

Rebecca's interview

-Hello, what's your name ?

-Hi everyone ! I'm Rebecca Vega Thurber and I'm a chief scientist aboard the schooner Tara

-Where are you from ?

-My lab is based in the United States, in the state of Oregon, which is the state just above California

-What's your job on Tara ?

-For this trip my job on Tara is to be Chief scientist, as Chief scientist I'm in charge of all the aspects of the science, coral collecting, water collecting and other aspects of the science take along in this mission

-How long will you stay on the boat ?

-For this time I'm going to be on the boat for approximately six weeks from the Salomon Islands to Papua New Guinea

-Is it difficult to live on a boat ?

-No, it's really fun experience and sometimes it can be hard when the conditions are hard like if it is raining or the seas are very rough, but for the most part, it's a great experience and the crew are lot of fun and we have a great time.

-Do you get seasick on the boat ?

-I have been seasick before but I usually don't get seasick because I try to make sure that I do the things that keep me from getting seasick like reading inside the first few weeks but for the most part, as long as you are careful you can try not to get seasick.

-Well Beky, it was nice to meet you. Thanks for this interview.

-Thank you. Hi everyone , have a great trip !, « Bonne mer ! »