



Annual Report

The Chamber of Diving and Water Sports

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Dear Colleagues, Members of the General Assembly of the Chamber of Diving and Water Sports,

On behalf of all the CDWS board members, I would like to welcome you and thank you for attending the general assembly meeting and for your interest in the industry of diving and water sports, wishing you success and appreciating our joint effort to achieve the best interest of the industry and the Egyptian economy.

I would like to briefly share with you today some of the achievements that we were part of and witnessed in the field of diving and water sports in Egypt during the past year , under the great support of the Ministry of Tourism, and the constructive cooperation between the CDWS, the Egyptian Tourism Federation and other state agencies, and through our unique executive team.

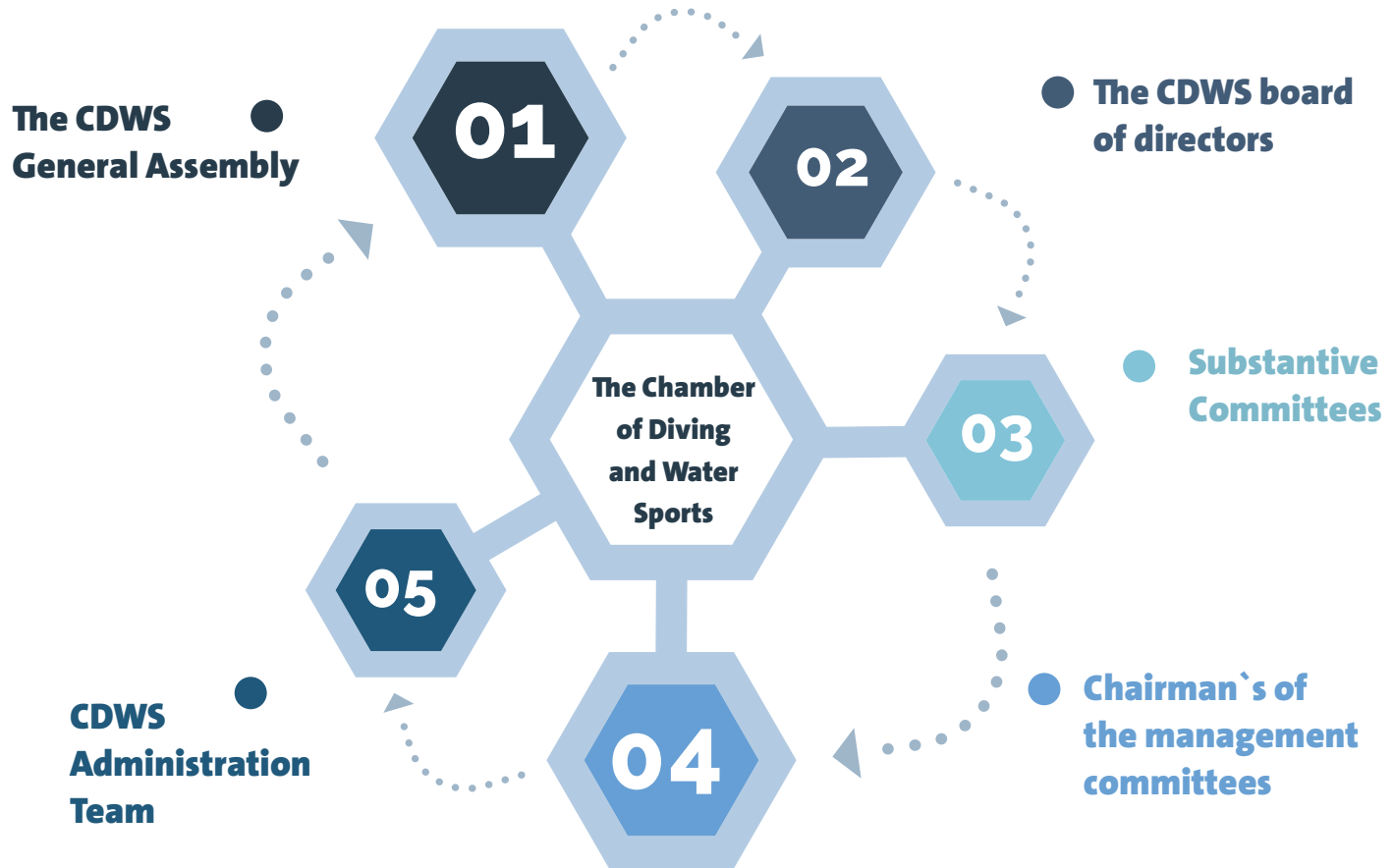
The CDWS, represented by its chairman, as the head of the legal committee along with the legal advisors of the Egyptian Tourism Federation and the Ministry of Tourism are currently working on drafting and legislations amendments related to the diving and water sports sector. Through analyzing and studying laws that aim to complete, develop and renew the legislative, regulatory and administrative frameworks for diving and water sports activities. The law will help in eliminating the challenges and obstacles facing the touristic establishments and to serve the best interest of the CDWS members.

