

Endorsements:



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#### **GUIDELINES SUMMARY FOR WHALE WATCHING ACTIVITIES:**

- **LEARN TO UNDERSTAND WHALE BEHAVIOURS** and **ACT CONSEQUENTLY**. Stay away from resting whales. Stay away from whales that show signs of stress, fear and avoidance. Don't disturb feeding whales.
- **CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCE OVERALL BOAT NUMBER**. Maximum 3 boats observing 1 situation, maximum time 30 minutes.
- **BE CAUTIOUS**. Stay at an appropriately remote distance and keep quiet. Approach whales slowly, less than 5 knots within 300m, at constant speed, from the side and slightly to the rear. Move parallel to moving whales, not directly from behind, neither head-on, nor intercepting the path. Use minimum speed from 100m and idle speed from 50m. If whales approach the boat, go to engine neutral and only re-engage when passed. Don't encircle whales or block their freedom of movement out of an area.
- **INFORM, EDUCATE AND INSPIRE YOUR GUESTS**. Share your knowledge with your guests. Tell them about the whales and the marine environment and how to contribute to their protection.
- **BEWARE OF OTHER CRAFT OPERATING IN THE AREA**.
- **IN-WATER ACTIVITIES WITH WHALES (SWIMMING/DIVING) ARE DISCOURAGED MAINLY FOR SAFETY REASONS**.

Please read the [full guidelines document](#).

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