

# Protecting Our Coral Reefs by Diving and Snorkeling the Green Fins Way



**GREEN FINS**  
**Guidelines to the Code of Conduct**  
 As a Green Fins member this dive centre is committed to protecting the marine environment by following this best practice. If you notice lack of compliance to any of the following practice please report to [info@greenfins.com](mailto:info@greenfins.com).

GREEN FINS: Best Practices for the Dive Operation		GREEN FINS: Best Practices for the Dive Staff	
1	Display Green Fins certificate and poster in visible place on boat	1	Be certified and trained and follow the Best Practices Friendly Diving and Snorkeling Guidelines
2	Clearly set and communicate as your "Green Fins Charter"	2	Developments, briefings and activities to your "No Touch" environmental policy
3	Display all dive staff on the environmentally friendly diving and snorkeling guidelines poster	3	Always use mooring buoys to avoid and reduce coral damage
4	Apply "minimum discharge" and "responsible garbage" criteria. Provide any relevant information of resources to your staff and guests, including products, materials, items and services for recycling, composting, reuse, etc.	4	Know and act upon all local, regional and national laws and where relevant, marine protection areas
5	Use proper fishing to take and display of marine life	5	Participate in regular beach and underwater cleanups
6	Promote good business practices, i.e. and marine conservation (e.g. Reef Watch, and beach cleanup) training and photography skills	6	Participate in reef and marine life monitoring and other (ID) books and posters of threats to life
7	Train and equip staff members with the jobs they are working	7	Prohibit the sale of corals, fish and display of marine life unless you support the stock to trade

**GREEN FINS: Best Practice for Customers**  
 As a Green Fins member you are expected to follow the following best practice guidelines:

7 THINGS DIVERS MUST DO	7 THINGS DIVERS MUST NOT DO
1. Be environmentally friendly. Do not touch or break anything on the reef.	1. Do not touch or break anything on the reef.
2. Do not use reef fins or reef shoes.	2. Do not use reef fins or reef shoes.
3. Do not use reef anchors.	3. Do not use reef anchors.
4. Do not use reef buoys.	4. Do not use reef buoys.
5. Do not use reef floats.	5. Do not use reef floats.
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The tide is turning for marine tourism in Indonesia with the launch of Green Fins in January 2018. Green Fins provides an opportunity for dive operators to be recognized role models for sustainable tourism by improving their business practices to be more environmentally friendly within a global framework. With the popularity of marine tourism growing every year, some snorkelers and divers unknowingly harm the marine environment, thus Green Fins' tools for marine tourism operators aims to reduce negative impacts on the coral reefs.

Established in 2004, Green Fins provides international standards for environmentally responsible diving and snorkeling. It is coordinated by the UN Environment and The Reef-World Foundation and is being implemented in Indonesia by the Coral Triangle Center (CTC). It is also an active network of more than 500 dive and snorkel operators in eight countries around the world all working to protect our marine environment.

When a dive or snorkel operator joins Green Fins, they are making a commitment to protect coral reefs and our marine environment by agreeing to critically assess all aspects of their day-to-day operations.

## Green Fins members are expected to:

1. Adopt the Green Fins mission statement
2. Display the adopted Green Fins agreement for the public to see
3. Adhere to the 'Green Fins' Friendly Diving and Snorkeling Guidelines and act as a responsible role model for guests
4. Participate in regular underwater cleanups at dive operator selected sites
5. Participate in the development and implementation of a mooring buoy program and actively use moorings, drift or hand place anchors for boats
6. Prohibit the sales of corals and other marine life at the dive operation
7. Participate in regular coral reef monitoring and report coral reef monitoring data to regional coral reef database
8. Provide adequate garbage facilities on board facility's vessel and deal with responsibly
9. Operate under a 'minimum discharge' policy
10. Abide by all local, regional, national and international environmental laws, regulations and customs
11. Provide guests with an explanation of Green Fins' Friendly Diving and Snorkeling Guidelines in pre-dive briefings
12. Provide training, briefing or literature for employees and guests regarding good environmental practices for snorkeling, diving, boating, marine wildlife interaction and other marine recreational activities
13. Provide staff and guests with public awareness and environmental materials (ID books, pamphlets, etc.)
14. Provide guests with information on local Marine Protected Areas, environmental rules and regulations
15. Promote a strict 'No Touch' policy for all reef diving and snorkeling





By adopting the Green Fins Code of Conduct, members are lessening their impact on marine ecosystems, taking action to clean up the reefs, and help our reefs become more resilient to large-scale threats such as climate change and plastic pollution.

Operators can join Green Fins for free. They receive annual assessments, training and feedback to help them achieve the Code of Conduct as well as a system to track their progress.

In Indonesia, the Green Fins assessors are from CTC, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries in Denpasar, and from Bali Professional Diver Association. The assessors passed the Green Fins training and were officially certified as Green Fins assessors. All assessors are equipped with full-set of assessment tools as well as a Green Fins assessor ID card.

As of end-2018, 14 dive operators in Bali and Flores have been certified as Green Fins members. The target is to certify 30 dive centers by 2019. Plans are underway to train more assessors and expand the program in other locations in Indonesia such as Ambon, Wakatobi, and Komodo as well as in Timor Leste.

Green Fins provides an opportunity for marine tourism operators to be recognized as role models in sustainability by improving their business practices and helping raise awareness of their customers to help save our reefs and the ocean that connects us all.



## Let's dive and snorkel the Green Fins Way!



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