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**Recreational diving services —  
Requirements and guidance on  
environmentally sustainable practices  
in recreational diving**

*Services relatifs à la plongée de loisirs — Exigences et  
recommandations relatives aux pratiques écoresponsables en plongée  
de loisirs*

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## Introduction

The diving community has a unique capability and therefore responsibility in observing and reporting on the condition of the aquatic environment. This document elaborates on how the recreational diving community can make use of this capability while ensuring that full consideration is given to environmentally sustainable interaction with the aquatic environment. It provides guidance on how divers can positively affect the aquatic environment through activities such as underwater cleanups and aquatic surveys.

In diver training and diving activities divers must have an awareness of their environmental impact. This should include actively minimising any negative aspects, both potential and actual. Such training should encourage awareness of positive actions.

This document is intended to benefit the following stakeholders:

- divers and snorkellers;
- diving instructors and guides;
- dive centres, schools or clubs;
- dive boat operators;
- diver training organisations;
- tour operators offering diving holidays;
- governmental and other bodies seeking information on diving and the aquatic environment.

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