Offering you my very best wishes for continuous success.

The Chairman of the CDWS,

Hesham Gabr Ali

CDWS Management



As per the law, the administration of the CDWS runs on three different levels: .

First: The CDWS General Assembly:

Includes all the CDWS members from the legal touristic establishments that hold a valid license from the Ministry of Tourism, such as diving centers, water sports centers, and safari boats.

The CDWS is a member of the Egyptian Tourism Federation and has 20 general assembly members representing it in the general assembly of the Egyptian Tourism Federation.

Second: the CDWS board of directors:

The board has 12 members, 8 elected by the members of the general assembly and 4 members appointed by the Ministry of Tourism.

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| 1- Mr. Hesham Gabr, chairman | 7- Mr. Tarek Helmy, board member |
| 2- Mr. Moustafa Hefny, vice chairman | 8- Mr. Mahmoud Fayad, board member |
| 3- Mr. Zoheir Yehia Kheir El-din, board member | 9- Mr. Ehab El-Deftar, board member |
| 4- Mr. Ahmed Abbas, board member and treasurer | 10- Mr. Belal Abd-ElMenaim, board member |
| 5- Eng. Amr Abou El-Saoud, board member | 11- Dr. Adel Taher, board member |
| 6- Mr. Tarek Albadri, board member | 12- Mr. Mohsen Saad, board member |

The board holds regular meetings, that are attended by a representative from the Ministry of Tourism and a representative from the Egyptian Tourism Federation. The administrative committee of both CDWS offices attend the meetings, in which they share their recommendations to the CDWS board of directors.

Third: Substantive committees, and their appointed heads:

- Eng. Zoheir Yehia Kheir Eldin, head of the technical committee
- Mr. Ehab ElDeftar, head of the training committee
- Mr. Moustafa Hefny, head of the Safari boat committee
- Eng. Amr Abou ElSoud, Head of Water Sports committee
- Mr. Tarek Helmy, head of the marketing and fairs committee
- Mr. Hesham Gabr, head of the environmental committee
- Mr. Hesham Gabr, head of the legislative committee

Fourth: There is a management committee for each branch.

These committees work on evaluating the challenges and obstacles facing the diving and water sports sector and help in finding solutions to develop and improve the industry.

Fifth: The CDWS administration team:

One of the CDWS's greatest strengths is the ability to resolve the issues that the members are facing and working to preserve their rights within the framework of the relevant technical rules, laws, and resolutions. Accordingly, the board works directly with different state agencies to solve the issues and challenges facing the diving and water sports sector, and to achieve those objectives, a new administrative structuring for the CDWS team members was important to add experienced qualified candidates to the team, to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the CDWS and helps in offering a high level of administrative efficiency and achieve the CDWS desired objectives.

A vibrant underwater scene featuring a large, textured coral reef in the foreground. Several striped fish, likely Surge wrasse, are swimming in the clear blue water. The background shows more coral and a dense school of smaller fish.

The CDWS team structure includes the following departments:

- Environmental department
- HR and training department
- Quality Assurance department
- Marketing, PR and communication department
- Membership administration department
- Information technology department
- Finance department

It is worth mentioning that these departments are constantly developed as per the needs and the service requirements of the sector.

Environmental Department

Report of 2019

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**Moorings
replaced and
renewed**

120,000

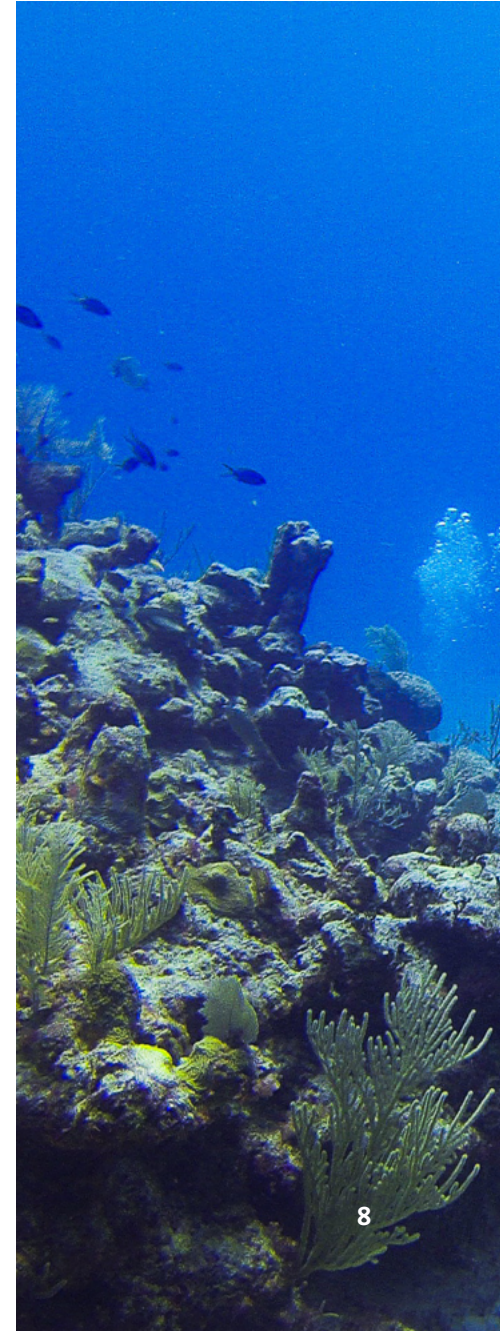
**Egyptian pound
Budget**

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**Volunteering
dive centers**

