



# Conservation Diver Foundation

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# Conservation Diver Foundation

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**CONSERVATION  
DIVER**



## MISSION

Our aim is to not rely solely on governments to solve these problems, but to increase the capacity and skillsets of local managers and divers around the globe to empower a new generation of action oriented conservationists. Through training courses we are giving people from many different backgrounds the knowledge to initiate action, and through our networks helping those who want to make a difference join up and realize their goals.

## EIN

82-2987996

## RULING YEAR

2019

## IRS SUBSECTION

501(c)(3) Public Charity

## FOUNDING YEAR

2016

## MAIN ADDRESS

7321 TIMBER TRAIL RD  
EVERGREEN, CO  
80439

## AFFILIATION TYPE

Independent Organization

## CONTACT

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## CEO

Chad Scott

## BOARD CHAIR

Chad Scott

## SUBJECT AREA

Education

Environment

Civic participation

## NAICS CODE

813312 Environment,  
Conservation and Wildlife  
Organizations

## SIC CODE

8399 Social Services, NEC

8699 Membership

Organizations, NEC

## NTEE Code

Environmental Quality,  
Protection, and Beautification  
N.E.C. (C99)

Education N.E.C. (B99)

Citizen Participation (W24)

## PROGRAMS

### 1. Marine Conservation Training and Certifications

Population(s) served: General/Unspecified

Budget: \$20,000

## POPULATIONS SERVED

### 1. Adults

## TOP FUNDING SOURCES

<b>donations</b>	\$7,647.43
<b>certification cards and books</b>	\$4,485.57
<b>childrens book sales</b>	\$2,600

## COMPLIANCE

- ✓ IRS Pub 78 Verified as of December 2020
- ✓ IRS BMF 509(a) (1) as of December 14, 2020  
Section 509(a)(1) organization as referred to in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

## TRANSPARENCY MEASURES

- ✗ Board Practices Reported?
- ✗ Diversity Data Reported?

# Programs & Results

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## PROGRAMS

Source: Self-Reported by Organization,  
January 2021

### Marine Conservation Training and Certifications

**Population(s) Served:**

General/Unspecified

**Budget:** \$20,000

We offer a wide range of different courses in various aspects of professional level marine science, protection, restoration and conservation. Our in depth courses include theory, skill development, practical experience, and certifications. By working with local communities we help raise stakeholder capacity to empower them to take control over the resources their community depends upon.

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## CHARTING IMPACT

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### What is the organization aiming to accomplish?

Our goal is to establish marine conservation and research centers in various locations around the globe where such efforts are currently lacking or have proven unsuccessful. These centers will be run by or will employ local community members and be integrated into community based projects. Through our network of scientists, conservationists, and photographers we hope to create a nexus that will empower local communities to take the sustainability of their environment, economy, and culture into their own hands.

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### What are the organization's key strategies for making this happen?

We have a series of scientifically based (and proven) techniques that can be implemented in any location where SCUBA diving is possible. These methods and techniques are taught to local reef managers, who then become certified in teaching them. By teaching our courses, not only are we conducting the necessary work, but also raising stakeholder capacity within their community, generating income through Eco-tourism, and creating sustainable revenue through the sale of certification cards. Conservation Diver provides this turn-key package through our established learning materials, certification cards, group trips, scholarships, and other means.

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### What are the organization's capabilities for doing this?

We have published more than 15 courses in marine monitoring, research, and protection. These courses have already trained thousands of students and local community members. Through the operation of these courses we have produced more than 18 peer-reviewed scientific publications to further the science. Our restoration projects have been independently evaluated (Hein, 2020) to be one of the most successful in the world. Through our global network of conservationists we are spreading the word, training others, and facilitating careers into the industry.

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### How will they know if they are making progress?

We have several objective and quantifiable metrics that can be used to judge success:

- The number of new students certified through our programs
  - The number of training centers in operation around the globe
  - The number of scientific publications based on our research and management work
  - The number of local community members involved in our projects
  - The number of individuals realizing a career into the industry due to our assistance
  - The ecological and social impact of our training centers in their communities
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### What have and haven't they accomplished so far?

We have established some of the most successful coral reef research, protection, and restoration programs in the world. Based on the success of our first program, we have now expanded to other areas of Thailand, Indonesia, Nicaragua, and the Azores. We currently have plans to open centers in Madagascar, Hawaii, and the Mediterranean (2021) as well as the Maldives, India, Uganda (2022). We have developed a wide range of courses to cover every topic, including published manuals for those courses. These courses have not only trained up thousands of students and lead to several Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD theses, but also a long list of peer-reviewed articles in scientific journals.

