



Hawai'i Uncharted Research Collective

Whale Shark Interaction Guidelines

CODE OF CONDUCT

- MINIMIZE SPLASHING WHEN ENTERING THE WATER
- DO NOT TOUCH THE WHALE SHARK
- DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE ANIMAL'S PATH
- DO NOT USE MOTORIZED SCOOTERS
- NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY
- **STAY 3M (10FT) AWAY FROM THE HEAD & 4M (13FT) AWAY FROM THE TAIL**
- IN THE EVENT THE ANIMAL TURNS TOWARDS YOU, MAKE YOUR BEST EFFORT TO RETURN TO THE SIDE OF ITS BODY WITH APPROPRIATE DISTANCE
- **IF UNCERTAIN, LOOK FOR DIRECTION FROM BOAT CREW**
- BE COURTEOUS OF OTHER SWIMMERS

