered for field trips for RLSF volunteers to remote and interesting locations, while the Commonwealth covers off on some of the monitoring needed for documenting



Professor Graham Edgar
President

changes occurring in their offshore network of Marine Reserves.

Engagement with the Commonwealth also now includes participation of RLSF in the Marine Biodiversity Hub, a collaboration between UTAS, CSIRO, AIMS and other organisations over the next 6 years. By providing ecological data to the Hub, RLSF will play an increasingly important role in monitoring activities in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, and contributing to management of this World Heritage icon.

As in previous years, the success of RLSF depends primarily on the commitment and efforts of our diving and Advisory Committee members – your help has

been hugely appreciated. Thanks are also due to key government and statutory partners for providing logistical assistance with surveys, notably the Parks and Wildlife Service Tasmania, NSW Department of Primary Industries, the Rottnest Island Board, Parks Victoria, and the University of Tasmania.

As a highlight amongst the acknowledgments, I would particularly like to thank Dr Scoresby Shepherd for his efforts in getting RLSF afloat through the early days, his friendship, and his contribution as an Advisory Committee Member and RLSF Board Member from the start of RLS to the present. Scoresby has just retired from his Board and Advisory Committee responsibilities.

I look forward to catching up with everyone next year on the water.

Graham Edgar

President RLSF



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



Dr Rick Stuart-Smith
Executive Officer

Although survey productivity was down this year, in large part the result of limited funding last year, there has been a recent turnaround in the funding situation, as well as growing international support, which should convert to noticeable growth and improved sustainability of RLS activities through the future. Support from the Ian Potter Foundation, the Western Australian State NRM program and the Australian Government's Department for the Environment has provided important resources for continued field activities, while the Ian Potter Foundation grant will also contribute to improving the operational sustainability and public reach of the RLS program, including the website redevelopment and production of new public data products.

Key field activities in 2014/2015 included survey weekends at some of the usual long-term monitoring locations like Rottnest Island and Sydney, an intensive handfish project in SE Tasmania, and an expedition up the southern and central Great Barrier Reef on-board *Eviota*.

Local teams also continued strongly at Beware Reef, Batemans Bay and Port Stephens, and some RLS divers participated in a self-funded survey expedition to Raja Ampat Islands in Indonesia – the global centre of reef fish diversity.

The handfish project targeted RLS surveys at most key locations for historical sightings of red and Ziebell's handfishes— two of the most endangered fishes in Australia. The report summarising project activities can be found on the RLS website. Further support from the Department of the Environment will be directed at surveying more of the remote reefs in the Coral Sea and northern Australian Commonwealth Marine Reserves in 2015/2016.

Although not funded under the RLSF budget, this year's international activities were key outcomes and growth opportunities for the RLS program. Dedicated training courses were run and new RLS teams established in Spain (supported by the BITES lab at the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas), Nicaragua (supported by Fauna & Flora International) and in Panama. The latter represented the initiation of a new partnership between Reef Life Survey Foundation and the Smithsonian Institution's Tennenbaum Marine Observatories Network, which will assist in standardised global monitoring efforts through the future.

Key statistics for 2014/2015 are 611 surveys, 67 diver participants and 46 new divers trained in RLS methods to join to growing global network. Congratulations and thanks also to Tim Crawford and German Soler, for reaching 5 years of service.

Rick Stuart-Smith

Executive Officer, RLSF



2014/15 ACTIVITIES



We are fortunate to have an impressive group of members who volunteer their time and expertise regularly, but the following people and groups have also kindly made financial contributions to RLSF over the last year. RLSF would like to thank in particular:

