

6 - WEEK, PADI IDC AND CONSERVATION, INTERNSHIP



SIX WEEK, IDC INTERNSHIP. INCLUDES A CONSERVATION PROGRAMME SECOND TO NONE.

Scuba Dive Online are pleased to offer an exclusive six-week, PADI IDC and marine conservation internship on the stunning island of Koh Tao.

This unique programme is hosted by our PADI 5 Star CDC partner centre, Assava Diving Resort, giving you the chance to complete your PADI Instructor Development Course while taking part in a dedicated conservation programme, with marine biologists, in a true diving paradise. Work on coral reef restoration, turtle and shark conservation, mangrove and land projects, Dive Against Debris surveys, and PADI AWARE activities.

If you are seeking an IDC that blends professional instructor training with hands-on ocean conservation, this programme is ideal. Included in the internship are not only the IDC course, but all PADI materials, accommodation for six weeks, MSDT prep and guidance from our award-winning Platinum PADI Course Directors and marine biologists.

Before you arrive, we will arrange an online meeting so you can meet your Course Director and fellow candidates, and ask any questions about travel or preparation.



LEARN MARINE CONSERVATION AND BECOME A PADI INSTRUCTOR.

During the six-week PADI IDC and marine conservation programme at Assava Diving Resort, candidates gain far more than instructor skills. Guided by a qualified marine biologist, you will explore how human activity impacts marine habitats, learn to identify a wide range of species, and understand the complex relationships between marine organisms, including symbiosis and predator-prey dynamics. The conservation training promotes responsible diving practices and sustainable interaction with marine life, giving you a broader environmental perspective and a deeper, science-based understanding of how ocean ecosystems function and how we can protect them.



AWARE CORAL REEF CONSERVATION INSTRUCTOR

1. PADI AWARE Coral Reef Conservation Instructor

Learn about reef structures, threats, and conservation methods. Includes ocean dives using underwater survey tools to monitor coral species, size, and health. You will learn to teach divers passionate about reef protection.



DIVE AGAINST DEBRIS INSTRUCTOR

2. AWARE Dive Against Debris instructor

Take part in an underwater clean-up dives and learn about the impacts of marine debris. Post-dive, record and upload the data on collected marine litter, to the Dive Against Debris database.



FISH ID or UNDERWATER NATURALIST INSTRUCTOR

3. PADI Fish ID or Underwater Naturalist Instructor

Study fish families and identification methods or explore marine ecosystems, symbiosis, and species behavior. Includes ocean dives with ID slates to deepen your understanding of marine life.



AWARE SHARK CONSERVATION INSTRUCTOR

4. PADI AWARE Shark Conservation Instructor

Learn about shark biology, their ecological role, and global threats like finning and overfishing. During dives observe shark behaviour. Receive guidance on how divers can support shark protection efforts.



AWARE TURTLE CONSERVATION INSTRUCTOR

5. PADI AWARE Turtle Conservation Instructor

Explore sea turtle species, their life cycles, and major threats like pollution and habitat loss. During dives observe turtles and potential hazards. Learn how divers can aid turtle conservation.



PADI MANGROVE CONSERVATION INSTRUCTOR

6. PADI Mangrove Distinctive Specialty Instructor

Discover the vital role mangroves play in protecting coastlines, filtering water, and supporting juvenile marine life at Assava's own mangrove and river. Learn mangrove ecology and why they are crucial to healthy ocean ecosystems.

"TAKE ACTION SAVE THE OCEAN."

Koh Tao's vibrant marine ecosystem makes it an ideal location to combine PADI Instructor training with conservation. Coral reefs surround the island, home to turtles, reef sharks, and countless fish species, creating a living classroom for both diving skills and marine science.

Here you can witness first-hand the balance between marine life and human activity while learning how to protect these fragile habitats. Completing your PADI IDC alongside dedicated conservation projects gives you the knowledge and experience to inspire future students and motivate divers to safeguard our seas



PADI IDC WITH COMPREHENSIVE MARINE CONSERVATION TRAINING AT ASSAVA DIVING RESORT, KOH TAO



Step 1 - PADI IDC eLearning

Prepare for your PADI IDC in advance by completing the PADI IDC eLearning. This includes quizzes and knowledge reviews. Each section is related to your classroom workshops and presentations.

Step 2- Dive Theory prep

Scuba Dive Online IDC candidates receive exclusive access to our "Digital Instructor's eBundle".. This includes Dive Theory presentations both live and recorded, new Dive Theory eBook and more. Plus, we will provide unlimited access to online practice exams.

Step 3 - Your Internship

Your IDC will be unlike any other! Once completed, you will be a highly qualified PADI Instructor with hands-on conservation experience and the skills to inspire future students to protect the ocean.

IDC INTERNSHIP PRICE 3,500 US\$

Price includes:

- Six-weeks accommodation in Assava's purpose built dorms. (upgrade available at discounted price)
- PADI Instructor Development Course. All PADI IDC materials including eLearning, PADI ruck sack and aquatic training slates.
- Scuba Dive Online's exclusive "Digital Instructors eBundle" study tools, including digital exams, dive theory eBook and more.
- A full conservation programme conducted by qualified marine biologists, including 5 Instructor Specialties and materials.
- Team teaching experience.
- Dive centre operations including customer service sales training.
- "Employment within the dive industry" workshop and help with work placement.
- The best time of your life!

Prerequisites

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be certified as a Divemaster or equivalent.
- Be certified as a diver for a minimum of six months.
- Have 90 logged dives that include experience in night, deep and navigation, 100 before the IE.
- Be fit for diving and submit a medical statement signed by a physician within the last 12 months.
- Have proof of CPR and First Aid training within the last 24 months (PADI EFR course meets this requirement).

TPADI fees 2026 not included:
IE fee 1.190 AUD
Instructor application 350 AUD
EFR Instructor app 252 AUD

WEEK ONE

Arrival and welcome dinner
Orientation and fun dives
IDC preparation including:
Diving skills circuits
Water skills stamina
Search & Recovery workshops
Dive Theory revision presentations

WEEK TWO

IDC begins - Orientation, Systems and Standards
IDC workshops incl: How to Teach, Risk, Business and Sales
Knowledge Development, Confined and Open Water presentations

WEEK THREE

Rescue and Search and Recovery workshops
DSD, Deep Assessment and Advanced Course Workshops
EFR Instructor Course

WEEK FOUR

Instructor Exams (IE) 2 days
Day off
Start your conservation programme including Specialty Instructor training.

WEEK FIVE

Specialty Instructor training cont.
Presentations and dives to include Shark conservation, turtle conservation
Team teaching with experienced PADI Instructors

WEEK SIX

Team teaching
Conservation programme cont.
Coral reef conservation presentations and dives, Mangrove presentation and planting techniques
Employment in the Dive Industry
Farewell party!



This internship is more than a certification, it is a full transition into the professional dive industry.

With expert mentorship, hands-on training, and a dedicated marine conservation programme, you will gain instructor qualifications while helping to protect reefs, turtles, sharks, and mangroves. These skills enhance your diving career and increase your value to employers worldwide.

Whether you aim to travel, teach, or build a long-term career, this six-week IDC internship delivers the skills, credentials, and real-world preparation to succeed. Your journey to becoming a respected, environmentally aware PADI Instructor starts here.