



FADS CODE OF CONDUCT

FADs are there for the benefit of all recreational fishers.

Courtesy should be extended to fishers who are already using a FAD and new arrivals should be accommodated. Take turns fishing a FAD.

The most effective way to fish a FAD is to drift it. Often fish hang some distance away from the FAD itself. So we recommend drift only fishing as it is the most effective way to catch fish and the best way to share the experience with other users.

Do not tie up to a FAD, the mooring gear is designed to secure the FAD float and line only. Boats tied-up to FADs can damage the floats and radar reflectors.

Spearfishers should be aware of other FAD users and should not enter the water if other boats are around the FAD. Likewise, anglers should wait until spearfishers have completed their drift past the FAD before deploying lines (spearfishers usually only spend a short time period around FADs).

Its recommended spearfishers display the "Divers Flag A" when drifting in the water near the FADs. A boat, with the operator acting as a lookout, should accompany spearfishers at all times.

All fishers should keep boats, lines and lures a safe distance from the FAD, spearfishers and other boats at all times.

Hooks and lures attached to mooring gear create a hazard during recovery operations. Please avoid using stainless steel hooks and wire traces. Stainless hooks do not corrode away and wire trace is rarely needed.

Please recognise conservation values, be responsible, share with other users and take only as many fish as you need.