



Hon Mun

Marine Protected Area,
Nha Trang Bay, Vietnam

MPA Regulations	Zones		
	Core	Buffer	Transition
Activities			
Diving & Snorkelling	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education	Yes	Yes	Yes
Research & Training	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mooring on buoys	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tourism boats	Limited	Yes	Yes
Jetski & Parasailing	No	Yes	Yes
Fishing	Licensed	Yes	Yes
Anchoring	No	Limited	Yes
Aquaculture	No	Limited	Yes
Spearfishing & Dive fishery	No	Limited	Limited
Trawling & Destructive fishing	No	No	No
Polluting activities	No	No	No

• The HMMPA site!

The Hon Mun MPA (HMMPA) encompasses marine waters around Hon Mun and surrounding islands in Nha Trang Bay, Khanh Hoa Province, Vietnam. This area is rich in biodiversity and fishery resources. The area is popular with tourists and is vitally important for fisheries. A project to develop the HMMPA site is supported by the Government of Vietnam, World Conservation Union, Global Environment Facility/World Bank and the Danish International Development Agency.

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Hon Mun Marine Protected Area

What is a Marine Protected Area (MPA)?

A marine protected area (MPA) is an area of sea where attention is paid to the protection and management of natural resources and uses to ensure the environment is maintained.

Some activities in the area may be limited to protect the marine resources. In other areas educational and recreational activities will be promoted.

Management of the Hon Mun MPA

Hon Mun MPA is the first comprehensive Marine Protected Area in Vietnam. A plan for the management of the MPA is being developed. It will seek to protect the internationally important biodiversity of the site. The plan will create zones allowing different uses of the marine park. "Core areas" will be set aside for strict protection of marine biodiversity and resources.

The Nha Trang Bay MPA Authority will work to manage the MPA together with the local communities within the MPA and responsible provincial agencies. Information centers will be established to promote the MPA and enforcement stations will be established at strategic locations within the MPA.

What are the benefits of an MPA!

- Preservation of a representative example of coral reefs and their biodiversity.
- Maintenance of a healthy environment to promote sustainable tourism
- Promotion of sustainable livelihood activities for local people.
- Protection of habitat, fish and breeding grounds to help maintain the valuable fish resources of Vietnam
- Promotion of education, recreation and research.
- Promotion of recovery areas for degraded marine ecosystems.

Activities to do in the MPA!

- Swimming, snorkelling & scuba diving
- Observation & photography of marine life
- Research and educational activities
- Relax & enjoy a beautiful marine environment
- Fishing in designated areas

How to help protect the MPA

Protection of the MPA will rely on the cooperation and support of all users. The Provincial Government, tourist companies, dive operators, fishermen and local communities are working together for the long term protection and management of the Hon Mun MPA. Your support is needed!

Please make sure you, or the people you are with, obey the MPA regulations and especially:

- **Don't** use dynamite, electricity, cyanide, chemicals or trawling nets for fishing
- **Don't** anchor on, damage, or take corals
- **Don't** collect or buy corals, turtles and other protected marine life
- **Don't** throw rubbish, oils or chemicals into the water.
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Remember take only photographs and leave only footprints or bubbles.

