

## Photography/Videography Hanifaru Marine Protected Area

According to Hanifaru Protection and Preservation Regulation 23-R/2012, permit from EPA must be taken in order to conduct Videography or Photography in Hanifaru Marine Protected Area.

### Application:

- Application forms are available from Environmental Protection Agency and Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Office

### Submission:

- Completed form must be submitted to Environmental Protection Agency, in-between 9:00am to 11:30 and 13:30- 14:30, on working days.
- Form must be submitted via mail or fax, 2 (two) weeks prior to the date of commencement of the project.
- Permit will not be issued for incomplete forms as well as forms with false information.

### Duration:

- The maximum duration of stay per day is 6 hrs. Hanifaru Protection and Preservation Regulation 23-R/2012 regulation states that the carrying capacity of Hanifaru Marine Protected Area is 80 at a given time. Hence the permitted hours are given with condition that it doesn't exceed to the above stated carrying capacity of the HMPA.



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**Charge:**

#	Details	Fee/MVR	
		Photography	Videography
1	Charges per day	MVR 3855/-	MVR 3855/-
2	Charge per person for single entry (Only in Hanifaru Marine Protected Area	MVR 155/-	MVR 155/-

**Terms and Conditions**

- The person the permission is granted to shall abide by the “Hanifaru Protection and Preservation Regulation 23-R/2012 “while conducting the program at Hanifaru MPA. (Visit EPA website [www.epa.gov.mv](http://www.epa.gov.mv) to download the Regulation).
- The person the permission is granted to shall take full responsibility for any breach in regulation during the course of the program.
- Failure to comply with the Regulation will incur penalty based instruments such as suspension or cancellation of permits, injunctions, remediation, orders and pecuniary penalties under the Environment Protection and Preservation Act (4/93), Hanifaru Protection and Preservation Regulation 23-R/2012 and Environmental Liability regulation 9-R/2011
- The permit is only given for underwater videography/ photography Hanifaru Marine Protected Area, any other research or investigation at Hanifaru Marine Protected Area is strictly prohibited to the bearer of this permit.
- The filming method shall not cause any disturbance to the mega fauna (whale sharks and manta rays), damage to corals (living or dead) adjacent to the Hanifaru Marine Protected Area.
- This permission does not mitigate the responsibility of the person to which it is granted from complying with all relevant laws of the Republic of the Maldives.
- The person the permission is granted to shall submit the final product to Environmental Protection Agency within one month of the completion of the project.



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