

Please enjoy and support the Park



The Tun Sakaran Marine Park was gazetted in June 2004 and is managed by Sabah Parks. The three high islands at the centre of the Park are part of the rim of an ancient volcano and at their feet is a deep lagoon - once the volcanic crater. There are five other islands and a population of over two thousand people.



- Please treat the reefs with care. Corals take years to grow but are easily broken by careless actions.
- Help keep the sea, reefs and islands clean by bringing rubbish back to the mainland and disposing of it properly.
- Visitors need to register before entering the Park, please do this through your tour operator. When you are in the Park please respect local customs and traditional uses of the reefs.
- Activities in the Park such as building, tourism operations, seaweed farming and fishing need a permit - please consult with Sabah Parks.
- Please respect the "No-Take Zones"
- Please report any illegal activities in the Park - particularly fish bombing.



Semporna Islands Project Working in the Tun Sakaran Marine Park to:

- Protect marine life
- Improve the health of the reefs
- Safeguard biodiversity
- Promote sustainable resource use
- Eliminate destructive fishing
- Promote alternative livelihoods
- Involve local communities in monitoring programmes
- Increase public awareness and understanding of the Park



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Caring for the coral reefs and other natural features in the Tun Sakaran Marine Park

Eight islands are included in the Park and surrounding them are coral reefs extending from shallow water to depths of over 50 metres. Although over-fished and damaged by fish bombing, these reefs still show exceptional biodiversity and now have a real chance of recovery under the protection of the Park.

To help this process, several 'no-take zones' are being established where fish and other reef animals can grow and breed. These zones will play a vital role by acting as refuges and seed areas for the rest of the Park. The Bodgaya lagoon is already a 'no-take zone' and more areas will be added later - so please look out for and respect the signs.

