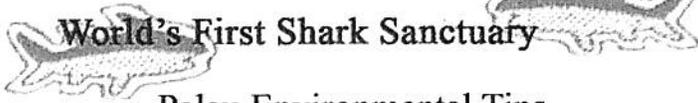


Welcome to PALAU!



Palau Environmental Tips

Reef Tips for Divers and Snorkelers: The coral reefs in Palau are among the most diverse and beautiful in the world. Please follow these guidelines to help keep Palau's underwater world the diver's paradise it is.

Maintain neutral buoyancy to avoid knocking or brushing against marine life.

Coral is alive and easily damaged. Avoid touching, grabbing or standing on coral. It is also illegal to collect corals, shells, or other sea creatures.

Please be careful with your fins, as sand from fin movement can injure or smother small sea creatures and coral.

The undersides of rocks are home to small creatures that cannot live anywhere else. Please leave rocks, shells and coral in place for the reef dwellers who need them.

Killing, damaging, riding or chasing marine life are examples of poor diver behavior.

Trash may kill marine life. Please collect any trash you see on the beaches or in the water.

Feeding fish can make them pests, and some may even become aggressive towards divers. Feeding Fish can also harm the delicate coral reefs.

Use a permanent mooring buoy to secure your boat instead of dropping anchor.

Palau Historic Preservation Tips:

Remember to take everything you bring to the site with you when you leave

Do not remove anything from the site. Although you may not think something is significant to the sites, all pieces make up the whole.

Ask permission before taking photos of someone, or their home.

Remember that many sites include culturally sensitive areas and therefore appropriate behavior should always be observed and practiced.

Ke Kmal Mesulang!
Thank You,



Republic of Palau ~ Conservation Laws

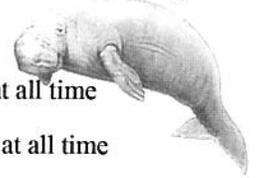
For centuries, Palauans have followed traditional fishing, rules, observing spawning seasons of species, and ensuring their conservation for the future generations.

It is Against Domestic Fishing Laws of Palau to:

Grouper: Buy, sell or fish for from April 1 – July 31

Rabbit-fish: Buy, sell or fish for from February – March

Hump Head Parrot Fish: Buy, sell or fish at all time



Napoleon Wrasse: Fish, Buy or sell at all time

Aquarium Fish: Only Palauan citizens can apply for an Aquarium Collection Permit

Rock Lobster: Fish, sell or buy egg-bearing female, or any less than 3.5 inches in total length of the carapace

Mangrove Crab: Fish, buy or sell any less than 6 inches in length; Export, or fish for, buy or sell with the intent to export

Coconut Crab: Fish, sell or buy any egg-bearing female, whatever size; Fish, buy or sell any if less than 4 inches across the shell; Export, or to fish for, buy or sell with the intent to export, whatever size

Turtles: Take any female turtle while she is on land, take turtle eggs; taking any turtle during the months of May, June, July, August, December, & January; take, on open season, green turtle with carapace less than 34 inches in length; take hawksbill turtles at all times

Giant Clams: Export, or to fish for, buy or sell with the intent to export

Trochus: During open season, take any trochus less than 3 inches in diameter at the base

Black Tip Pearl Oyster: Harvest any with a shell width of less than 4 inches; harvest any from Aug to Dec

Sea Cucumber: Export, or to fish for, buy or sell with intent to export

Dugong: Kill, or posses dugongs

Sponges: No Sponges may be exported

Hard Corals: No Hard Corals may be exported

Marine Rocks: No Marine Rocks may be exported



Historical & Cultural Preservation Act

Under Palau National Code Title 19, it is against the law for any person take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy or alter any registered historical site or tangible cultural property

