

Tubbataha Reefs Park Rules & Regulations

TUBBATAHA REEFS NATURAL PARK

THE FOLLOWING ACTS ARE **PROHIBITED** IN THE PARK



ALL FORMS OF FISHING



TOUCHING OF FLORA & FAUNA



FEEDING MARINE LIFE



USE OF GLOVES WHILE DIVING



USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC



VANDALISM IN ANY FORM



COLLECTING ANY FLORA OR FAUNA or their parts or derivatives



INTRODUCING NON-NATIVE SPECIES TO THE PARK



POLLUTING or LITTERING



CRUISING AROUND SOUTH & NORTH ISLETS w/o clearance from marine park rangers



CHASING MARINE LIFE or any acts that harass/stress



FLYING OF DRONES AT NORTH & SOUTH ISLET



LANDING A BOAT/ SETTING FOOT ON NORTH & SOUTH ISLETS



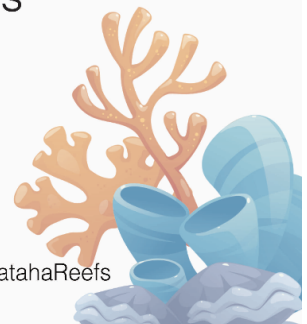
SWIMMING, SNORKELING/ DIVING at NORTH & SOUTH Islets & Lagoons



USE OF POINTER RODS OR TANK BANGERS



PLEASE REPORT VIOLATIONS



Diving Best Practices

- Always check that you are properly weighted and practise your buoyancy control in an area where you cannot damage anything.
- Observe distance. To prevent contact you should stay a safe distance from marine life – brushing against a coral could give you a painful scratch but may kill fragile coral polyps.
- Don't touch any marine life.
- Don't chase, grab or block the path of any free-swimming animal – imagine how you'd feel if a shark were to do that to you!
- Don't collect anything from within the park; Even dead corals and shells are home to other marine organisms.
- Take care not to disturb the sand – sediment and sand that land on living corals can smother and kill it.
- Do not leave your trash. Please pick up any litter that you find in or out of the water.
- Take care not to harm any marine creatures whilst you are looking for that perfect shot.

Use of Drones

Drones may be used in most areas of Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park, *as long as a permit has been obtained* in advance. Application for a drone permit must be submitted to the Tubbataha Management Office (TMO) two (2) weeks prior to visiting. The application form can be downloaded from the Tubbataha Reefs website here [Drone Permit Application](#) and should be submitted by email to tmo@tubbatahareefs.org

Ban on Single Use Plastics

In accordance with Resolution No.19-03 of the Philippines Republic Act No. 10067 under the Tubbataha Protected Area Management Board (TPAMB) Administrative Order No.2, certain single use plastic items have been prohibited in Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park since 2019.

Single use plastics generally refers to packaging and other items which are intended to be used only once, then thrown away or recycled. These include, but are not limited to, mineral / drinking water bottles, plastic cutlery, cups, lids and plates, styrofoam/ polystyrene cups and food containers, plastic straws and drink stirrers, food and clothing wrappers, carrier bags, etc.

The single use plastic ban applies to all Tubbataha vessel operators and visitors, and checks are conducted by the Tubbataha Management Office (TMO) and park rangers to ensure compliance. From 2023 stricter controls are being implemented to enforce this ban with heavy fines being imposed on anyone found violating these regulations.

Master Liveboards is dedicated to reducing our environmental impact and plastic waste; we therefore ask Philippine Siren guests to avoid bringing not only specifically banned items but any single use plastics with them.

KEEP PLASTICS OFF TUBBATAHA!

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FAST FACTS

THE STATE OF PLASTIC POLLUTION



Over 300 million tons of plastic are produced annually, at least 14 million tons end up in our oceans every year. (IUCN, 2021)



Without action, the number of plastics will triple by 2040, to around 29 million metric tons per year! (The Pew Charitable Trusts and SYSTEMIQ Ltd., 2020)



Only 9% of plastic waste is being recycled.



The Philippines generates 1.5 million tons per year. (Law et. al., 2020)



Plastic contains petroleum, a fossil fuel, which has harmful impacts on the health of the ocean and people and our climate.

Plastic materials banned under the Tubbataha Protected Area Management Board (TPAMB) Administrative Order No. 02



PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES, PLASTIC CUTLERY, PLASTIC CUPS AND PLATES
PLASTIC STRAWS AND STIRRERS, STYROFOAM/POLYSTYRENE FOOD CONTAINERS

PENALTIES

FIRST OFFENSE	Warning/citation
SECOND OFFENSE	Php 10,000 fine
THIRD OFFENSE	Php 30,000 fine
FOURTH OFFENSE	Ban from entering Tubbataha Reefs and Natural Park (TRNP) for one (1) year.



SCAN ME!

Help us stop plastic at source
<https://tinyurl.com/BanPlasticsNowPhilippines>
Together let's fight for a #PlasticFreeOcean!

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