- The CDWS has approved an amount of 120,000 Egyptian pounds (only one hundred and twenty thousand pounds only) for maintenance, replacement, and renewal of the moorings at the different diving sites in South Sinai to increase safety and security for users, the chamber in cooperation with the South Sinai National Park office have renewed, replaced and maintained 71 moorings in Sharm El Sheikh and Dahab to reduce the pressure of boat traffic on the dive sites in the months of May and June 2019. The moorings were funded by CDWS and installed using the help of 5 volunteering dive centers from the area. Noting that there is an obvious reluctance by the Ministry of Environment to install and maintain the moorings, which threatens the natural resources despite the many demands by the CDWS.

- CDWS has sought in several meetings with the officials of the Ministry of Environment and the Egyptian Tourism Federation representative to clarify the points of the legal and the serious damage that the decree no. 204 and no. 202 for 2019 will cause to the tourism sector, as it obligates the operations who are working in the field and are organizing touristic programs within the national park areas of South Sinai and the Red Sea (diving, snorkeling, safari, religious and cultural visits, boat trips and glass boats) in occasions to pay for the use of the activity fees, and in other occasions to pay the entrance fees every time, which will lead to charging twice for the same action or benefit which as a result charges duplicate fees of the entrance ticket in addition to the charge of the license (the use of the activities) unfortunately, all the attempts to reach solutions during the meetings held with the ministry have ended up unsuccessful. Therefore, and in order to save the best interest of the members and to avoid any damages against the tourism sector, CDWS has done the following:
 1. In collaboration with the Egyptian Hotels Association, some diving centers, Safari boat companies, and hotels had filed two cases requesting urgently to suspend the implementation and, in the merits, to cancel the contested decrees. However, this path will not be decided before at least one year.
 2. The CDWS is trying to push the political direction in order to change this decision.
 3. Coordinating with the Deputy Mohamed Abdel-Maksoud - Deputy of the Parliament's Tourism Committee – to submit requests to inform both the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Tourism in this regard.





- Environmental Awareness Courses for the Diving and Snorkeling centers and Daily Boats are being developed. These free and compulsory courses will begin in mid-January 2020 for all diving and snorkeling and daily boats in both South Sinai and Red Sea Governorates. The courses will focus on plastic pollution awareness and how to reduce the negative impact on marine life through environmentally friendly practices. These courses are fully funded by the TVET project through the Egyptian Tourism Federation. Courses for the Water Sports centers will be developed in the second half of 2020.



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Egyptian Tourism Federation



- CDWS would like to thank the members of the diving centers and the volunteer divers who organized clean-ups campaigns, a beach clean-up in Nabq National Park for the World Clean-Up Day on the 21st of September 2019 as an initiative to support tourism and preserve the environment and natural resource, as well as another a dive clean-up in Travco Jetty partnering with the Greenish NGO on the 2nd of November 2019.

The Chamber urges everyone to follow the same approach and supports these orientations aimed at preserving the environment.