The Ian Potter Foundation

S and A Shepherd

Joyce Edgar

Pieter van der Woude



AT A GLANCE

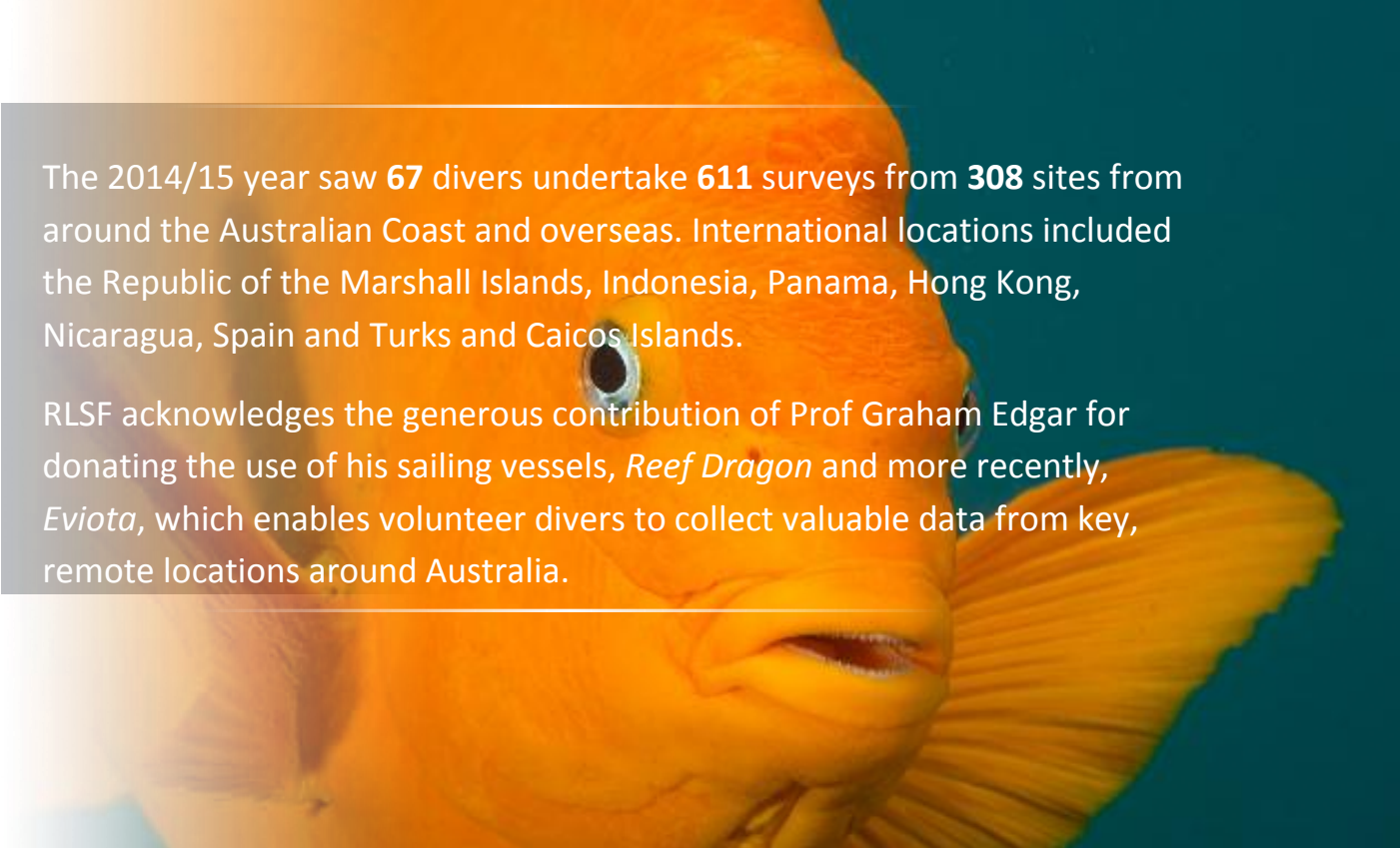


611 Surveys in 2014-2015
from 8 countries



7,624
Surveys done
at 30/06/2015





The 2014/15 year saw **67** divers undertake **611** surveys from **308** sites from around the Australian Coast and overseas. International locations included the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Indonesia, Panama, Hong Kong, Nicaragua, Spain and Turks and Caicos Islands.

RLSF acknowledges the generous contribution of Prof Graham Edgar for donating the use of his sailing vessels, *Reef Dragon* and more recently, *Eviota*, which enables volunteer divers to collect valuable data from key, remote locations around Australia.

The first few months of the 2015 calendar year were spent preparing for another Australian survey expedition to target offshore Commonwealth reserves in northern Queensland and the Northern Territory.

This expedition began in April and is currently in full swing. The private catamaran, *Eviota*, has been loaned to RLS for duration of the voyage to enable volunteer divers to collect data from these remote offshore locations.

Additional survey expeditions, independent of the *Eviota* trip, also occurred throughout the year.

These included the 8th consecutive annual Rottnest Island extended survey weekend (WA) and the 6th RLS trip in Sydney and 4th trip to Jervis Bay.

Local surveys continued at Beware Reef and Port Phillip Bay (Vic), Sydney (NSW), Port Stephens (NSW) and Perth (WA), mostly due to the hard working and dedicated members who also belong to local diving community groups around Australia.

Surveys, and in many cases substantial training courses, were also conducted in seven other countries including; The Republic of the Marshall Islands, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Panama, Nicaragua, Israel, Turks and Caicos Islands and Spain.

