



GREEN FINS FRIENDLY SNORKELING

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

BEGIN WITH YOURSELF

Support coral conservation by choosing a resort 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.
- Practice your snorkeling skills away from coral reef areas.
- Make sure your equipment fits properly - it may be difficult to adjust in the water.
- If you feel uncertain, wear a life jacket while snorkeling.
- 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 or booties. Some are very delicate animals; you may cause them harm, and some can hurt you.
- Maintain a comfortable distance from the reefs to avoid contact. Be careful where you enter and exit the water to avoid destroying corals.
- If wearing fins, be aware of where your fins are, and don't stir up sediments or damage corals.
- Do not chase, harass, ride on, feed, or handle marine life.
- Take nothing live or dead out of the water.
- Look, but do not touch!

TAKING PICTURES

- Photography equipment can affect a snorkeler's mobility and buoyancy in the water. Do not hold onto corals when taking pictures.
- 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.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

- Learn about coral reefs and other marine animals that live in the reefs.
- Spread the word - tell your snorkeling buddies these simple, but important conservation practices.