

Where Your Dreams Come Blue



Environmental Pledge For Scuba Divers and Snorkelers

The precious coral reefs of Hawaii are facing many serious threats from human actions. Divers, snorkelers and other recreational ocean users can harm coral reef ecosystems if they behave carelessly and do not show respect for marine life. Hundreds of thousands of people visit Hawaiian reefs every year so small individual actions can add up to have a significant effect. Because we care about our coral reefs and want to do everything possible to reduce human impacts, we ask that you commit to not participate in potentially destructive behavior.

Following these rules of responsible marine recreation will help you to better understand and appreciate coral reefs while you help to preserve this unique ecosystem for future generations.

I pledge to minimize my impact to the sensitive coral ecosystem by following these rules of responsible marine recreation

- 1. Never Touch, stand on or kick the coral reef or any live coral*
- 2. Carefully select points of entry and exit to avoid damaging reefs*
- 3. Secure all dangling equipment/ accessories*
- 4. Maintain Neutral buoyancy at all times underwater (divers)*
- 5. Maintain a comfortable distance from the bottom that does not kick up sediments or allow you to come into contact with the reef while SCUBA diving or freediving*
- 6. Never throw food or rubbish into the water or feed fish*
- 7. Never chase, move or manipulate marine life or habitat*
- 8. Wear reef safe sunscreen only (even if applied on land it ends up in our oceans)*
- 9. If you are new to Hawaii waters go with a guide for the first time to learn local waterways, ocean conditions, marine life and local guidelines and regulations.*