



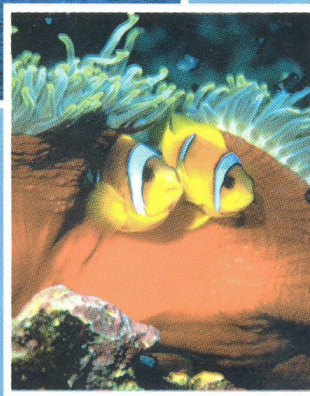
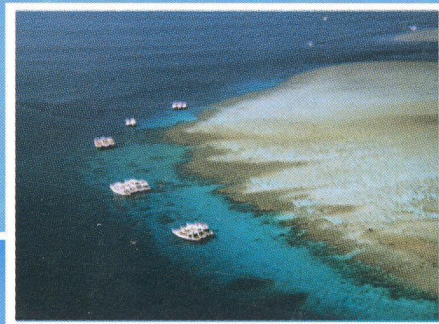
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# **GUIDELINES & REGULATIONS**

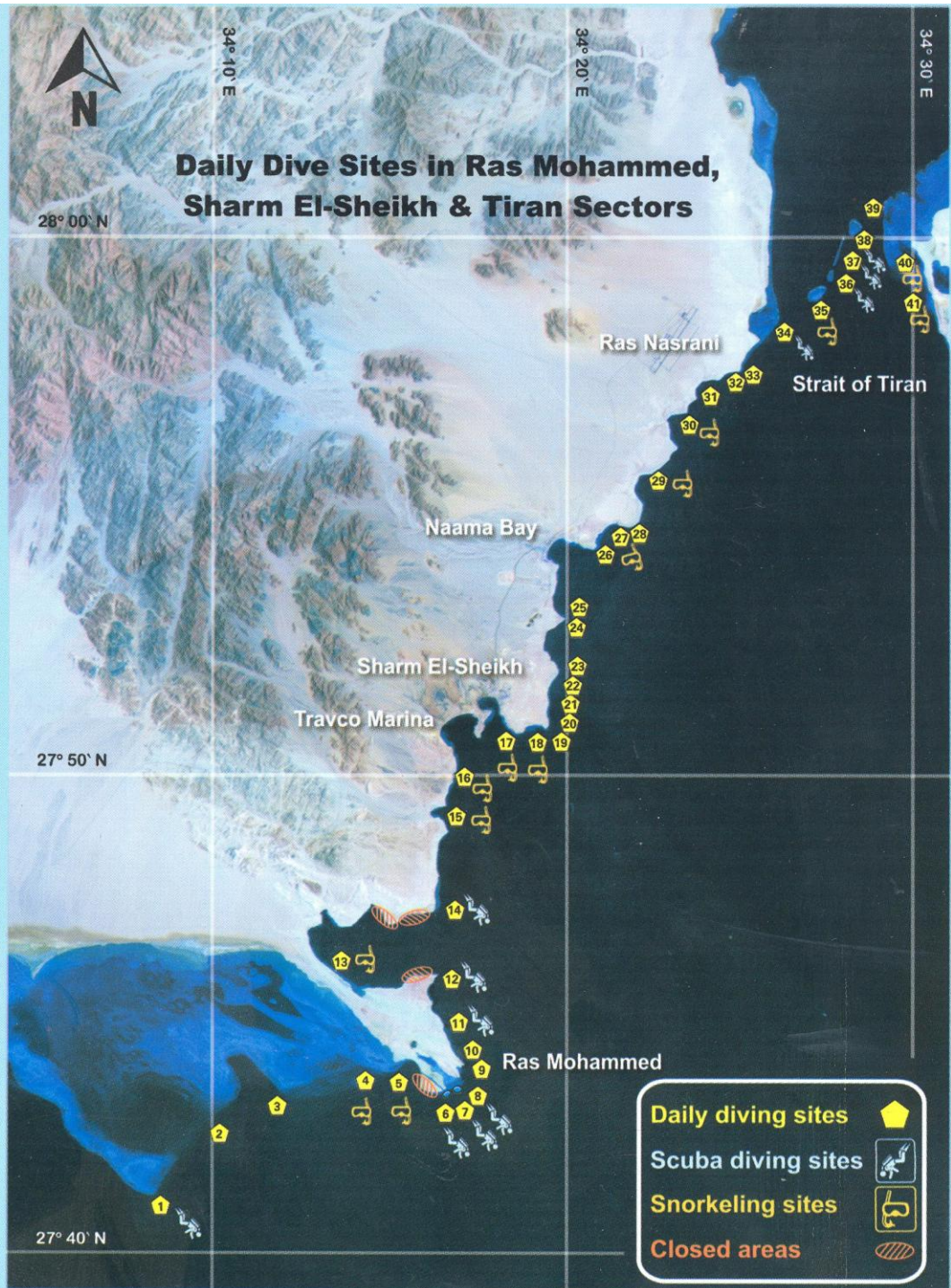
## **for DIVE SITE MANAGEMENT**



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1	Don Raven			R5
2	Stingray			R6
3	Al- Ottaf			R7
4	Marsa El-Baeira			R9
5	Old Quay			R10
6	Yolande Reef			R11
7	Shark reef			R12
8	Anemone City			R13
9	Shark Observatory			R14
10	Eel Garden			R15
11	Jackfish Alley			R16
12	Ras Attar			R17
13	Marsa Bereika			R18
14	Ras Ghozlani			R22
15	Marsa Ghozlani			R23
16	Marsa Khareita			R24
17	Ras Katy			L1
18	Temple			L2
19	Ras Umm Sid			L3
20	Fiasco			L4
21	Paradise			L5
22	Turtle Bay			L6
23	Amphoras			L7
24	Tower			L9
25	Sodfa			L10
26	Near Garden			L11
27	Middle Garden			L12
28	Far Garden			L13
29	Tiger Bay			L14
30	Sharks Bay			L15
31	White Knight			L16
32	Ras Bob			L17
33	Ras Nasrani			L18
34	Ras Gamilla			T1
35	Gordon Reef			T2
36	Thomas reef			T3
37	Woodhouse reef			T4
38	Jackson reef			T5
39	Torfet Shobeir			T6
40	South Lagoon			T7
41	North Lagoon			T8



