

TRAINING IN SCUBA DIVING: EXPLORING UNDER WATER WORLD OF OCEANS

SCUBA diving is an essential tool for the exploration and conservation of underwater ecosystems. In addition to build capacity of stakeholders involved in coastal and marine wetland resources management, PWP Diving section also delve into the study of coral reef ecosystems and discovered coral reefs in Gwadar Bay in February 2011. After conduct of training, we have planned to undertake survey of entire Makran Coast to practically evaluate why coral reefs are essential for our survival and will investigate the reasons that these natural treasures are endangered.

The Programme has planned two types of scuba diving courses in October/November 2011, which include PADI Open Water Diver Course which is internationally recognised and is your passport to the world of scuba diving and will give you the freedom to dive any where in the world with a buddy independent of a professional. Upon Completion of PADI Open Water Course participants will be awarded certification by PADI Asia Pacific Australia. For those who can not meet the pre-requisites to undergo PADI Open Water course can do Basic Scuba Diving course which is also full of fun and adventure.

We have highly experienced and foreign trained Open Water Scuba Diving Instructor who is on the panel of PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors). The schedule of the courses is tabulated below:

Course Code	Scheduling Month	Swimming Pool Session/Knowledge Review	Confined Water Dive	Open Water Dive
Open Water Diver Course (OWD-3)	November 2011	04 days	Two day (four dives in the sea up to the depth of 6m)	Two days (four dives up to depth of 12-18m)
Basic Scuba Diving Course	November 2011	03 days in swimming pool	One or two try dives in shallow water in the sea	-

Registrations are open until November 8th 2011

Course Fee: PKR 50,000/- Includes registration/certification by PADI, rental equipment, PADI education material, lunch with refreshments, Swimming pool charges, on land and sea transportation. The education material which will be provided to student divers includes; Diving Manual, DVD, Dive planner, Divers Logbook and Training Record, Keep Diving Brochure, Vinyl Satchel. **Fee for Basic Diving Course will only be PKR 15,000/-**

Venue: Karachi

Pre-requisites: For PADI Open Water Diver course, student divers are to demonstrate 10-minute swim/float without using any swim aids and 200 meter/yard continuous surface swim or a 300 meter/yard swim with mask, fins and snorkel.

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