

## Guideline to Use Hanifaru Island

1. Hanifaru Island is protected under Environment Protection and Preservation Act 4/93. The Hanifaru Protection and Preservation Regulation (2012/R-23) states that EPA reserves the rights of entry to Hanifaru MPA.
2. Vessels are not allowed in to Hanifaru MPA, from 6:00pm to 6:00 am, hence entering the Hanifaru Island restricted in that duration.
3. Article 12 of Hanifaru Protection and Preservation Regulation (2012/R-23), states that a special permit from EPA must be obtained in order to enter Hanifaru Island.
4. The waste generated must be taken along with the group when they leave Hanifaru Island and must be properly disposed in a designated waste disposal site.

## Permit Application

- i. The tour organizers must submit application form to Environmental Protection Agency, 3 days prior to the visit to the Island.
- ii. The form must be submitted to EPA as fax, email or attached with a letter. Forms will be accepted on all working days from 8:30- 12:00 hrs and 13:30- 14:30 hrs.
- iii. The application with false /inadequate information will be rejected and new application must be submitted.
- iv. Environmental Protection Agency will verify and provide the permit accordingly.



## **Activities permitted in and around Hanifaru Island**

- i. Activities such as swimming, sun bathing is allowed in Hanifaru Island.
- ii. Visitors can have light snacks in the island.

## **Activities Prohibited in and around Hanifaru Island**

- i. Barbecue and camp fire is prohibited in Hanifaru Island.
- ii. Building or constructing structures such as hut is prohibited.
- iii. Littering and waste disposal is strictly banned.
- iv. Cutting or uprooting vegetation for any purpose is prohibited.
- v. Coral collection, shell collection, sand and coral mining or plant collection is prohibited.

## Penalty

- i. If a party or an individual is found guilty of breaching, the party or individual will be penalized with 5,000/- Mrf and fine increases to Mrf 10,000/- if a party or an individual is found entering Hanifaru island between 6:00pm to 6:00 am.
- ii. If a party or an individual is found guilty of disposing waste, destroying vegetation and collection of any material from Hanifaru Island, party or individual will be penalized with 5,000/- to 10,000/- Mrf.



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