

RESPONSIBLE APPROACH AND OBSERVATION

of MARINE MAMMALS and TURTLES in Reunion Island

THE REUNION ISLAND IS A BREEDING SITE FOR THESE PROTECTED SPECIES : APPROACHING AND OBSERVING THEM IS REGULATED BY A STATE DECREE THAT REQUIRES CONSULTING AS IT IS CONSIDERED BINDING

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If we
respect them,
we will
see them

Be alert to collisions,
slow down inshore



Do not litter

@Océan Blue vie



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OBSERVATION FROM A BOAT

- In neutral
- Maximum speed of 4 knots
- Normal speed

Respect the observation distance

100m
50m

Maximum of 5 boats

Trajectory for observing

50 or 100m limit

300m limit

Cetaceans and marine turtles are protected
Pursuing or harassing them is liable to a fine of €750

- As a courtesy, **respect the order** for each boats arrival and **wait your turn**
- All boats on the same side of the animals to **avoid surrounding them**
- Boat remains **maneuverable**
- Limited time



ENTERING THE WATER

Limited time
15'
45'

Maximum of 3 boats



Someone with a boating license must stay onboard



Sonars, radars, sounders off and no fishing lines



Enter the water the same side the animals are



Do not touch the animals



Prohibited objects

Equipment : wetsuit, mask, snorkel, flippers and buoy



Slide along the hull of the boat



Stay passive, it is up to the animals to come to you



Maximum of 10 people, excluding guides, remaining together as a group



There is always a risk! Wild animals are unpredictable and potentially dangerous.
Do not go in the water if the animals are agitated or start to be (jumps, fin beats).



No children under 8



Authorization or legal representative onboard for minors under 18