

Terms and Conditions for Tour Guides Operating in South Ari Marine Protected Area (SAMPA)

1. This license does not exempt the tour guide from complying with all applicable laws and regulations of the Republic of Maldives.
2. The tour guide shall comply with Law No. 4/93 (Environmental Protection and Preservation Act of Maldives), Regulation No: 2018/R-78 (Protected Area Regulation), Regulation No: 2021/R-25 (Protected Species Regulation), the South Ari Marine Protected Area (SAMPA) Management Plan.
3. The tour guide shall take full responsibility for any breaches of the above-mentioned laws and regulations by themselves or by individuals under their guidance while operating within SAMPA.
4. Failure to comply with Law No. 4/93 and other applicable regulations may result in legal consequences including, but not limited to, suspension or cancellation of licenses, fines, or other penalties under the Environmental Liability Regulation (2011/R-9), the SAMPA Management Plan and other relevant laws and regulations.
5. The tour guide must always carry a clearly legible copy of this license when conducting guiding activities within SAMPA and present it to enforcement or monitoring personnel upon request.
6. The tour guide is responsible for ensuring that all individuals under their guidance comply with all rules and best practices while inside the protected area. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Avoiding disturbance to marine life, including whale sharks and coral reefs
 - Not littering or polluting the marine environment
 - Not engaging in feeding or harassing marine species
 - Not anchoring on or damaging coral formations
7. The tour guide must promote environmentally responsible behavior and educate guests about the ecological and cultural importance of SAMPA in line with the management plan.
8. This license is valid only for the individual named and may not be transferred or used by others