



## NO FISH FEEDING



The Green Fins 4 Deadly D's explains why we should not feed the fish, or throw ANY food leftovers or waste into the sea.

### **D**ISRUPTION of natural cycles

Over time this activity can change the behaviour of the fish as they learn to connect divers, snorkelers and the boats with feeding time.

### **D**ISADVANTAGEOUS to fish health

Feeding could actually kill fish. When fed, the fish may stop natural feeding cycles which are important to ensure they are receiving the correct nutrients to survive.

### **D**ANGER to humans

Marine life mistake divers' actions for handouts, or the marine life lose their natural wariness of humans underwater which has resulted in a higher rate of attacks to humans.

### **D**AMAGING the environment

By feeding fish we interrupt the important natural balance of the coral reef. An example of this is that fish feeding is increasing the rate of outbreaks of the coral eating Crown of Thorns (COT) Starfish because it feeds the fish that would normally feed on these starfish.

Green Fins asks all tourists, divers, and boat crew **not** to feed fish **anywhere**, to throw your left over lunch into the bin and to **ensure** that rubbish is taken off the boat and disposed of **responsibly**. It is even illegal to feed fish in many protected areas.

Thank you very much for supporting marine conservation and helping to save our seas.

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