

## Guideline to Use Hanifaru Island

1. Hanifaru Island is protected under Environment Protection and Preservation Act 4/93. The 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 the Hanifaru Island will also be closed at 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 send a written request for the permit addressed to Environmental Protection Agency, 5 days prior to the visit to the Island.
- ii. The request must give; the exact number of visitors, purpose of visit and duration of stay names or card numbers of accompanying tour guides.
- iii. The visitors will only be allowed to stay for 45 minutes and must observe and make sure the visit fits the five vessels at a time in Hanifaru MPA.
- iv. The application with inadequate information will be rejected and new application must be sent.
- v. Applications will be accepted as emails, letters and fax.
- vi. Environmental Protection Agency will verify and provide the permit accordingly.

## 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 Hanifararu 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 Hanifararu Island, party or individual will be penalized with 5,000/- to 10,000/- Mrf.

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