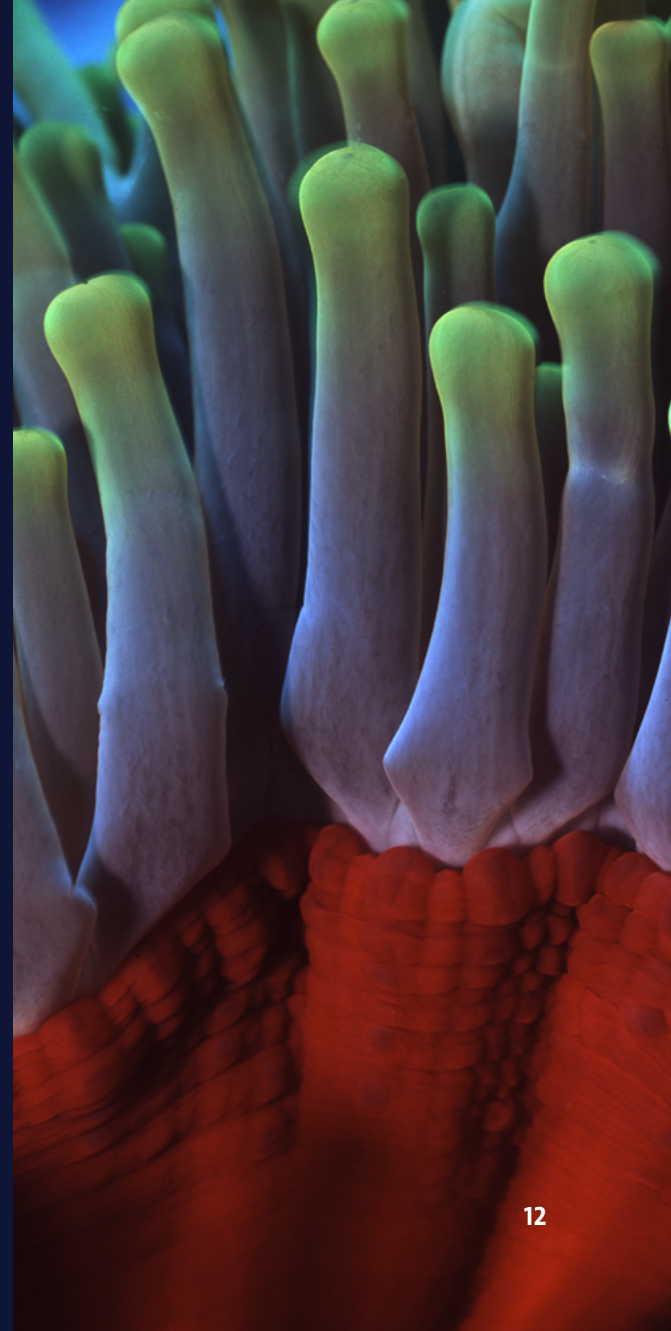
- **The decision to prevent the implementation of all primary diving activities, whether under the name of DSD or Intro dive from buoys during any cruises in all locations along the coast, starting from Ras Mohammed reserve in the south to Taba in the north, and allowing this activity to be carried out by land only and from the beach.**

- Tourism in Egypt is based primarily on natural resources, therefore the CDWS requested from the Ministry of Environment to issue a decree aiming to stop the intro-dives who Indeed issued the decree, accordingly the CDWS board of directors issued a resolution in the meeting that was held on the 16th of October 2019 in regards to preserving the marine life. Which states that **all Intro dives and DSD will be banned** from all boats within along the coast starting from Ras Mohamed National Park (South) till Taba (North) and including all locations and sites of Tiran.

However, Intro dives and DSD are allowed only from land and from the diving locations along the beaches of the hotels and resorts. After the evaluation of the South Sinai National Park of each location individually to determine if it will be acceptable from an environmental aspect and defining the areas, the paths and the regulations of the implementation.

All diving centers interested in carrying out intro dives and DSD, shall submit a written request to the South Sinai National Park highlight the proposed coastal area and the suggested paths for those activities.

- The CDWS has also requested a decree from the Ministry of Tourism to suspended new license applications for diving, water sports centers and safari boats that's due to exceeding the maximum capacity of the coral reef environment in various areas except for kite and wind-surfing centers.





- The CDWS and The Reef-World Foundation have collaborated to bring green fins to Egypt, the only international sustainable eco-label for diving and snorkeling operators was introduced in Egypt by CDWS in October 2019. Green Fins is a voluntary certificate and management approach for centers to reduce their negative impact on the marine environment and help protect the environment by becoming positive role models. Green Fins is a management program created by the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) and managed internationally by the U.K based charity called Reef-World Foundation. In Egypt, the launch of Green Fins was funded by the Ministry of Environment and the United Nations Development Program through their joint project Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Tourism Sector where CDWS is the main partner in the management of Green Fins nationally.

With this great achievement, Egypt became no. 1 in the region and the eleventh worldwide to apply Green Fins initiative. the Green Fins initiative is optional and the CDWS recommends the members to join and implement the standards that allow them to obtain the Green Fins green badge, which is what the tourists are looking for when booking trips and activities as a sign for environmental protection, this contributes in advancing Egypt as a sustainable touristic destination between other competitors.

For more information please check Green Fins website: www.greenfins.com



- Mr. Hesham Gabr the chairman of the CDWS met with Mrs. Yasmine Fouad – the Minister of Environment to discuss environmental threats and wrong practices in diving and snorkeling areas, in light of complaints received by the Chamber from its members and civil society in Dahab about wrong environmental practices, to develop urgent solutions to existing problems with the aim of preserving the environment and natural resources. In which the Chamber requested that entering the “Bluehole” area to be limited only to diving activities. However, the Chamber was surprised by the decrees of the Ministry of Environment no. 202 and 204 of 2019 without consulting or getting back to the Chamber for an expert opinion.
- The Chamber, represented by its Chairman Mr. Hesham Jabr, attended several meetings on the environmental management plan in the Ras Muhammad and Sharm El-Sheikh region with the Ministry of Environment represented in the South Sinai National Park office, in which the CDWS and the Ministry the requests for licenses for water activities and the registered Maritimes were recorded, and legalizing them to operate in Sharm El-Sheikh, and to adjust the fee of the ride. However, this plan is still delayed by the Ministry of Environment to date for more than six months.



