

Motorised Boating

As part of our commitment to advancing sustainable tourism, we encourage our tourism partners to improve their sustainability performance by providing them with the guidance below.

- ✓ Ensure applicable legal **permits & permission** to access the activity area are in place
- ✓ Ensure **insurance** is in place for guests and team
- ✓ Identify **health & safety** risks, implement management systems, and provide appropriate safety equipment
- ✓ Ensure enough team members are available to monitor water for **collision avoidance** (with marine life, other vessels, and swimmers / divers) and to respond in case of emergency
- ✓ Monitor activity **area conditions** (including weather) in advance & during the activity
- ✓ Be familiar with activity area and ensure that **navigation and communication** tools are in good working order
- ✓ Maximise local **economic benefits** through employment and purchasing
- ✓ Avoid single use & disposable items, provide secure on-board **waste** collection for safe disposal, and pick up any rubbish found along the way
- ✓ Use **eco-friendly products**, e.g., for antifouling of boat hulls
- ✓ Use **noise suppression equipment** (or electric engines) where disturbance to wildlife, other users, or residents is significant
- ✓ Do not use **underwater sonar** equipment in the vicinity of marine wildlife habitat
- ✓ Be **waterwise** and take pro-active measures to use water sparingly
- ✓ Minimise **energy** used in the activity as part of a climate action strategy
- ✓ **Refuel** boats on land, where possible, and use fuel collar / bib to catch drips, overflow
- ✓ Oil- or grease-contaminated bilge and untreated ballast are not **discharged** into open water
- ✓ **Untreated sewage** and sullage are pumped out at shore-based facilities
- ✓ Provide **information in advance** about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect, and what to bring with
- ✓ **Screen participants** ahead of time to make sure that the activity is well suited to their fitness & level of ability
- ✓ Manage **group size** to minimise impacts on people & the planet
- ✓ Obtain written confirmation, e.g., via **indemnity**, that participants are aware of activity risks
- ✓ **Brief participants** about do's and don'ts, safety, hazards to be aware of, what to expect, logistics, conduct, and rubbish collection and disposal before the activity starts
- ✓ **Launch boats** at designated ramps / launch points only
- ✓ **Share information** about local nature & culture, as well as social development / conservation projects that participants may want to support
- ✓ Show **respect** for the land, waterways, wildlife, and other activity area users
- ✓ Remain in **designated activity area**, and avoid both sensitive marine / coastal environments and areas of human activity



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- ✓ Operate boats to minimise wave, wake, and wash impacts; **slow speeds** only in shallows, over sensitive habitat and coral reefs, near shorelines, and when crossing another wake
- ✓ Use **moorings** over sensitive marine environments; over coral reefs, ensure bow and stern are secured to prevent reef damage due to shift in the wind
- ✓ **New mooring point** location and installation is determined in accordance with causing least environmental damage
- ✓ Drop **anchor** only in mud / sandy areas, and with enough chain laid to avoid dragging; never anchor on seagrass or coral reefs
- ✓ Repair and compensate for any **damage** caused to the activity area
- ✓ Participate in conserving activity area **integrity**; notify authorities of concerns (including mooring repair needs noted) and participate in rehabilitation projects

