To protect our fragile marine ecosystems, Green Fins members and marine tourism operators who care about the environment should:

1. Adopt the Green Fins mission statement: “To protect and conserve coral reefs by establishing and implementing environmentally friendly guidelines to promote a sustainable diving and snorkelling tourism industry.”

2. Display the Green Fins Code of Conduct, Icons and signed certificate for your guests and staff to see.

3. Follow the Green Fins Icons and act as responsible role models for guests.

4. Take part in regular beach and/or underwater cleanups.

5. Help to develop and implement or support mooring buoy programmes and actively use moorings, drift or hand place anchors for boats.

6. Prohibit the sale or display of corals, shells and other marine life.

7. Take part in regular marine life monitoring and report the data to an active database.

8. Provide adequate trash facilities on board your vessel and dispose of all waste responsibly.

9. Prevent any toxic chemicals (e.g. oil, cleaning products, sunscreen etc.) from entering the ocean.

10. Abide by all local, regional, national and international environmental laws, regulations and customs.

11. Explain the Green Fins icons to your guests in pre-dive briefings.

12. Provide training, briefings, talks or information to help employees and guests understand good environmental practices for marine tourism activities (e.g. snorkelling, diving, boating, marine life interactions etc.).

13. Provide environmental materials (e.g. ID books, educational posters etc.) for your staff and guests to read.


15. Promote a strict ‘no touch’ policy for all reef diving and snorkelling.