

Underwater Naturalist

The PADI Underwater Naturalist Course

Look closer to see more on your next dive. Look for symbioses, predator/prey and other relationships between aquatic plant and animal life. Learn not just what fish and animals are, but how they interact with each other and the environment.

The Fun Part

Learn about why some creatures behave the way they do and what their role is in the aquatic ecosystem.

What You Learn

- The major aquatic life groupings, interactions and factual information that dispels negative myths.
- The role of aquatic plants, food chains and predator prey relationships
- Responsible interactions with aquatic life
- The underwater naturalist's view of organisms and their roles in the environment

You put this information into practice during your two open water dives.

The Scuba Gear You Use

You will use the [basic scuba gear](#) and perhaps some [scuba accessories](#).

Check with us about gear rentals and packages offered with this course. You can find most everything here at NOVA Dive Center.

Prerequisites

- Must be a [PADI Open Water Diver](#) or Junior Open Water Diver (or qualifying certification from another organization)

Your Next Adventure

If you are interested in becoming an underwater conservationist or documenting what you encounter, you'll also enjoy these specialty courses:



[PADI National Geographic Diver](#)
[AWARE Fish Identification](#)
[Coral Reef Conservation](#)
[Project AWARE Specialist](#)
[Peak Performance Buoyancy](#)
[Digital Underwater Photography](#)
[Underwater Videographer](#)