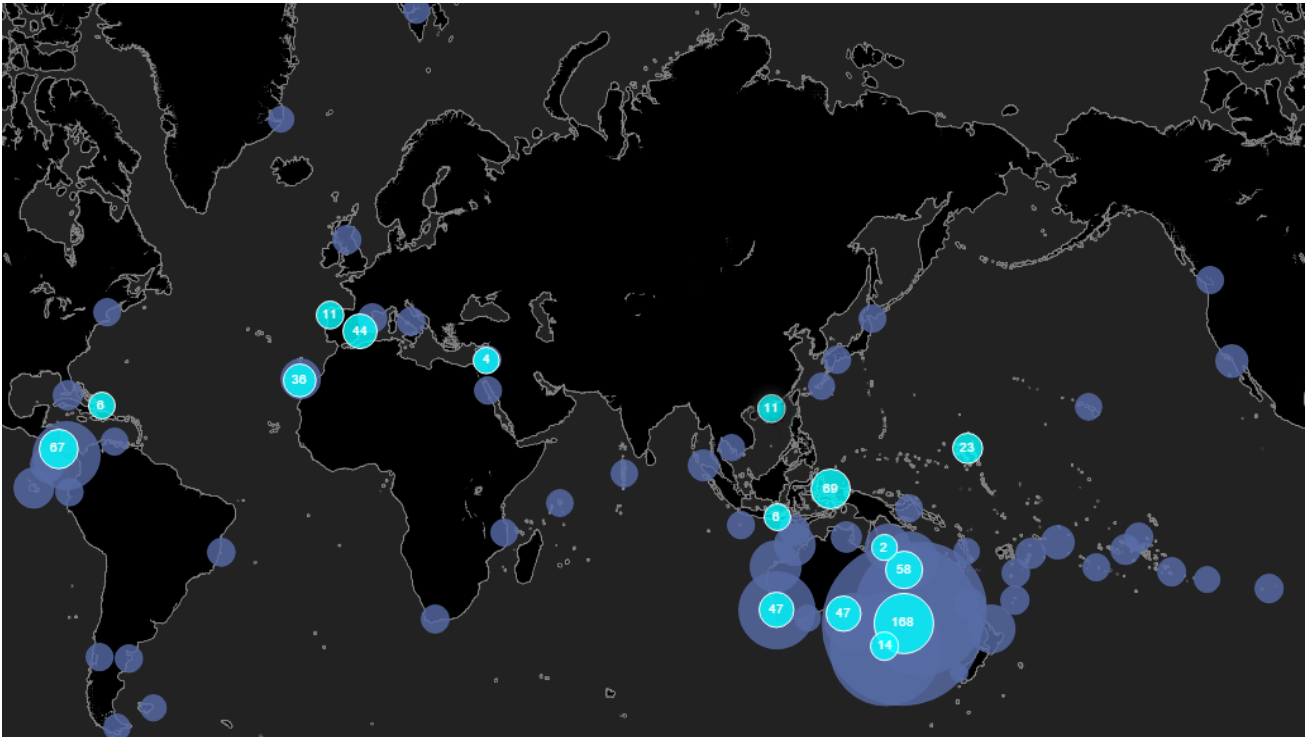


Figure 1. Global distribution of RLS survey locations, indicating new sites surveyed in the 2014/15 financial year (light blue). Sites surveyed in previous financial years are shown as dark blue dots, scaled in size to the number of surveys.

Over the last year, 611 RLS surveys were undertaken in 8 countries. Figures 1 and 2 show the spread of new and re-surveyed sites in the 2014/15 financial year.



Figure 2. Map of Australian RLS surveys indicating new (aqua) and existing (dark blue) sites for the 2014/15 financial year.

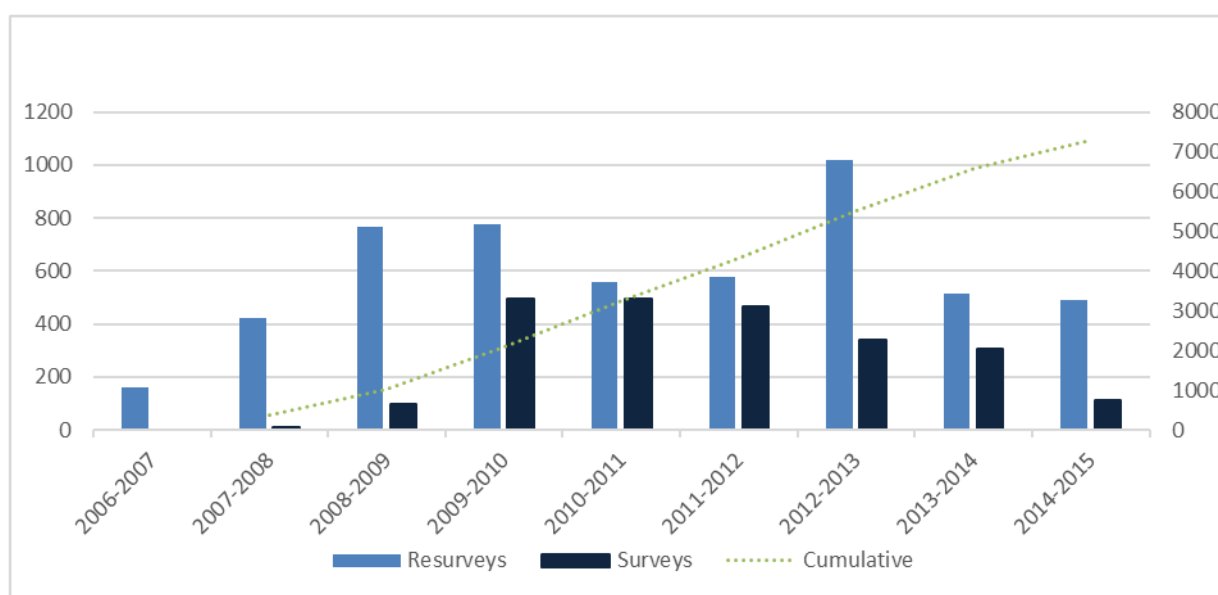


Figure 3. Survey numbers over each financial year showing the number of surveys completed at new sites, the number of surveys completed at existing sites (i.e. monitoring effort), and the cumulative total of surveys completed up to 30/06/15.