Training department report

from May 2018 till November 2019



With the aim of fulfilling the vision and the objectives of the Ministry of Tourism and CDWS to upgrade the diving and the water sports industry, services and facilities and to develop the human resources and technical knowledge. The Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the CDWS and the Egyptian Tourism Federation's human resources training and development unit, have implemented a development strategy for the human capital in the tourism sector in Egypt from 2018 till 2023. The strategy is part of the TVET2 a co-funded project by the European Commission and the Government of Egypt. Based on the correspondence between CDWS and the Minister of tourism, it has been approved by the tourism fund to support the Egyptian Tourism Federation with an amount of LE 530,400 (only five hundred and thirty thousand and four hundred pounds), which is the estimated cost of implementing urgent training programs for the diving and snorkeling instructors working in the diving and water sports sector.

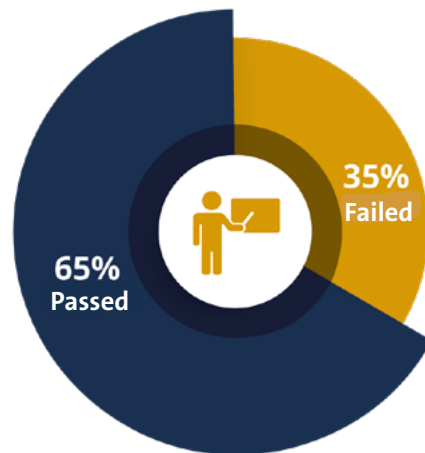


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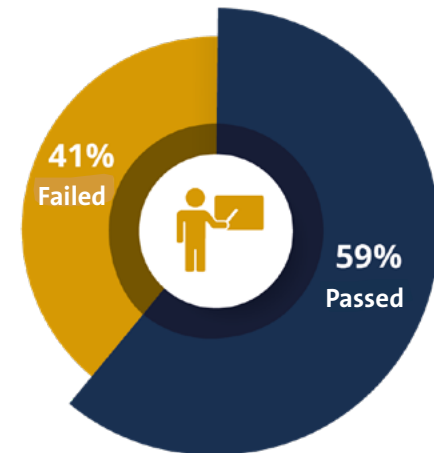
Below is an overview of the training courses offered by the CDWS to its members:

First: Re-trainings for diving and snorkeling instructors:

Due to the low service level, high rates of accidents, low safety standards and the high failure ratio of the professionals who took the CDWS exams by a failure rate of **63%**. The CDWS has utilized its resources to deliver **100** urgent re-training classes in South Sinai and the Red Sea governorates, with a total number of **378** trainees. As of the 15th of May 2018, to date, CDWS is keen to re-train the failed instructors to develop their performance and qualify them to keep pace with the future rapid changes in the industry.



Re-training Classes in South Sinai



Re-training Classes in Red Sea

Re-trainings of May 15 to date

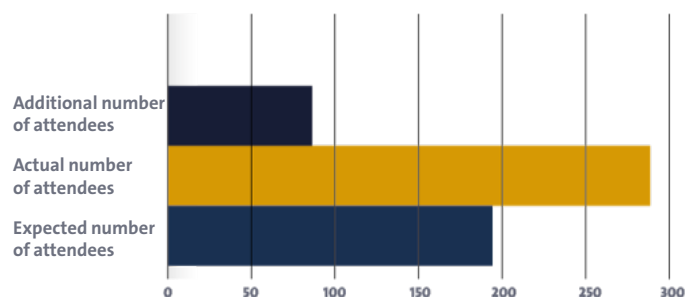
Red Sea	Registered	Attendees	Absents	Number of Trainings	Passed	Failed
Hurghada	276	209	67	57	110	75
Marsa Alam & Quseir	18	17	1	5		
Total	294	226	68	62		

South Sinai	Registered	Attendees	Absents	Number of Trainings	Passed	Failed
Sharm El Sheikh	177	142	35	34	94	51
Dahab	10	10	0	4		
Total	187	152	35	38		

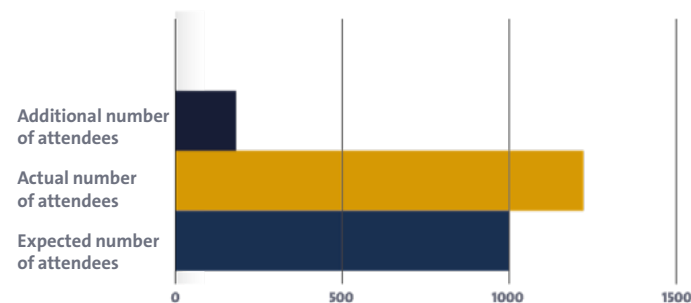


Second: Environment awareness sessions for safari boats crew:

A Total number of **46** environmental awareness training classes have been delivered to safari boat crews in South Sinai and the Red Sea governorates from February 2019 to date, with a total of **1508** attendees. Based on the CDWS evaluation for the need to train the boat crews on the correct guidelines in dealing with tourists and preserve the marine life which is the basis of the industry.



