

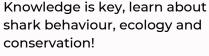
## RESPONSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCUBA DIVING WITH **OCEANIC WHITE-TIP SHARKS**

## Carcharhinus longimanus

The Red Sea is a well-known area for its conspicuous presence of sharks. A total of 49 species of sharks occur in the area encompassing the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden. The oceanic white-tip (Carcharhinus longimanus) is a large shark found in tropical and subtropical oceans throughout the world. They are seasonal visitors to the Red Sea and usually appear in off-shore reefs. If you are lucky enough to dive with them please follow these guidelines.





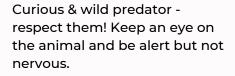






Listen carefully to pre-dive briefings; your local guide will let you know what to expect and how to react!

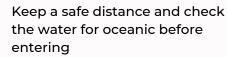






Dive during the day and avoid diving between dusk and dawn





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Use the mooring systems

Enter water in a quick & safe

minimize time at surface

manner, via negative entry and







Follow safe diving practices; wear a wet suit, maintain neutral bouncy, stay vertical if the shark is close to you, stay calm

Avoid sudden movements, stay alert, keep your eyes on the animal and NEVER turn/swim away from a shark

Take plenty of photos and report sightings. CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS



Limit your observation to a maximum time of 30 minutes



Groups of divers should stay together and ideally remain at the same depth level as the shark and in buddy teams





**Report any violations** to the authorities

Conduct any snorkelling, skin / free diving or swimming in their area



Conduct any kite surfing, water-skiing or any activities that involve zodiac / boat towing

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Conduct any type of fishing; if you spot any fishing activities whilst diving; exit the water immidiately

Use camera flash

Use selfie-sticks



Use underwater acoustic signaling devices

Use underwater motorized

diver propulsion

Try to touch the animal, the shark might become defensive and attack

Chase or harass the shark



Feed sharks; if you notice any shark feeding activities in the water EXIT the water immidiately and report to the authorities



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