DIVING WITH SHARKS

Always follow the instructions of your Dive Guide.

Never chum or feed a shark with fish, fish blood or organic waste. This creates potentially dangerous situations due to competition, irritated senses or conditioning.

Keep in mind that there is always the risk of an accident.

IMPORTANT RULES
- Do not feed
- Do not touch
- Stay calm and be respectful
- Keep your eyes on the shark

Additional information is provided by SHARKPROJECT or your DIVE CENTER and DIVE GUIDES.
Do not feed

Feeding sharks is illegal throughout Egypt’s Red Sea.
Do not enter the water if there is any sign of feeding activity around the boat. If you find out that there is food or bait in the water (from other groups, organic waste from a boat, natural prey):

1. Warn your dive guide and other divers and leave the water immediately.
2. Do not touch or get close to the bait.
3. Stay out of the chum line.
4. Report to your CAPTAIN or DIVE CENTER.

Do not touch

Never touch a shark or accost it, try to keep at least two body lengths away. If a shark gets very close push water against it (or a camera, shark pole, etc.)

Stay calm and be respectful

Insist on being properly briefed before a potential shark encounter. Do not show fear, but be respectful. Stay close to your group or buddy, sharks investigate lone divers more intensively. Avoid quick movements, even when sharks come up close to you. Stay in an upright position and avoid uncontrolled rapid kicks. Keep your hands close to your body. If at any time you feel uncomfortable: calmly leave the water together with your buddy.

Keep your eyes on the shark

Always maintain eye-contact with sharks showing close interest in you – they soon double back. Be aware that sharks like to approach from behind. Be aware of your surroundings (3D!) – works even better with buddies.
Be aware of where all the sharks are (especially when taking pictures or filming).
Always keep an eye on what is going on around you while ascending, while on the surface and when getting back onto the boat, dinghy or ladder.
Be aware that you are most vulnerable at the surface.