



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.

DO



Knowledge is key, learn about shark behaviour, ecology and conservation!



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



Curious & wild predator - respect them! Keep an eye on the animal and be alert but not nervous.



Dive during the day and avoid diving between dusk and dawn



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



Keep a safe distance and check the water for oceanic before entering



Use the mooring systems



Enter water in a quick & safe manner, via negative entry and minimize time at surface



Follow safe diving practices; wear a wet suit, maintain neutral buoyancy, 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](#)



Report any violations to the authorities

DON'T



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



Use underwater motorized diver propulsion



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



Use underwater acoustic signaling devices



Use camera flash



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



Use selfie-sticks



Chase or harass the shark



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

