



GREEN FINS FRIENDLY DIVING

Please follow these simple guidelines and be a Green Fins diver.

BEGIN WITH YOURSELF

Support coral conservation by choosing a resort and dive operator with care, and be a "green consumer" with your money.

- Choose dive operations that are environmentally-friendly, such as those displaying the Green Fins certificate.
- Choose environmentally-conscious hotels and dive resorts.
- Strive to improve your diving skills.
- Practice skills away from coral reef areas.
- Learn about coral reefs and other animals that live in the reefs.
- Adopt environmentally-friendly practices.

ON THE BOAT

- Choose dive operators that make use of available moorings. Anchors can destroy fragile marine life.
- Prevent the introduction of garbage, solid waste, and toxic substances into the marine environment by ensuring all garbage is well-stowed and disposed of responsibly.

IN THE WATER

- Do not touch, stand or rest on corals and other marine life even when wearing gloves, booties, and fins. Some are very delicate animals; you may cause them harm, and some can hurt you.
- Take nothing live or dead out of the water.
- Do not chase, harass, ride on, feed, or handle marine life.
- Enter and exit the water away from reefs.
- Make sure your equipment is secure at all times.
- Maintain neutral buoyancy; practice good finning to avoid accidental contact with the reef and stirring up sediments.

TAKING PICTURES

- Photography and video equipment are cumbersome and affect a diver's mobility and buoyancy in the water. It is easy to touch and damage marine life when focusing on the objects.
- Develop advanced skills to prevent contact with marine life.

ON LAND

- Support conservation projects through:
 - ‡ Paying user fees for recognised programs and areas that support coral conservation, if applicable.
 - ‡ Filling in wildlife sighting forms when available.
 - ‡ Volunteering your skills in beach cleanups and other marine environmental activities.
- Do not purchase souvenirs made from corals and other marine life - this is usually illegal and environmentally-unfriendly.
- Spread the word - tell your dive buddies these simple, but important conservation practices.