South Sinai: 10 sessions until November 03



Red Sea: 36 sessions until November 03

Environment awareness sessions for sessions for safari boats crew of February 2019, to date

Environment awareness sessions	Safari Boats	Expected number of attendees	Actual number of attendees	Additional number of attendees	Total number of sessions	Total number of hours per session	Total number of hours	Average attendance per session
Red Sea	125	1000	1224	224	36	3.5	126	34

Red Sea: 36 sessions until November 03

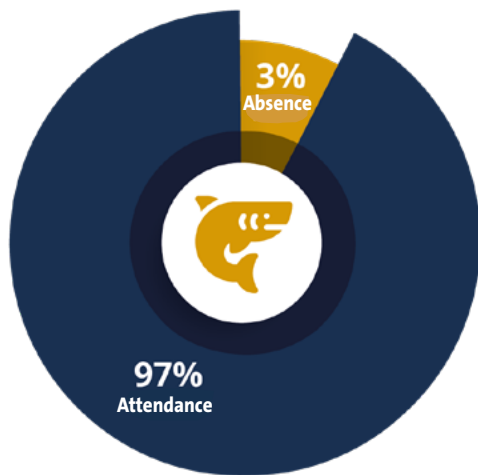
Environment awareness sessions	Safari Boats	Expected number of attendees	Actual number of attendees	Additional number of attendees	Total number of sessions	Total number of hours per session	Total number of hours	Average attendance per session
South Sinai	33	198	284	86	10	3.5	35	28.4

South Sinai: 10 sessions until November 03

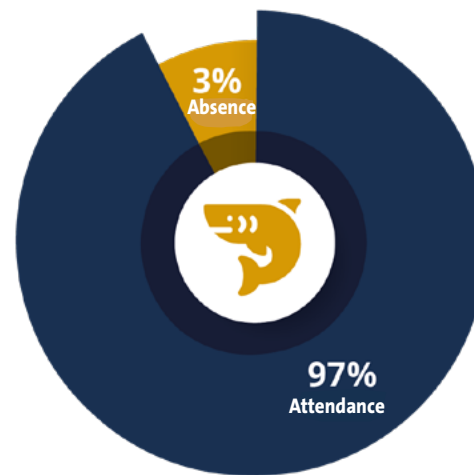


Third: Shark Awareness training for diving guides and instructors on safari boats:

As of January 2019, to date, CDWS delivered **44** shark awareness training for diving instructors and guides of diving on safari boats in the governorates of South Sinai and the Red Sea, with a total number of **1261** attendees.



Shark awareness training in Red Sea



Shark awareness training in South Sinai



Shark awareness training with Dr. Elka from January 2019 to date

Shark awareness training	Registered	Attendees	Absents	Number of Lectures	Total training hours per lecture	Total training hours	Average attendance / lecture
South Sinai	448	463	15 -	16	4	64	28.9375

Sharm El Sheikh until November 30

Environment awareness sessions	Registered	Attendees	Absents	Number of Lectures	Total training hours per lecture	Total training hours	Average attendance / lecture
Red Sea	770	798	28 -	28	4	112	28.5

Red Sea until November 30

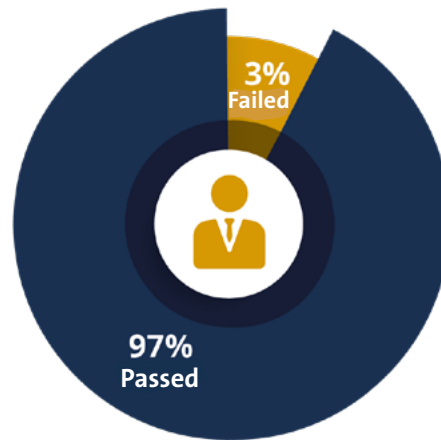
It's expected to hold a lecture in Hurghada and another lecture in Dahab in January 2020

Fourth: Technical manager training for diving centers and safari boats:

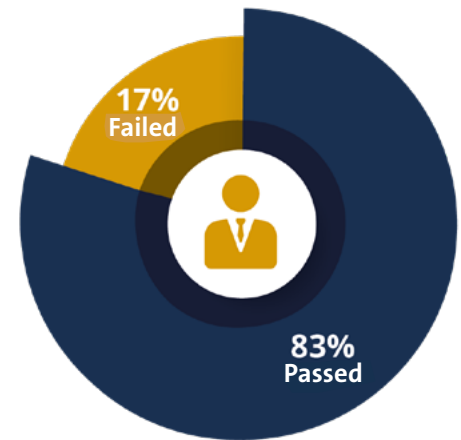
Due to the lack of specialized training on an international level to train and qualify technical managers for diving centers and safari boats, since the available courses only help in qualifying them to become diving instructors. CDWS designed the first round of the technical manager training for diving centers and

safari boats to ensure that they meet the international safety standards.

As of June 2019, to date, a total of 14 technical manager training were delivered in the South Sinai and the Red Sea governorates, with a total number of **152** attendees. It is part of the CDWS's future plan to design and execute different future courses to be taught by **ISO certified auditors** to serve and develop the technical, professional and managerial abilities of the technical managers working in the sector.



