

## Reef twitchers

### Level

Can be tailored to suit students at upper primary, years 7-10 or 11-12

### Location

This activity is conducted during a commercially operated reef cruise: any cruise allowing students to visit and snorkel on a coral reef is suitable.

*This is a full day activity: it provides at least 2 hours in the field, depending on the cruise selected.*

### Excursion Synopsis

Competition between pairs of students to observe and record as many organisms, from as many taxonomic groups as possible during a reef visit, with prizes for the winners.

Students observe and record information in the field and use field guides to research and identify organisms.

Provides an opportunity to explore and appreciate the reef environment.

### For Senior Biology Teachers

This activity can be tailored to meet the criteria set out in the QSA curriculum for learning experiences:

#### Evolution and diversity

'Visiting a natural environment to observe species diversity'

#### Theory into practice

'Techniques for identifying organisms e.g. keys and field guides'