
**Recreational diving services —
Requirements for training on
environmental awareness for
recreational divers**

*Services relatifs à la plongée de loisirs — Exigences de formation pour
la sensibilisation à l'environnement des plongeurs de loisirs*



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Foreword

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Introduction

The diving community has a unique capability and therefore responsibility in observing and reporting on the condition of the aquatic environment. It is therefore important to have a standard on responsible environmental practices in recreational diver training.

In diver training and diving activities, divers should have an awareness of their environmental impact. This should include actively minimizing any negative aspects, both potential and actual. Such training should encourage awareness of environmentally positive actions.

This document outlines how the recreational diving community can make use of this capability while ensuring that full consideration is given towards divers' interaction with the aquatic environment.

Recreational diving services — Requirements for training on environmental awareness for recreational divers

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for training programmes designed to educate participants in environmental awareness and sustainable environmental practices in recreational diving activities.

The training programmes consist of theory and an optional practical training segment water session.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 13970, *Recreational diving services — Requirements for the training of recreational snorkelling guides*

ISO 24801-3, *Recreational diving services — Requirements for the training of recreational scuba divers — Part 3: Level 3 — Dive leader*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

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diving activities

activities including scuba diving, snorkelling, free diving (breath hold diving) and diving support services

4 Competencies

The training programme shall ensure that, by the end of the course, successful participants will

- be able to apply best practices with regard to their own activities;
- be able to identify best practices with regard to services provided to the participant (e.g. by boat operators, dive centres);
- understand how to interact with the aquatic environment in a way that minimizes negative impact;
- understand how individuals involved in aquatic activities can act to benefit the aquatic world by taking part in activities such as clearing aquatic debris, surveying, reporting or observing aquatic life.

5 General

Elements of the training programme in accordance with [Clause 6](#) may be open to divers and non-divers.