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Soon more sharks around our reefs ?

(pictures taken by our staff on the Brother Islands and Elphinstone Reef)



Ban on shark fishing in the Egyptian Red Sea !

In Safaga, we were already used to seeing some whitetip reefsharks and grey reefsharks on Sha'ab Sayman and Abu Kefan.

As well as the occasional treshershark or hammerhead which have been spotted on Panorama Reef or Abu Kefan. Whalesharks on the other hand are only seen in the bay of Safaga around springtime.

With this new law, and its enforcement, we are optimistic about the fast repopulation of our reefs and the whole Red Sea, and that those sightings will be more common around our reefs.

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A great victory of HEPCA

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Thanks to his dynamism and force of persuasion, **Amr Ali** (Director of HEPCA Hurghada), with the support of **Dr. Mahmoud Hanafy** (Dept. of National Parks), is able to announce a great victory in his crusade against shark fishing in the Egyptian Red

Sea.

Indeed, **HEPCA** just obtained a decree, signed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fishing, which definitively bans shark fishing over the whole Egyptian Red Sea.

It is important to remind that HEPCA, since its creation, hasn't stopped to take measures and actions preserving the underwater environment.

The mooring buoys, fixed on the reefs, allowing dive boats to attach themselves without any destruction of coral, is probably the most renowned example.

One thing is sure, HEPCA fights for the preservation of our dive sites.

The existence of such a body in Egypt is the guaranty of a harmonic development of tourism together with the preservation of this fragile ecosystem, which are the Egyptian coral reefs.

Thanks again to Mr Amr Ali and his team.



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