

Common Red Sea species

Indopacific bottlenose dolphin

Tursiops aduncus

Red Sea status: common

Size: 2.5-2.7m



Common bottlenose dolphin

Tursiops truncatus

Red Sea status: common

Size: 2.5-3.8m



Indopacific Humpback dolphin

Sousa chinensis

Red Sea status: low density

Size: 2.6-2.8m



Spinner dolphin

Stenella longirostris

Red Sea status: common

Size: 1.3-2.3m



False killer whale

Pseudorca crassidens

Red Sea status: low density

Size: 5-6m



Risso's dolphin

Grampus griseus

Red Sea status: low density

Size: around 4m



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What can I do?

Choose tour operators who care for the environment (e.g. ask if they are aware about the existence of the code of conduct for dolphin watching)

Ask your dive guide for a briefing about what you are going to do and see

Encourage your boat captain and crew to respect the code of conduct

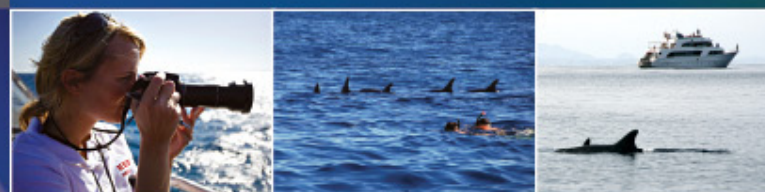
Help us to spread the message about the importance to protect dolphins and their environment

Contact us if you witness harassment behavior (report a violation on www.hepca.com)

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we need your passion



Code of Conduct

to enjoy dolphin encounters

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Dolphins are mammals as we are. They breathe air, they give birth, nurse their babies, they attend to them with great care and learn from each other.

Dolphins are curious, social and clever. An encounter with wild dolphins at sea can be an extraordinary and unforgettable experience for you.

However, wrong human behavior can lead the encounter in a different direction. Dolphins can be disturbed or even scared. The risk is that they then could associate encounters with humans with an unpleasant event.

As a result, our children may never enjoy the chance of an encounter with these charismatic animals in their natural habitat.

Here you can find a few easy guidelines to ensure that your encounter with wild dolphins will result in a pleasant experience for everybody.



Code of Conduct for boats

- ▶ Approach dolphins slowly, carefully and parallel
- ▶ Maintain a clearance distance of 30m from the dolphins
- ▶ Do not chase dolphins, let them decide if or when to approach the boat
- ▶ Do not reverse, accelerate and/or change direction suddenly
- ▶ Do not drop people in the water if other boats are around or when the sea is rough
- ▶ When dolphins are already approached by another boat wait for your turn
- ▶ Do not follow dolphins inside lagoons and keep a distance of 200m from the reef

Navigation near a reef must be done with the only purpose of mooring and at very low speed (<2 knots)

Code of Conduct for swimmers

- ▶ Swim gently and quietly
- ▶ Let dolphins approach and decide if and how to interact
- ▶ Avoid noises
- ▶ Do not chase dolphins
- ▶ Touching and feeding dolphins is strictly forbidden
- ▶ Always use fins, mask and snorkel

