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Motorised Boating

As part of our commitment to advancing sustainable tourism, we encourage our tourism partners to improve their sustainability performance by providing them with the guidance below.

✓ Ensure applicable legal **permits & permission** to access the activity area are in place

✓ Ensure **insurance** is in place for guests and team

✓ Identify **health & safety** risks, implement management systems, and provide appropriate safety equipment

✓ Ensure enough team members are available to monitor water for **collision avoidance** (with marine life, other vessels, and swimmers / divers) and to respond in case of emergency

✓ Monitor activity **area conditions** (including weather) in advance & during the activity

✓ Be familiar with activity area and ensure that **navigation and communication** tools are in good working order

✓ Maximise local **economic benefits** through employment and purchasing

✓ Avoid single use & disposable items, provide secure on-board **waste** collection for safe disposal, and pick up any rubbish found along the way

✓ Use **eco-friendly product**s, e.g., for antifouling of boat hulls

✓ Use **noise suppression equipment** (or electric engines) where disturbance to wildlife, other users, or residents is significant

✓ Do not use **underwater sonar** equipment in the vicinity of marine wildlife habitat

✓ Be **waterwise** and take pro-active measures to use water sparingly

✓ Minimise **energy** used in the activity as part of a climate action strategy

✓ **Refuel** boats on land, where possible, and use fuel collar / bib to catch drips, overflow

✓ Oil- or grease-contaminated bilge and untreated ballast are not **discharged** into open water

✓ **Untreated sewage** and sullage are pumped out at shore-based facilities

✓ Provide **information in advance** about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect, and what to bring with

✓ **Screen participants** ahead of time to make sure that the activity is well suited to their fitness & level of ability

✓ Manage **group size** to minimise impacts on people & the planet

✓ Obtain written confirmation, e.g., via **indemnity**, that participants are aware of activity risks

✓ **Brief participants** about do's and don'ts, safety, hazards to be aware of, what to expect, logistics, conduct, and rubbish collection and disposal before the activity starts

✓ **Launch boats** at designated ramps / launch points only

✓ **Share information** about local nature & culture, as well as social development / conservation projects that participants may want to support

✓ Show **respect** for the land, waterways, wildlife, and other activity area users

✓ Remain in **designated activity area**, and avoid both sensitive marine / coastal environments and areas of human activity

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✓ Operate boats to minimise wave, wake, and wash impacts; **slow speeds** only in shallows, over sensitive habitat and coral reefs, near shorelines, and when crossing another wake

✓ Use **moorings** over sensitive marine environments; over coral reefs, ensure bow and stern are secured to prevent reef damage due to shift in the wind

✓ **New mooring point** location and installation is determined in accordance with causing least environmental damage

✓ Drop **anchor** only in mud / sandy areas, and with enough chain laid to avoid dragging; never anchor on seagrass or coral reefs

✓ Repair and compensate for any **damage** caused to the activity area

✓ Participate in conserving activity area **integrity**; notify authorities of concerns (including mooring repair needs noted) and participate in rehabilitation projects

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