



MAKOPAKO
BASQUE SHARK DIVING

**BEST PRACTICES AND CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR BLUE SHARK SNORKELING**



EQUIPMENT

- Full body neoprene in black or dark shades, avoiding any parts with bright colours and/or contrasting colours (yellow, white, fluorescent shades) recommended thickness 5mm.
- Black or dark fins.
- Wear black gloves, socks and hood.
- Do not wear jewellery and shiny metallic elements.
- GoPros and action cameras must be used with a stick that keeps them 50cm away from the hands.



IN THE WATER

- Do not touch the animals.
- Do not chase them or swim in their direction to meet them, let them decide to approach.
- No freedive without certified and buddy .
- Avoid moving excessively and hitting the water creating splashes.
- Hold your position if the shark swims in your direction.
- Keep your face submerged, breathing through the snorkel and paying attention underwater.
- Stay in a group in the spot indicated for the participants.
- Make eye contact with the sharks and keep your eyes underwater if they leave.
- Hold on to the line, it is there to help you, there is usually a current.



STATEMENT

MAKO PAKO - basque shark diving has developed this guide for the development of the activity of snorkelling with blue sharks (*Prionace glauca*) based on its experience and with the aim of offering the best experience to the users, always with safety as a priority before everything else during the development of this activity.

At MAKO PAKO we keep ourselves informed and updated to comply with all legal obligations to serve our customers. Even so, we understand that our activity is within a new framework, where extra measures have to be developed and implemented in order to provide a complete and professional service, where the well-being of the participants is ensured. We strive to keep these guidelines complete, based on our experience, and up to date, identifying the points where improvements can be implemented in order to enhance the experience and minimise the risks. Even so, it is an activity that takes place in nature with wild animals, and intrinsically, it will always entail inherent risks that may sometimes escape our control.

In the same way that we at MAKO PAKO maintain our focus on offering the best possible experience with safety as a priority, we encourage participants to follow the measures applied, take the necessary precautions and prioritise safety above all else.



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