## **Mooring: Wadi El Gimal**

As more divers discover the fabled offshore islands of the southern region of the Red Sea, the unspoiled reefs in this area are under an unprecedented amount of pressure. HEPCA has teamed up with US-based international environmental nonprofit organization SEACOLOGY to install additional mooring buoys in the 494,100 acre marine reserve of Wadi El Gimal National Park.

SEACOLOGY Executive Director Duane Silverstein led a passionate group of supporters and friends aboard the Royal Evolution on an expedition to learn more about the unique environment of the Red Sea and gain hands-on experience installing the buoys with the HEPCA divers. The team additionally participated in a Bedouin ecotourism training program which presented the many unique challenges we face in the Red Sea.

HEPCA values its partnership with SEACOLOGY as it shares the same convictions on endangered species, habitats and cultures.