The survey tally continued to rise in 2014 and 2015, albeit at a slower rate than the last 4 years. The total number of surveys was down this financial year, but there were many new sites added as a result of growing partnerships and emerging monitoring priorities in offshore Australian marine reserves (Fig. 3).

Table 1. Statistics associated with RLS survey activities during the 2014/15 financial year.

Activity	Month	# Divers	# Sites	# Transects (surveys)
Queensland*	May/June	3	30	56
South Australia	March	9	12	47
New South Wales	Feb/Mar/April	31	58	152
Tasmania	Feb	5	7	12
Victoria	Jan/Feb/Mar	2	20	26
Rottneest Island	May	11	17	47
Indonesia	August	7	36	75
Israel	July	2	2	4
Panama	April	6	13	32
Hong Kong	Oct	2	6	9
Spain	July	6	63	91
Nicaragua	March	7	21	35
Marshall Is	May	1	16	23
Caribbean	April	2	4	6
Total		67*	301	611

*Includes surveys completed as part of the Australian Circumnavigation yacht trip

* Total individual divers who collected data in the 2014/15 financial year (does not include trainees)

FUNDING FROM THE IAN POTTER FOUNDATION



The Ian Potter Foundation is one of Australia's major philanthropic foundations. The Foundation makes grants nationally to support charitable organisations working to benefit the community across a wide range of sectors including the Arts, environment, science, medical research, education and community wellbeing. The Ian Potter Foundation aims to support and promote a healthy, vibrant and fair community for the benefit of all Australians. The Foundation was established in 1964 by Australian financier, businessman and philanthropist, Sir Ian Potter (1902 – 1994). See www.ianpotter.org.au for more details.

A project to increase the long-term financial and institutional sustainability of the Reef Life Survey Foundation has been funded by the Ian Potter Foundation. A significant science program grant awarded in May 2015 of \$190,000, will allow continued monitoring of core locations around Australia for the next two years, as well as improve the public reach of the Reef Life Survey Foundation and its projects. The funding has already enabled the launch of a new RLS website, and initiated the development and implementation of a business plan, long term strategic plan and improved communications with stakeholders and the public. This is the second time the Ian Potter Foundation have funded an RLS project and the Reef Life Survey Foundation is tremendously grateful to the Ian Potter Foundation for their significant and ongoing support. Visit www.reeflifesurvey.com to view the new Reef Life Survey website.

EUREKA!

The 2014 Eureka Prize for Environmental Science (sponsored by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage) was awarded to Graham Edgar and Rick Stuart-Smith for establishing the Reef Life Survey program and the valuable research to improve conservation of the marine environment that has been made possible through RLS. The prize recognised **‘a model of outstanding research across the fields of the biological, physical, mathematical or biomedical sciences leading to the resolution of an environmental problem, including a challenge posed by climate change, or the management or protection of Australia's environment’**.

Eureka Prizes are Australia's major national science awards, so this award is significant recognition of the value of the Reef Life Survey program, and a credit to all the volunteer divers who contribute their skills and expertise, as well as the scientists who are utilising the RLS data to benefit marine conservation.



SYSTEMATIC SURVEYING OF TWO THREATENED HANDFISH SPECIES



Comprehensive surveys for red (*Thymichthys politus*) and Ziebell's (*Brachiopsilus ziebelli*) handfish were undertaken by Reef Life Survey teams in 2015 for a project commissioned by the Marine and Freshwater Species Conservation Section of the Australian Government's Department of the Environment. These two species, along with the spotted handfish (*Brachionichthys hirsutus*), are listed as threatened nationally and in Tasmania, and are covered under the Recovery Plan for Three Handfish Species (DoE 2015). This Plan identifies a number of priority actions for the conservation of these species, including some for which assistance by citizen scientists is fundamental:

- Monitor known populations;
- Identify important habitat areas;
- Promote community awareness of the value of handfish as part of Australia's unique biodiversity.

A total of 100 underwater hours were spent by 19 divers over 22 sites in southern Tasmania from Feb-June 2015, at locations such as the Tasman Peninsula, Primrose Sands, Cox's Bight, the Acteons, and the d'Entrecasteaux Channel. Four red handfish were recorded at Primrose Sands, which is presently considered the last (small) population of the species. No Ziebell's handfish were found, with the project unable to confirm that this species is not extinct. There are plans for further Reef Life Survey monitoring of the key handfish locations through the future, with enhanced effort by trained volunteer divers one of the best ways to assess the ongoing status of these, and other, threatened species.

