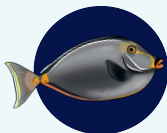


# Local Coral Reef Information



## Let's keep our reefs healthy for all to enjoy!

The beautiful coral reefs surrounding our island protect us from big waves and provide fish for us to eat. If we take care of the reef, it will provide for us for years to come.



## How to help



Avoid stepping on coral and seagrass - step only on sand



Do not feed fish or other marine animals



Don't touch or take endangered species like sea turtles



Leave seashells and sand on the beach



Pick up your trash - don't leave it on the beach

## Sea Safety



Be careful before entering the water and look for warning flags on the lifeguard towers. Do not swim if the red flag is up.



Swim in pairs.



If you are caught in a strong current, do not panic and do not swim against the current. Swim parallel to the shore, then swim back to shore once you are out of the current.



Use a flotation device.

In case of an emergency call **911**

Boating/Diving emergency call **671-355-4821** for US Coast Guard

## Ridge to Reef

What we do on land affects our oceans. Trash, pollution, and dirt flow through rivers and streams into the ocean. Help protect our beaches by caring for our land.



Throw trash in dumpsters, don't leave it on the ground



Don't burn trash or set fires



Avoid driving off-road



Scan to learn more

# Fishing Rules



Guam has five marine preserves, which are areas where fishing is restricted

## For all marine preserves, it is illegal to:

- Spearfish
- Harm or chase marine life
- Take sea cucumbers, crabs, snails, coral (alive or dead), sand, shells, rocks, seagrass, mangroves, or other natural materials

## Specific fishing rules for each marine preserve

### Tumon Bay

From shore - only hook and line or talaya (cast net) may be used to catch:



Convict tang (Kichu)



Adult rabbitfish (Sesyon)



Rabbitfish 3 inches or less (Mañahak)



4 inches or smaller: goatfish (Ti'ao), and jack (I'e')



From the reef edge: only talaya (cast net) may be used to catch:



Convict tang (Kichu)



Adult rabbitfish (Sesyon)

### Piti Bomb Holes

Fishing is **ONLY** allowed by permit for certain species. Call the Piti mayor's office to see if permits are in effect: 671-472-1232

### Sasa Bay

**NO** fishing is allowed.

### Achang Reef Flat

Fishing is **ONLY** allowed by permit for certain species. Call the Merizo mayor's office to see if permits are in effect: 671-828-8312

### Pati Point

Hook and line fishing is **ONLY** allowed from shore.



## Illegal Island-wide

- Spearfishing while SCUBA diving.
- Destroying coral to clear the fishing area.
- Fishing using explosives, poison, or electric shocking devices.
- Using a gill net longer than 1000 ft, using a gill net for commercial harvest, or leaving it in the water for over 6 hours.

