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# THE GREEN FINS CODE OF CONDUCT

## To protect our fragile marine ecosystems, Green Fins members and marine tourism operators who care about the environment should:

- 1** Adopt the Green Fins mission statement: "To protect and conserve coral reefs by establishing and implementing environmentally friendly guidelines to promote a sustainable diving and snorkelling tourism industry."
- 2** Display the Green Fins Code of Conduct, Icons and signed certificate for your guests and staff to see
- 3** Follow the Green Fins Icons and act as responsible role models for guests
- 4** Take part in regular beach and/or underwater cleanups
- 5** Help to develop and implement or support mooring buoy programmes and actively use moorings, drift or hand place anchors for boats
- 6** Prohibit the sale or display of corals, shells and other marine life
- 7** Take part in regular marine life monitoring and report the data to an active database
- 8** Provide adequate trash facilities on board your vessel and dispose of all waste responsibly
- 9** Prevent any toxic chemicals (e.g. oil, cleaning products, sunscreen etc.) from entering the ocean
- 10** Abide by all local, regional, national and international environmental laws, regulations and customs
- 11** Explain the Green Fins icons to your guests in pre-dive briefings
- 12** Provide training, briefings, talks or information to help employees and guests understand good environmental practices for marine tourism activities (e.g. snorkelling, diving, boating, marine life interactions etc.)
- 13** Provide environmental materials (e.g. ID books, educational posters etc.) for your staff and guests to read
- 14** Inform guests about local Marine Protected Areas and their associated environmental rules and regulations
- 15** Promote a strict 'no touch' policy for all reef diving and snorkelling