PUBLICATIONS

An impressive collection of scientific publications and reports has been based on the RLS data. Below are some of those published in scientific journals in the 2014/2015 financial year by research teams that include key RLS scientists. There have also been several high profile papers published in the early part of the 2015/2016 financial year, and the full list of publications can be found on the RLS website at: <http://reeflifesurvey.com/scientific-papers/>

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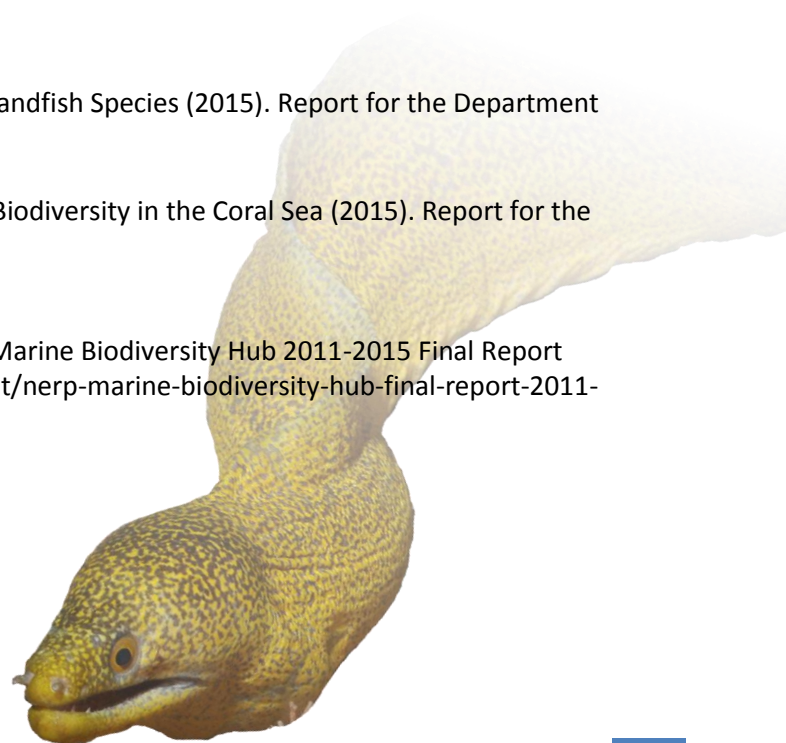
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Other reports include (links or download <http://reeflifesurvey.com/scientific-papers/management-reports/>):

Systematic Surveying of Two Threatened Handfish Species (2015). Report for the Department of the Environment

Reef Life Survey Assessment of Coral Reef Biodiversity in the Coral Sea (2015). Report for the Department of the Environment.

National Environmental Science Program, Marine Biodiversity Hub 2011-2015 Final Report (<http://www.nespmarine.edu.au/document/nerp-marine-biodiversity-hub-final-report-2011-2015>)



RLS VOLUNTEERS

The Reef Life Survey Foundation has 81 members in Australia who, as experienced scuba divers, regularly participate in underwater surveys in the local area, in addition to joining organised short (4 day) and long (5-20 day) projects in temperate and tropical waters. Each trained diver brings to the program their local knowledge, life skills, diving experience, enthusiasm and willingness to go the extra distance to records the quality data required for RLS database. Our members include not only divers, but skippers, crew and administration volunteers.

RLS DIVER PROFILE TIM CRAWFORD



RLS diver, Tim Crawford

How did you hear about RLS?

In 2010, while a first year University of Tasmania student, I was volunteering for the Derwent Estuary Program, and taking part in the Spotted Handfish surveys. I was on the same boat as Rick Stuart-Smith and we were swapping stories about our saltwater aquariums. He told me about RLS and asked me if I would be interested in volunteering.

How long have you been involved in diving and RLS?

I learned to dive when I was 15 or 16 years old. My Recreational Open Water certification was around Hobart and Maria Island - fantastic visibility but a cool 10 °C. I pretty much bought my gear straight away - the passion was ignited and I went on to complete a B.Sc(Hons) Marine Science. I've since completed qualifications as Divemaster (Walindi 2011) and Instructor (Lombok) and Commercial Scientific Diver. I've done my fair share of cool water dives but enjoy the warmer tropical waters for a number of reasons.

I completed my RLS training in 2011 in Jervis Bay, NSW and have participated as much as study and time have allowed since then.

What have you gained from being part of RLS?

I'm not sure where to start; as a RLS volunteer, I have been fortunate to:

- build my resume as a marine scientist within a relatively short timeframe;
- be provided opportunities to build my practical skills - the number of dive hours, the

opportunity to visit and survey coral reefs and build my fish knowledge;

- build my boat hours log volunteering for legs on Reef Dragon; and
- learn to slow down when diving, open my eyes and look for the small species that are often passed over - the good stuff!

What skills have you brought to the program?

