



Green Fins Code of Conduct

"To protect and conserve coral reefs by establishing and implementing environmentally friendly guidelines to promote a sustainable diving tourism industry."

As a Green Fins Member You Are Expected To:

- 1 Adopt Green Fins mission statement.
- 2 Display adopted Green Fins agreement for dive operators.
- 3 Adhere to "Green Fins' Friendly Diving and Snorkeling Guidelines" and act as responsible role model for guests.
- 4 Participate in regular underwater cleanups at dive operator selected sites.
- 5 Participate in the development and implementation of a mooring buoy program, and actively use moorings, drift or hand place anchors for boats.
- 6 Prohibit the sale of corals and other marine life at the dive operation.
- 7 Participate in regular coral reef monitoring, and report coral reef monitoring data to a regional coral reef database.
- 8 Provide adequate garbage facilities on board facility's vessel and deal with responsibly.
- 9 Operate under a "minimum discharge" policy.
- 10 Abide by all local, regional, national; and international environmental laws, regulations and customs.
- 11 Provide guests with an explanation of Green Fins' Friendly Diving and Snorkeling Guidelines" in pre-briefings (UNEP Multilingual pre-dive briefing handouts, multimedia, posters, videos, etc).
- 12 Provide training, briefings or literature for employees and guests regarding good environmental practices for snorkeling, diving, boating, marine wildlife interaction, and other marine recreation activities.
- 13 Provide staff and guests with public awareness and environmental materials (books, pamphlets, fish ID books, etc.).
- 14 Provide guests with information on local marine protected areas, environmental rules and regulations.
- 15 Promote strict "no touch" policy for all reef diving and snorkeling

Adapted from The Coral Reef Alliance (CORAL)



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"Environmentally Friendly Standards for Dive Operations"