**Whale Shark Code of Conduct & Guidelines**

**Rules & Regulations**

**Vessels**
- Do not get closer than 30m to a shark
- Do not travel faster than 6 knots within 250m of a shark
- Do not allow more than 6 divers near a shark
- Only 1 vessel can be within 250m of a shark, max stay 90 mins
- Approach from the shark’s front when dropping divers

**Divers**
- Do not feed a shark
- Do not touch, ride or chase a shark
- Do not use flash photography
- Do not restrict a shark’s movements or behaviour
- Do not use jet propulsion devices near a shark
- DO RELAX – a shark may choose to approach you

**Whale Shark Facts:**
- The whale shark is the world’s largest fish, growing to a length of 12.5m and weighing a colossal 21 tons
- It has the biggest mouth of all living sharks (up to 1.4m wide) which it uses to suck up plankton: the ocean’s smallest creatures!
- The IUCN Red List classifies the whale shark as ENDANGERED

By following a few simple rules and regulations, humans and whale sharks can coexist in a more natural way. Adherence to these rules will not only increase your chances of an enjoyable and successful dive or snorkel experience, it will minimise behavioural, nutritional, and migrational disruptions of whale sharks.

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