



Coral Taxonomy

Ocean Gardener, Bali, Indonesia

Participant Info Guide



Program Info

Acropora, the largest hard coral genus (143+ species), dominates shallow reefs globally but faces significant threats. It is the main coral used in reef restoration due to their fast growing nature, quickly providing shelter for secondary species to colonize. However, their complex taxonomy and biology present challenges. Successful usage of Acropora in reef restoration requires a good understanding the correct species to select according to the restoration site's unique conditions. This is maximize survival and ensure success of your coral restoration project.

Duration & Start Dates:

This 10-day course with our partner Ocean Gardener has upcoming course dates

- 21 – 31 October 2025
- 11 – 22 May 2026
- 5 Oct – 16 Oct 2026



How to get involved

Step 1



Create your personal Coral Profile

This helps us match you with the right program, dates and roles based on your previous experiences and level of education.

Step 2



Let us know your Preference

Mention it in the profile and send an email to volunteer@coralive.org with your preferred location, start date and duration.

Step 3



Confirm your Spot

Our team will review profiles, set up interviews and email you back with confirmation details, visa information, and pre-departure guidance.

Step 4



Get Ready for your Adventure

Arrange your international flights, accomodation and travels plans to arrive on your program start date. Pack your things and get excited!

Step 5

Arrive and dive right-in

Make your way to the project start location, receive your orientation, settle in, and start learning! You will be added to the course WhatsApp chat prior to arrival to already meet your group, ask any questions or combine travel plans.

Course Content

Overview

- 17 class room sessions and 20 SCUBA dives Nusa Penida and Amed/Tulamben
- Focus on identifying 95 Acropora species in their natural Indo-Pacific habitats
- A vital course for coral reef restoration practitioners

Day 1-4: Nusa Ceningan

Nusa Penida's reefs boast the highest Acropora cover and diversity in the region. Strong currents and cool upwellings create ideal conditions for massive colonies, making the marine protected area's species richness truly remarkable.

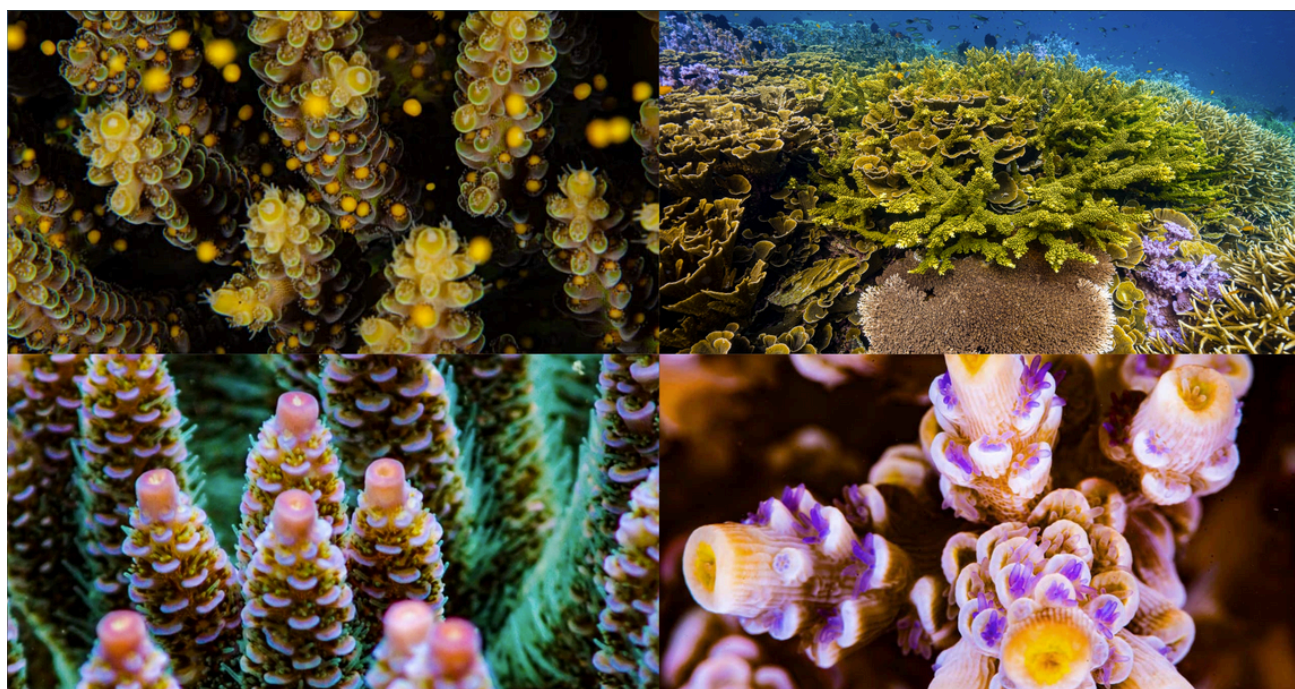
Day 5-9: Amed/Tulumben

The reefs of Tulamben and Amed offer calm, easy diving with high coral recruitment. Their very different conditions support distinct Acropora species, perfectly complementing Nusa Penida and giving divers a clear view of how these corals adapt and thrive.

Location Info

Days 1–4 will be based on Nusa Ceningan, just a short boat ride from Bali. Days 5–9 take place around Amed and Tulamben on Bali's mainland. You'll need to arrange your own accommodation, but Ocean Gardener will provide recommendations, and you can coordinate with your group if you'd like to share.

Apart from your course activities, you'll have free evenings to socialise and explore the local area, with group dinners often organised at restaurants. The middle weekend is free to make your way back to Bali's mainland, and you also have the option of arriving early to enjoy a few fun dives before the course begins.



Pricing Plan Acropora Taxonomy course


Volunteers

	International
10 days	\$ 1.500



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- 5 – 15 October 2026

What's Included

	Ocean Gardener certified coral instructor
	20+ scuba dives inclusive of transport, tanks and weights
	Some lunches included on long diving days
	Logistical support for booking accommodation & transport

What's not Included

	Indonesian tourist visa
	Flights to and from Bali, Indonesia'
	Accommodation
	Domestic travel to & from course meet points
	Travel & diving Insurance
	Meals not included in course costs
	All SCUBA diving equipment (please inform if rental is required)

We'd love to welcome you!

Create a personal profile so we get to know you a little better. Tell us your interests and preferred location so we can start planting corals together soon!

Scan the code to Register!

