

By highlighting the pressures our reefs face, and starting to track and monitor these changes, the platform enables more informed, collective decisions that will help manage and protect these vital ecosystems for future generations.

Founder & Director of [GLIDER](#), Lekki Maze said Reef Life Explorer provides an immersive experience in the underwater world, giving unparalleled visibility on the threats facing our reefs.

“By visualising and reflecting back the collective effort of thousands, this platform is a powerful reminder that each of us, whether a citizen scientist or a citizen of the world, can have an impact and help drive positive change,” Ms Maze said.

Associate Professor Stuart-Smith said Reef Life Explorer was an exceptional platform, and had exceeded his team’s expectations.

“Reef Life Explorer is a live, constantly-evolving resource that will continue to grow as the global monitoring effort expands – with more citizen scientist divers and collaborators contributing more data from more reefs around the world,” he said.

“We’re really excited to be sharing this important data with the world.”

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