

Whale Shark Interaction Guidelines

for tourist safety and to lessen disturbance to the whale shark



No more than 1 boat per shark



Keep a minimum distance of 3 meters from the head and body of the shark and 4 meters from the tail



No flash photography. Whale sharks are very sensitive to light



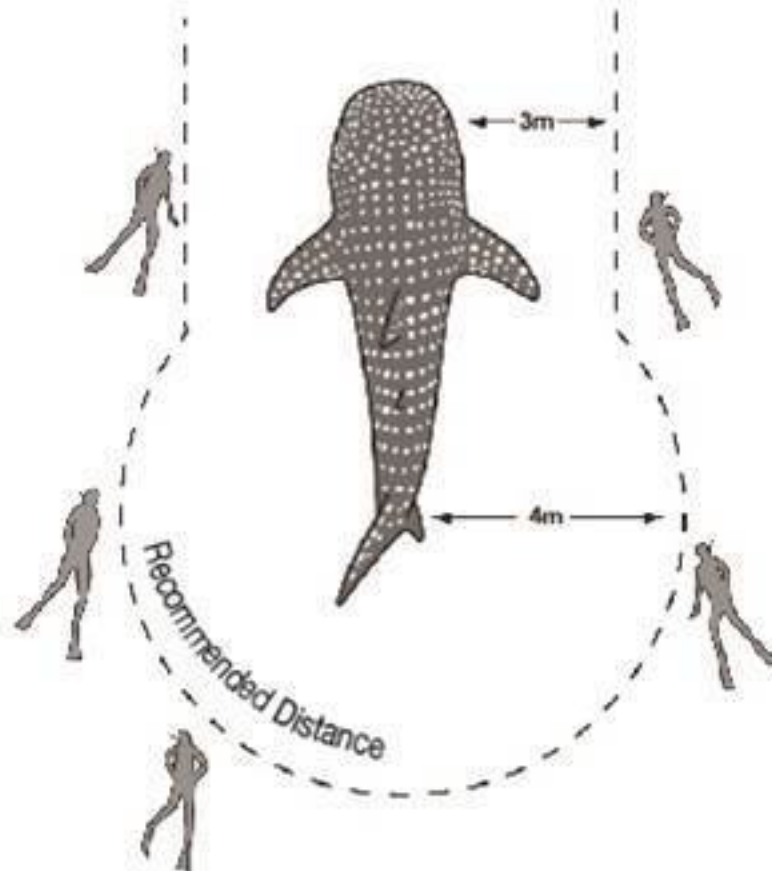
Do not use selfie sticks



Interaction time should not last more than 30 minutes per shark



Minimize splashing when entering the water. This can disturb the sharks



NO feeding of wildlife



Do not touch the shark. It could react violently or swim away, leading to a shorter interaction



Scuba diving is not allowed



Do not obstruct the path of the whale shark



Motor boats should maintain a minimum distance of 20 meters from the shark



A maximum of 6 tourists (+ 1 guide/researcher) per shark are allowed in the water