I can't explain why, but I have an uncanny recall ability for the Latin names of marine species, especially tropicals, even after seeing the name only once or twice in a book. My observation skills are also helpful - I love small species, the harder to find the better. I often find species missed by others and paying attention to detail adds to the data collected.

What have been your highlights since joining the RLSF team?

As with many of the other volunteers, there are many. Personally and professionally, the opportunity to collect data for my Honours research while participating in six weeks of surveys in the Coral Sea (2013). In addition to completing surveys, the whole experience was awesome and I have many fantastic memories.

From a scientific perspective, diving in transition zones e.g. the Abrolhos Islands where corals are interspersed with brown seaweed.

Finally at picturesque Lord Howe Island - with its fantastic character and visibility - I was fortunate to survey Balls Pyramid and see a Ballina Angelfish *Chaetodontoplus ballinae*, a species very few have had the opportunity to see.

What are you looking forward to being involved in with RLSF in the future?

Ongoing participation in the program - I've volunteered for a six week leg starting in Darwin and heading on a circuit through Indonesia. We will be surveying unexplored reefs, collecting information from Commonwealth Marine Reserve reefs never previously surveyed, and potentially adding new species to the RLS data. Also 'cracking my current survey species PB' (personal best); currently 117 species from a dive in Papua, and I know there will be opportunities to build on this.

Interview by RLSF Community Dive Representative,
Margo Smith



DEREK 'DUSTY' SHIELDS & JOE SHIELDS

Derek (Dusty) Shields and his son, Joe Shields have generously donated their time and skills as skipper and first mate on the sailing catamaran for Reef Life Survey this year.

Dusty spent the first four months of 2015 planning and preparing for the second Reef Life Survey survey expedition. On *Reef Dragon*, then, more recently on *Eviota*, they have travelled almost 5,500 nautical miles, including 500 to Ambon, Indonesia from Darwin, and spent over 113 days at sea.

Joe has not only been an invaluable first mate to Dusty, but he has proved to be an asset underwater, undertaking surveys and acquiring a firm knowledge of the difficult tropical fish and invertebrate species very quickly.

RLSF thanks Joe and Dusty for their hard work and expertise, which has allowed RLS volunteers to access and survey remote sites that would otherwise be logistically and financially out of reach to the RLSF.



THE SCORESBY SHEPHERD AWARDS

FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO REEF LIFE SURVEY.

These annual awards are named in honour of Dr Scoresby Shepherd AO, a key benefactor of The Reef Life Survey Foundation (RLSF) and founding Board Member. The awards recognise exceptional contributions by individual members of RLSF over the financial year covered in this report.

The two awards are:

The survey prize – For the RLS member who submitted data for the greatest number of surveys during the financial year.

The Distinguished Contributions Award – For the RLS member who, in the eyes of the selection committee made the greatest voluntary contributions to the RLSF during the year by means other than surveys. This includes contributions to the Advisory Committee, the organisation and mobilisation of RLS field teams, training, website and database assistance, grant writing or communications, and reporting, but may include any activities which further the goals of RLSF.



Andrew Green, recipient of the 2015 Survey Prize, for the highest number of surveys completed in the last year. Andrew completed surveys both within Australia and overseas, many of which were in areas of very high diversity. We would also like to make special mention to José Sanabria Fernández, who is a driving force behind the RLS Spain team. José actually completed an impressive 70 whole surveys last year, well done José!



Don Love, recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Contributions Award, for consistently facilitating the majority of Victorian RLS data year after year. Don has been with RLS since the beginning and has been fundamental in the Beware Reef long-term monitoring data set, and for providing logistical support for all Port Phillip Bay survey weekends. In addition, we would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of Derek Sheilds. His work on the yacht has been essential to the success of the current yacht survey expedition.

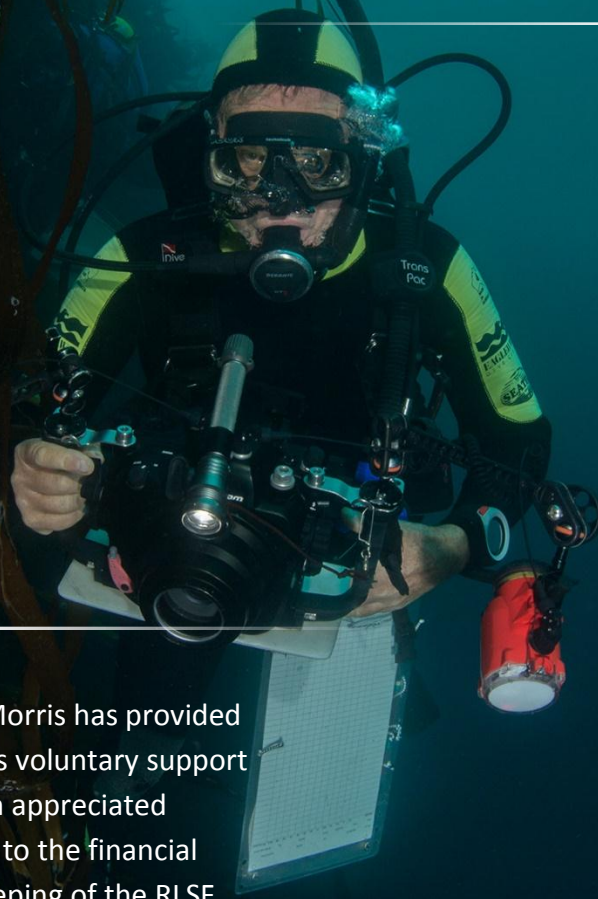
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has generously supported RLSF since the organisation's incorporation in 2010. RLSF sincerely thanks Michael for his valuable accountancy advice and quality auditing services.



