

# Responsible Dive Practices

As divers, it is our responsibility to ensure that we behave appropriately in the water and minimise our impact on the amazing marine environment.

We ask you to follow these guidelines to ensure you dive responsibly.



**Be a good example, and expect the same from others!**

## ★ NO GLOVES!

We have a strict 'no glove' policy, unless required for medical purposes. Gloves might give you protection from the reef, but they offer no such protection to the reef and marine life.

## ★ NO TOUCHING!

Please don't touch corals, turtles or any other marine life. If you need to balance to see something properly, ask your guide for help. Your hands have bacteria and chemicals from sunscreen that can result in negative impacts to marine life.

## ★ NO HARASSING MARINE LIFE!

Whether it is for personal enjoyment, to show others or for a photo opportunity this is completely unacceptable behaviour. If the current is too strong or the creature that you want to take a photo of is not in an ideal position wait for another opportunity. Don't take a photo at the expense of the natural environment!

## ★ USE REEF FRIENDLY SUNSCREEN

The chemicals in most sunscreen, oxybenzone and octinoxate, are harmful to reefs and contribute to coral bleaching. We ask that you use reef friendly sunscreen, apply 20 minutes before going in the water or better yet, cover up!

## ★ CONTROL YOUR BUOYANCY

Stay off the corals and avoid stirring up sand. Not only will you upset your buddies by reducing the visibility, but you will also disturb marine life burrowed in the sand. Do not rest your fins on the reef as they will cause damage to the corals.

## ★ WATCH YOUR EQUIPMENT

Ensure all of your equipment is tucked before and during a dive. Do not leave hoses or gauges dangling as they can easily catch on corals causing damage to the reef.

## ★ TAKE NOTHING BUT PHOTOS, LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS AND BUBBLES

If it is found down there, it should stay down there. The same applies for shells on a beach which provide homes for a wide variety of marine life including crabs and octopus. Also, please do not leave litter on the boats or on the beach.

## ★ SAY NO TO SOUVENIRS SOURCED FROM THE OCEAN

While we encourage you to support the local community by using their shops, we ask that you avoid souvenirs such as shells, corals, shark teeth or jewellery made from them.