Whale Shark Interaction Guidelines
for tourist safety and to lessen disturbance to the whale shark

Respecting the shark will ensure a better interaction

Based on international guidelines
Motor boats should maintain a minimum distance of 20 meters from the shark.

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

No more than one boat per shark.

Scuba diving is strictly prohibited.

No flash photography.
Whale sharks are very sensitive to light.

Keep a minimum distance of 3 meters from the head and body of the shark and 4 meters from the tail (Approximately one shark body length).

... and other environmentally friendly practices:

Do not throw trash in the water.
The sharks may accidentally swallow it!

Do not touch or remove coral, shells or seagrass.
A healthy coral reef is essential to the whale sharks food.

No feeding of wildlife.

Avoid splashing.
It can disturb the shark.

Thank you for your cooperation.
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Plastics + Sun and Salt Water → Microplastics

Fishing → Fish → Zooplankton

The oceans are turning into plastic. Refuse. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.
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From their numbers and habitats to their migratory pathways

TAKE THE PERFECT IDENTIFICATION PHOTOGRAPH

• Take a photo of the left side.
• Stay at least 4m away from the shark.

• Aim for the portion just behind the gills.
• Get level and perpendicular to the shark.

If possible you should also try to take a photograph of the right side of the shark, as well as a shot of the sharks genitals.

Don’t forget to record the following information:
• Location
• Water Depth
• Date
• Estimated Size
• Time

Submit your photographs and research data to info@lamave.org

Thank you in advance for helping to protect the world’s largest fish!

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