

# Conservation Training for Boat Captains working in the Red Sea

**HEPCA** designed and initiated programs to raise **Environmental awareness** and courses for the boating community. Such workshops increased safety awareness, which will have a direct impact on decreasing the accident ratio in the Red Sea. The main advantages of the different workshops conducted within the activity will have an everlasting effect. The different participants will acquire new knowledge and skills and benefit directly from applying them in their daily work.

**T**he main achievable objectives in this activity are:

To train the boat captains on the standardised procedure for using the mooring systems. To increase the environmental awareness of the boating community, by introducing them to the marine environment and its components. To increase the professional level of the boat captains by increasing participants nautical knowledge and preparing them for a Tug Master license.

**Boat Captain Training:** To train Captains to use the mooring buoy system. This will include basic marine ecology and tourism.

**Crew Training:** A basic training to the crew by HEPCA, to train the crews on basic use of mooring buoys and a section on the environment, also a section on how to deal with tourists. To decrease the impact of humans on the natural resources of the Red Sea, through educating the boating community. Topics such as over fishing dynamite fishing and shell collecting were investigated in interesting training workshops.

**Tour Representative Training:** The tour representative are the 1st point of contact with the tourist with their welcome meetings. We want to give them the right information ongoing as new guides come in.

Program content: Why the tourists need this information, What is HEPCA, Safety standards, Reef protection.

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