# Financials

Source: Self-Reported by Organization, January 2021

**FISCAL YEAR START:** Jan/1

**FISCAL YEAR END:** Dec/31

## Revenue & Expenses

Revenue	2020
Contributions, gifts, and grants	\$7,647
Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	\$0
Membership Dues	\$4,986
Net Income from Special Events	\$2,520
merchandise & refunds	\$5,206
Total Revenue	\$20,359
Expenses	
Program	\$4,141
Administration	\$2,649
Fundraising	\$6,547
Payments to Affiliates	\$0
shipping & misc	\$3,543
Total Expenses	\$16,881
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	
Total Assets	\$10,382
Total Liabilities	\$0
Net Assets or Fund Balance at the end of year	\$10,382

# Operations

Source: Self-Reported by Organization, January 2021

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## CEO

Chad Scott

[🔗 LinkedIn profile](#)

Chad Scott is the CEO of Conservation Diver since starting the non-profit in 2014. He previously started and acted as the director for the New Heaven Reef Conservation Program, on Koh Tao, Thailand since 2007. He holds a Master's in Marine Ecology, and has over 13 years of experience in coral reef protection, conservation, and restoration. He has led hundreds of environmental projects on the island with the Save Koh Tao Group, the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, the Fisheries Department, and others. He has published over 16 scientific, peer-reviewed papers on the topics of conservation and ecological restoration, which are all available from his researchGate profile or Google Scholar profile.

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## BOARD CHAIR

Chad Scott

Conservation Diver Foundation

Term: 2019 -

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## BOARD MEMBERS

George Bevan

Pau Urgell Plaza

Ravi Scott

Spencer Arnold

Rahul Mehrotra

## STAFF

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Staff Type	Name	Title
Senior Staff	George Bevan	Director of Development
Senior Staff	Spencer Arnold	Finance Director
Senior Staff	Rahul Mehrotra	Research and Development Director
Senior Staff	Pau Urgell Plaza	Outreach Director

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## Organizational Demographics

Who works and leads organizations that serve our diverse communities? This organization has voluntarily shared information to answer this important question and to support sector-wide learning. GuideStar partnered on this section with CHANGE Philanthropy and Equity in the Center.

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### Leadership

*The organization's leader identifies as:*

**Race & Ethnicity**      White/Caucasian/European

**Gender Identity**      Male

**Sexual Orientation**      Decline to state

**Disability Status**      Decline to state

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### Race & Ethnicity

*No data*

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### Gender Identity

*No data*

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### Sexual Orientation

*No data*

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### Disability

*No data.*

# Appendix

## Key Documents

IRS Forms 990	Not Available
IRS Forms 990T	Not Available
Audited Financial Statements	Not Available
Key Organization Documents	<a href="#">Letter of Determination</a>

## Conservation Diver Foundation

Also Known As: Conservation Diver  
7321 TIMBER TRAIL RD  
EVERGREEN, CO 80439

**Foundation Status Code:** PC \*  
Public charity described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)

### IRS Publication 78 Details

<b>Organization Name</b>	Conservation Diver Foundation
<b>EIN</b>	82-2987996
<b>Location</b>	Evergreen, CO
<b><a href="#">Deductibility Status Description</a></b>	A public charity (50% deductibility limitation).
<b>Most Recent IRS Publication 78</b>	December 2020
<b>Verified with Most Recent Internal Revenue Bulletin</b>	January 11 2021



### IRS Business Master File Details

<b>Organization Name</b>	CONSERVATION DIVER FOUNDATION
<b>EIN</b>	82-2987996
<b>Most Recent IRS BMF</b>	December 14 2020
<b>IRS Subsection</b>	This organization is a <a href="#">501(c)(3) Public Charity</a>
<b>Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status</b>	Section 509(a)(1) organization as referred to in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
<b>Ruling Date</b>	02/2019
This organization was not included in the Office of Foreign Assets Control Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list.	



On September 8, 2011, the IRS issued [regulations](#) which eliminated the advance ruling process for a section 501(c)(3) organization. [Learn more](#)

\* The Foundation Status Code is the code that foundations are required to provide for each grantee annually on part XV of Form 990PF. Note that this code cannot be derived in some cases (e.g., supporting organizations for which 'type' can't be determined).

[IRS Revenue Procedure 2011-33](#) allows grantors to rely on third-party resources, such as GuideStar Charity Check, to obtain required Business Master File (BMF) data concerning a potential grantee's public charity classification under section 509 (a) (1), (2) or (3).

### GuideStar Charity Check Data Sources

- GuideStar acquires all IRS data directly from the Internal Revenue Service.
- [IRS Publication 78 \(Cumulative List of Organizations\)](#) lists organizations that have been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.
- The [IRS Internal Revenue Bulletin](#) (IRB) lists changes in charitable status since the last Publication 78 release. Between the release of IRS Publication 78 and the subsequent IRS Internal Revenue Bulletin, the IRB date will reflect the most recent release date of IRS Publication 78.
- The [IRS Business Master File](#) lists approximately 1.7 million nonprofits registered with the IRS as tax-exempt organizations.
- The [IRS Automatic Revocation of Exemption List](#) contains organizations that have had their federal tax-exempt status automatically revoked for failing to file an annual return or notice with the IRS for three consecutive years.
- The Foundation Status Code is a value derived by mapping the codes found on the [990PF filing instructions](#) to the corresponding codes in the IRS BMF. Note that not all codes are able to be mapped due to insufficient data.
- The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) [Specially Designated Nationals \(SDN\) list](#) organizations that are owned or controlled by targeted individuals, groups, and entities, such as terrorists or narcotics traffickers. Their assets are blocked and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from dealing with them.

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