Colleen Morris has provided enormous voluntary support and much appreciated expertise to the financial recordkeeping of the RLSF.



RLSF had 81 financial members as at 30th June 2015, with 55 of these Life Members. The audited financial reports for RLSF are included here, as derived from the full financial report for the 2014/2015 financial year. An official audit was completed by Michael Muller who has generously donated his time and expertise to RLSF at low cost. Separate financials are presented for the Marine Public Fund, in which the component of RLSF funds associated with donations is managed (see table 3), according to requirements for Australian charities.

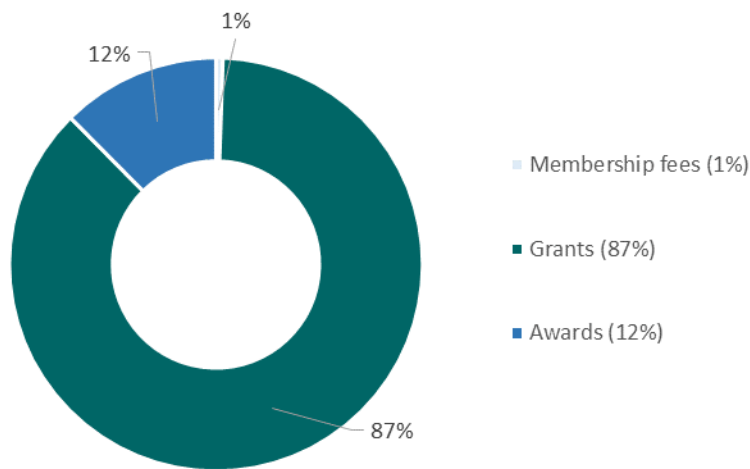
Table 2. RLSF Incorporated profit and loss for the 2014/15 financial year.

Budget Category	Sub-category	Amount
Income	Membership fees	\$435.00
	Grants	\$70,000.00
	Awards	\$10,000.00
Total Income		\$80,435.00
Expenses	Accounting & audit for grants	\$539.00
	Field expenses	\$69,683.22
	Materials and supplies	\$1,509.16
	Postage	\$237.60
	Insurance	\$4,237.15
	Safety equipment	\$75.23
	Professional services	\$4,546.00
	Membership fees	\$856.40
Total Expenses		\$80,827.36
Balance		-\$392.36

Table 3 RLSF Incorporated Marine Public Fund profit and loss for the 2014/15 financial year.

Budget Category	Sub-category	Amount
Income	Donations	\$8,564.35
	Donations (USD)	\$60.00
	Grant donations (The IPF)	\$189,000.00
Total Income		\$197,624.35
Expenses	Safety equipment	\$183.39
	Field expenses	\$8,270.44
	Sundry	\$47.80
Total Expenses		\$8,501.63
Balance		\$188,262.97

