

Observe marine mammals without disturbing them

In order to ensure a quality visit respectful of the animals, the SPAW Protocol offers a good practices guide to approach marine mammals.

Here are some of its recommendations :

Do not feed the animals



Don't throw anything in the water

Do not chase the animal



Stay calm (don't yell, don't bang on the hull of the boat)

If you see their offspring, keep your distance



Swimming with animals is not recommended

Do not separate, disperse, surround animals or get in the middle of a group



Do not pass over the animal

Eco-citizen actions to protect biodiversity

- ◆ In order to preserve the corals, use UV protective clothing and (or) an ocean-friendly mineral sunscreen.
- ◆ While underwater, do not touch anything to protect yourself from injury and to protect the oceans and their creatures from damage or contamination.
- ◆ Do not take any souvenirs from a wild site (sand, shells, starfish). They are also part of the ecosystem : they provide shelter and food for small animals and protect the coast from erosion.
- ◆ Choose reusable rather than disposable (water bottles, cups, bags.), sort your waste and say no to plastic.
- ◆ Just like anywhere else, don't leave any trash behind at the beach. No matter how minor the gesture, the damage can be considerable.
- ◆ Choose no-motorized activities and eco-labelled accommodation or tour.

Little Extra :

While on vacation, why not contribute to the conservation of marine mammals by using OBSenMER, the participatory science application that makes it easy to record observations at sea ?

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