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Judi Lowe Dive Tourism for Integrated Coastal ManagementTM





Dive Tourism for Integrated Coastal Management[™] conserves coral reefs, fish, manta rays, whale sharks, turtles and dugongs, while decreasing destructive fishing, by providing livelihoods for local fishers and communities.

Integrated coastal management is the world's best framework used for conserving the coral reefs and marine resources of the tropics. When dive operators follow integrated coastal management, they become private sector partners in conserving coral reefs, fish and marine resources. The 10 things dive operators must do:

- 1. prevent damage to coral reefs
- 2. work with politicians, locals and NGOs
- 3. bring economic benefit and livelihoods
- 4. help create legal and policy frameworks
- 5. enforce laws
- 6. strengthen local institutions
- 7. public/private partnership with government
- 8. build capacity of government
- 9. educate politicians, locals and divers
- 10. recognise traditional marine tenure

Research shows
that Dive Tourism
for Integrated
Coastal Management
conserves coral reefs,
fish and mega fauna,
reduces poverty in
local communities
and decreases
destructive fishing.

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