



# VOLUNTEER RANGERS

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**Volunteer Rangers is a new scheme in Dahab, supporting the National Parks through local marine conservation projects**

### **Volunteer Ranger Training**

The third VR training programme is well under way. The final practical training session was completed on 26th April. Trainees learned underwater survey techniques using the Reef Check method and enjoyed an interesting dive led by VR marine biologist, Jessica Bouwmeester. Our next training programme is being scheduled for the end of May. If you are interested in taking part, please contact us at: [volunteer.rangers@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.rangers@gmail.com)

### **Assalah Beach Clean-up**

On 15th April a group of volunteers including many Bedouin children from Assalah managed to clean about 1 km of beach, starting from the Eel Garden SSDM Shade until the last houses

on Assalah Beach. The event was organised by new VR trainee Jose Hoeflaken. During the day 90 camel bags were filled with rubbish. Large items like car tyres were collected separately. We received donations of rubbish bags, work gloves and a vehicle during the day. All the rubbish was collected and recycled by Hemaya.



To thank everyone for their efforts a BBQ was held that evening for all the volunteers. Food and drinks were generously donated by a number of bars and restaurants. Volunteer Rangers and the National Parks thank all those who took part and helped us to protect the living reef and to make Dahab a cleaner place to live.

### **Eel Garden Marker Buoys**

The work day to install the remainder of the buoys took place on 28th April. A clear pathway now marks the entry/exit point at Eel Garden. The final stage of the project will be to link the buoys with ropes, providing a safety line. All equipment was provided by SSDM Dahab.

### **Thank you**

Many thanks to Hemaya, SeaMore Travel, Carm Inn, Dive Urge, Tota, Sinai Divers, SSDM Dahab.

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