

## **Mooring: El Quseir**

A unique collaboration between HEPCA and the dive operators in the area has resulted in the largest mooring system El Quseir has ever seen. These pristine reefs have so far escaped the high volume traffic of other diving and snorkeling destinations but with more visitors to the Red Sea seeking enjoyment away from the crowds, the reefs are under an increased threat.

One week after a meeting at Utopia Beach Club between HEPCA and representatives from local dive centers (Sub Aqua, Subex, Ducks Diving, Diving.de, South Red Sea, Extra Divers, Diving Akassia, and Pharaoh Dive Club), the work began. The HEPCA dive team joined with local volunteer divers to install a series of new moorings and renovate some of the existing mooring system. In total, 36 mooring lines were installed at 14 dive sites. Moreover, the maintenance of the mooring system is now the responsibility of the local dive centers.