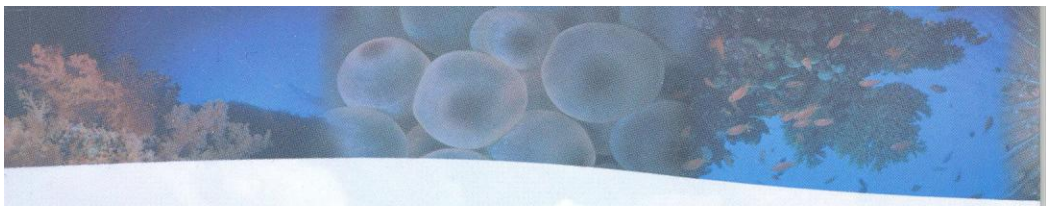
Remember, you are a visitor to the coral reef.  
Be considerate of marine creatures and do not  
disturb or chase them at their home

The boat skipper is responsible for securing the boat and applying safety regulations. In case of mal-function to any mooring, please do not use it and report immediately to Marine Unit of Ras Mohammed National Park

Tel.: 3660668-3660559

Marine radio (VHF) ch. 14 (Ras Mohammed)



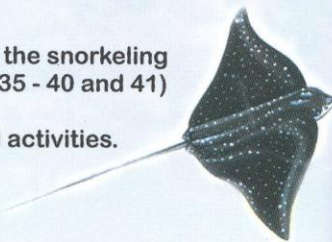


## Dive site management and zoning regulations

### 1- Snorkelling boats:

Snorkelling boats should use the allocated moorings at the snorkeling sites (site numbers 4 - 5 - 13 - 15 - 16 - 17 - 18 - 27 - 29 - 35 - 40 and 41) shown on map.

This provides for safety and distribution of recreational activities.



### 2- Scuba Diving boats:



- Scuba diving is permitted at all daily diving sites (shown by yellow on map)
- Scuba diving sites shown on map are dedicated to drift diving by experienced divers.
- Dive boats visiting Tiran and Ras Mohammed Sectors should adhere to the following regulations

#### Tiran sector management regulations:

- a- It is allowed to make only one dive for each boat daily in Jackson Reef. Second dives should be made at other dive sites shown on map.
- b- Dive boats are allowed to be present at the Straits (Jackson, Woodhouse and Thomas Reefs) only during the dives.
- c- At all other times, boats should be moored at Gordon Reef, North Lagoon, South Lagoon or Torfet Shobeir (for snorkeling, resting, dive training, etc.)



#### Ras Mohammed Sector management regulations:

- a- Dive boats are allowed to make only one dive daily in Shark Reef zone (Anemomy City, Shark Reef & Yolande Reef). These are only allowed for experienced divers to undertake a drift dive. Second dives should be made at other dive sites shown on map.
- b- Dive boats are allowed to be present at the Shark Reef Zone and up to Ras Zaatar and Ras Ghozlani only during the dives.
- c- At all other times, boats should be moored at Al Ottaf, Old Quay, Marsa Bereika or Marsa Ghozlani (for snorkeling, resting, dive training, etc.)



Diagram of coral anatomy



## Do You Know

Coral reefs support livelihood to thousands of marine creatures that interact through various food webs, energy cycles and competition among them. Coral animals are sensitive marine creatures to any disturbance. Reef building corals are slow growing (some hard corals grow only a few mm annually). Please take note of the following regulations:

## Regulations for visitors to protect marine environment in dive sites:

It is forbidden to collect remove or damage any natural resource, living or dead, from dive sites (corals, reef-fish, shells, plants, fossils, etc.)

Fish Feeding is not allowed as it affects the biological balance of the reef and leads to changes in fish diet and behaviour.

Sitting and/or walking on corals cause breakage and physical damage to coral branches.

Keep a distance of minimum 2m between you and any reef or the bottom

Wearing gloves is not recommended by snorkellers nor by divers. Underwater photographers should take extra care for their buoyancy control.

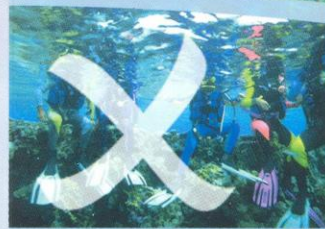
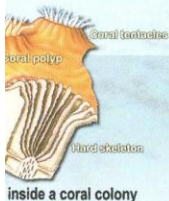
## Instructions for use of moorings in dive sites:

For your safety and in order to protect the coral reefs from anchor damage

Moorings are installed at safe locations by the Gulf of Aqaba Protected Areas for use by all registered recreational boats (less than 28m length) according to the following regulations:

The maximum capacity for use of moorings use is:

- 3 boats per mooring (boats < 22m length)
- 2 boats per mooring (boats 22 - 28m length)
- Please maintain idle speed ( less than 2 knots) in the vicinity of all dive sites.
- Watch for swimmers, snorkelers, and diver bubbles while approaching.
- Dumping of waste or litter is forbidden at all dive sites



## Guidelines for secure use of moorings

To secure your boat to a mooring buoy, run your line through the loop of the floating pick-up line and cleat both ends to the bow of your boat. Add enough line to create a horizontal pull on the eye-bolt.