Technical manager training for diving centers and safari boats in South Sinai



Technical manager training for diving centers and safari boats in Red Sea

Technical manager training for diving centers and safari boats of June 2019, to date

Red Sea	Registered	Attendees	Absents	Total trainings	Passed	Failed	Re-attended
Hurghada	67	60	7	6	50	10	1

Red Sea until 30 November

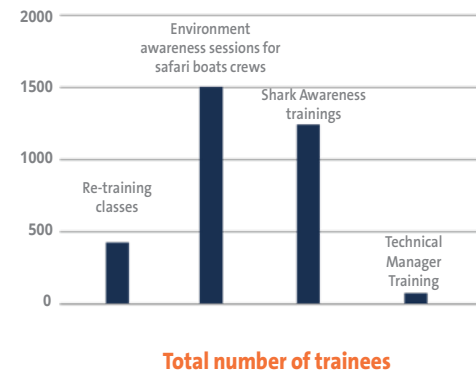
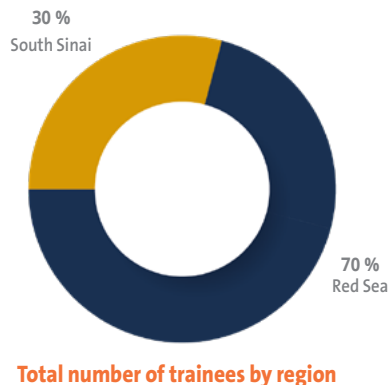
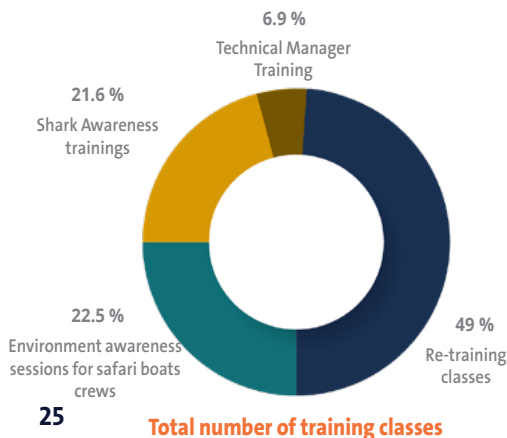
South Sinai	Registered	Attendees	Absents	Total trainings	Passed	Failed	Re-attended
Sharm El Sheikh	72	68	4	6	66	2	0
Dahab	24	24	0	2	23	1	0

Sharm El Sheikh until 30 November

Upcoming trainings: 1 training in Sharm El Sheikh, 1 training in Dahab – December 2019, 1 training in Sharm El Sheikh, 1 training in Hurghada, 1 training in Marsa Alam – January 2020, 1 training in Sharm El Sheikh – February 2020

A Table highlighting the achievements of the CDWS training department from May 2018 till 30 November 2019:

Training	Governorate		Total number of trainees	Total number of training Classes
	South Sinai	Red Sea		
Re-training classes	152	226	378	100
Environment awareness sessions for safari boats crews	1224	284	1508	46
Shark Awareness trainings for diving guides and instructors on safari boats	798	463	1261	44
Technical manager training for diving centers and safari boats	60	92	152	14
Total	2308	991	3299	204

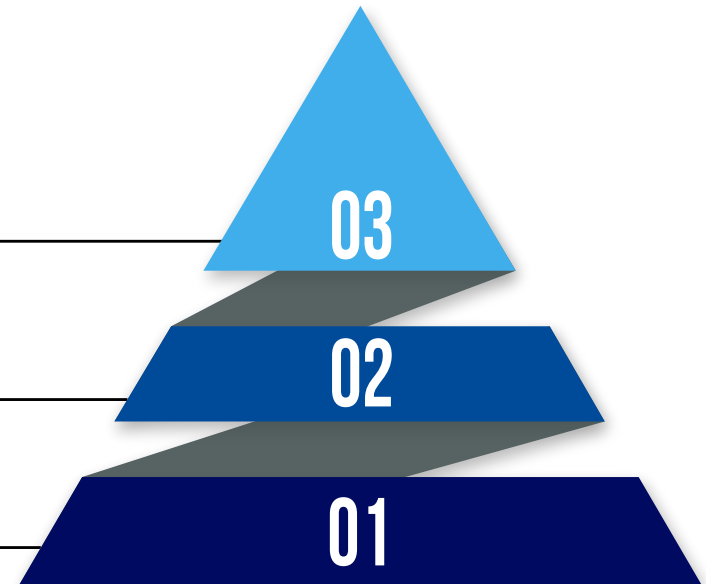


The CDWS Training Plan for 2020:

preparing training for snorkeling instructors and technical managers, similar to the technical manager training for the diving centers.

preparing training for water sports center instructors and technical managers, similar to the technical manager training for the diving centers.

Provide environmental awareness courses starting January 2020 aiming to raise environmental awareness for daily boats crew and personnel working in diving and water sports operations.



