



ELEMENTS TO ADDRESS WHEN DEVELOPING YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Damage to the diving environment threatens the life within it and diminishes the attraction to dive at a site. Preserving the ecological structure of the diving environment requires active participation by all who dive in our waters. It is also our collective responsibility for our planet.

Dive businesses, professionals – and the dive community at large – should follow these simple steps when considering how to manage and prevent further harm to the environment.

1.

Properly manage, collect and dispose of the following:

- Compressor waste fluids, oils & used filter cartridges
- Condensate from compressor separator
- Oils & fuels in boat bilges, lubricants and engine exhaust waste products
- General product- and food-related waste

2.

Use of biodegradable & eco-friendly cleaning agents

3.

Discouraging use of single-use plastic materials

4.

Recycle and encourage others to do so

5.

Control sewage and waste water outlets

6.

Utilize renewable energy sources

7.

Take action to protect and preserve flora and fauna around dive shops and dive sites

8.

Refrain from displaying marine life and other artifacts collected from the sea

9.

Avoid touching, disturbing or making accidental contact with corals or sensitive underwater plant species

10.

Prohibit the removal of artifacts, creatures, shells or other naturally belonging items

11.

Encourage divers to eat sustainable seafood

12.

Actively participate in beach, underwater and ecologically-sensitive area clean-ups