RLSF Inc - Income 2014/15



RLSF Inc - Expenses 2014/15

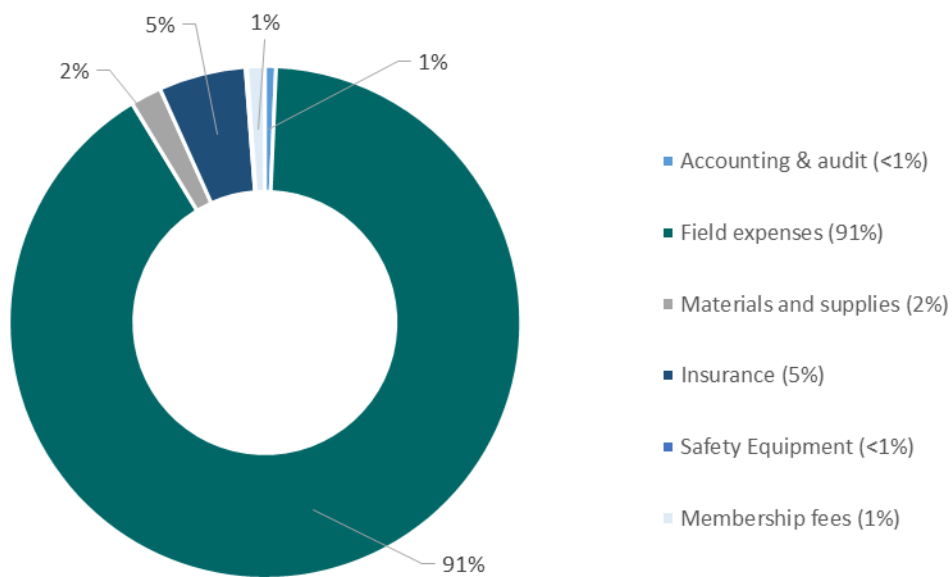
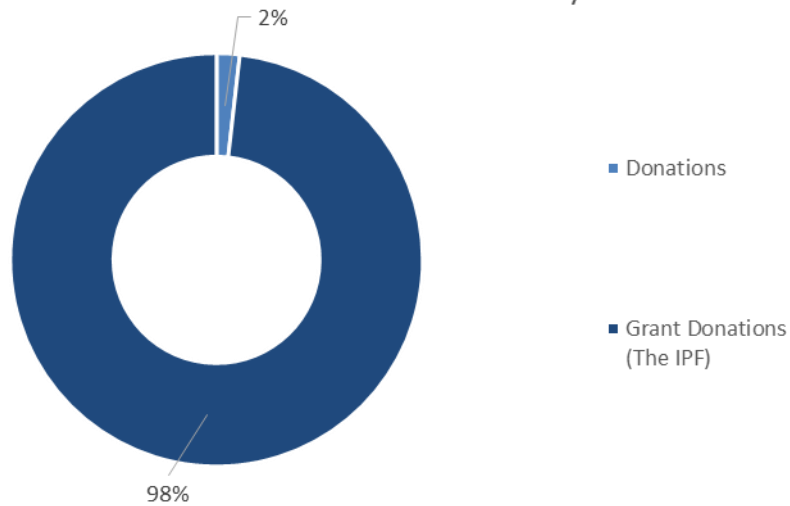


Figure 4.Income and Expenses for the RLSF Incorporated Fund for the 2014/15 financial year

Members and friends are reminded that donations to the Marine Public Fund are tax-deductible, and by substantially increasing it over time we can greatly extend the capabilities of RLSF, and expand its ambitious programs.

RLSF Marine Public Fund - Income 2014/15



RLS Marine Public Fund - Income 2014/15

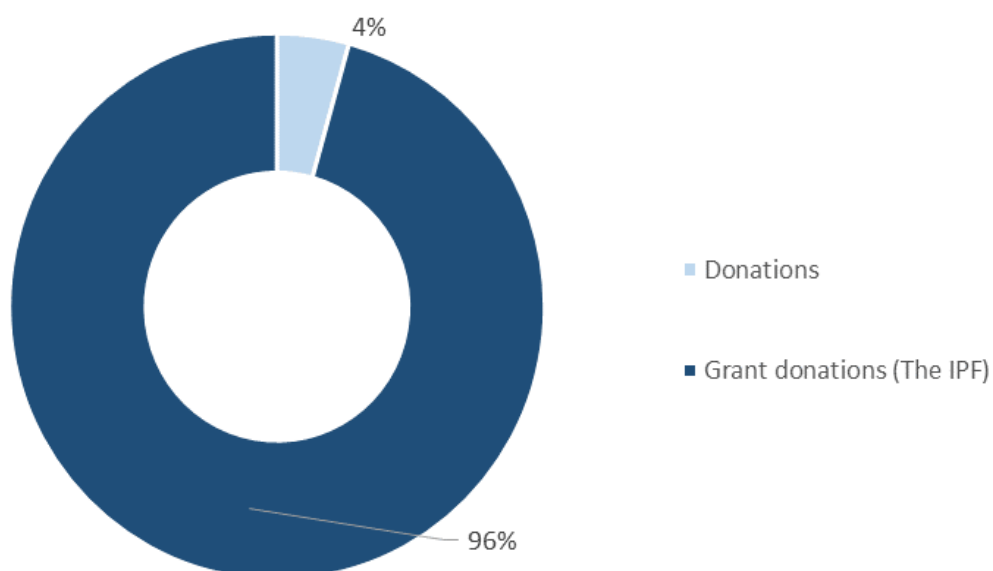


Figure 5.Income and Expenses for the RLSF Marine Public Fund for the 2014/15 financial year

SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

A large number of supporting individuals, organisations and community groups contributed to the successes of the Reef Life Survey program through varied mechanisms, with major partners:

- Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania
- The Ian Potter Foundation
- John Anderson from Low Cost Websites
- WinWeb
- Aquenal Pty Ltd
- Michael Mueller and Colleen Morris

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- Low Cost Websites
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- Nature Coast Marine Group
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- Parks Victoria
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- Rottnest Island Authority
- Solitary Islands Underwater Research Group
- Tasmanian Boat Charters
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- Underwater Research Group of NSW
- Western Australian Divers for Diversity Inc

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The Reef Life Survey Foundation acknowledges support from the 67 divers who have contributed their skills and expertise to the RLS program over the 2014/15 financial year. (please see list below)

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