The CDWS long-term training plan

in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism and the Egyptian Tourism Federation:

- Support and develop the technical and professional education through applying a strategic executive plan for the human resources development in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Higher Education, business owners such as hotel managers, tourism agencies managers and the diving and water sports centers managers with the aim of setting a strategy to develop the human resources in the sector.
- **To address some of the professions in the sector that might affect the environment and the eco-system, including:**
operation, Receptionist, marketing, reservation and sales on several professional levels, helpers, cylinder assistants and maintenance technicians, deck hand, compressors handlers and diving equipment maintenance technicians, gas blenders, Sailing (kite) maintenance technicians, Diving guides and instructors, Snorkeling guides and instructors, Kite instructors, Safari boat chefs, captain, skipper and administrative managers. Specialized training for all previously mentioned professions were prepared in cooperation with the Egyptian government and the **European Union** through the **TVET 2** program - but not limited to – safety, security and risk management, environmental awareness, ISO 24803 quality standards for diving centers, training for compressor operators, compressed air sterilization, air compressors maintenance and developing the communication skills with tourists and visitors.





Quality Assurance Report

for 2019



- Out of the CDWS keen interest in developing and upgrading the diving and water sports sector for its significant importance as part of the Egyptian national income and for the members best interest, the Chamber has issued:

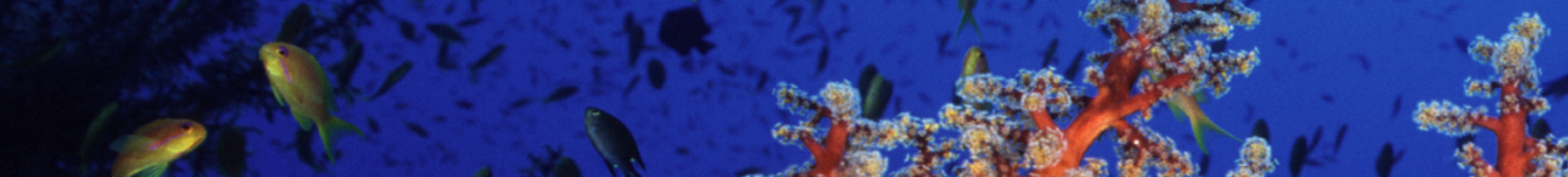
- Manual and protocol of audits for the diving centers and safari boats.

- Manual and protocol of audits for the water sports centers (snorkeling services providers).

Those protocols include all the phases and aspects of any performed audits to be an easy and reliable reference to facilitate the process, time and effort of the members.

- The quality assurance department has performed the below audits:

Description	Red Sea	South Sinai	Total
Number of audits for diving centers/ safari boats and water sports centers	397	242	639



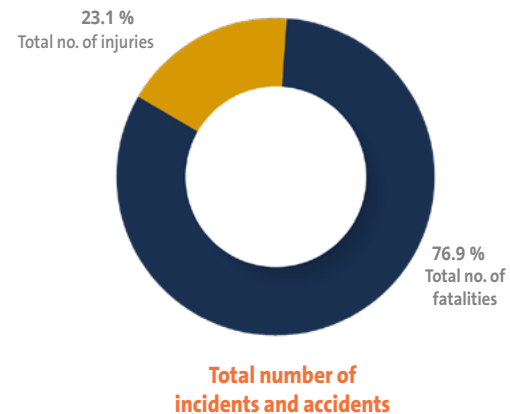
- In cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism, CDWS arranged a committee to audit the establishments and the boats before they depart the jetties, and while they are carrying out any water sports activity in the middle of the sea. The audits aim to ensure their compliance with the safety standards and the technical guidelines that should be followed by the facility. The audit campaigns for the Red Sea and South Sinai governorates for the period between the 13th of October 2019 till the 24th of November 2019 has been completed as follows:

Governorate	Illegal Entities carrying out water sports activities	Illegal Entities carrying out diving activities	Illegal random Shops and offices offering Touristic trips	Tourism agencies implementing snorkeling activities	Licensed Water Sports Centers violations	Licensed Diving Centers violations	Diving and Snorkeling Guides and Instructors violations	Penalties on Diving, Snorkeling Guides and Instructors
Total	7	21	30	47	4	17	19	22

**Report of joint campaigns between the Ministry of Tourism and the
Chamber of Diving and Water Sports in
South Sinai and Red Sea from 13/10/2019 to 24/11/2019**

- The quality assurance department investigated the below incidents and accidents:

Description	Red Sea	South Sinai	Total
Scuba diving fatalities	15	1	16
Snorkeling fatalities	8	1	9
Swimming fatalities	0	10	10
Total no. of fatalities	23	17	40
Missing diver	0	0	0
Missing snorkeler	0	0	0
Missing Swimmer	0	0	0
The total no. of missing persons	0	0	0
Diving injuries	5	3	8
Snorkeling injuries	1	2	3
Swimming injuries	0	1	1
Total no. of injuries	6	6	12
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Besides, the quality department has investigated **41** complaints submitted to the CDWS by the tourists or those working in the sector.

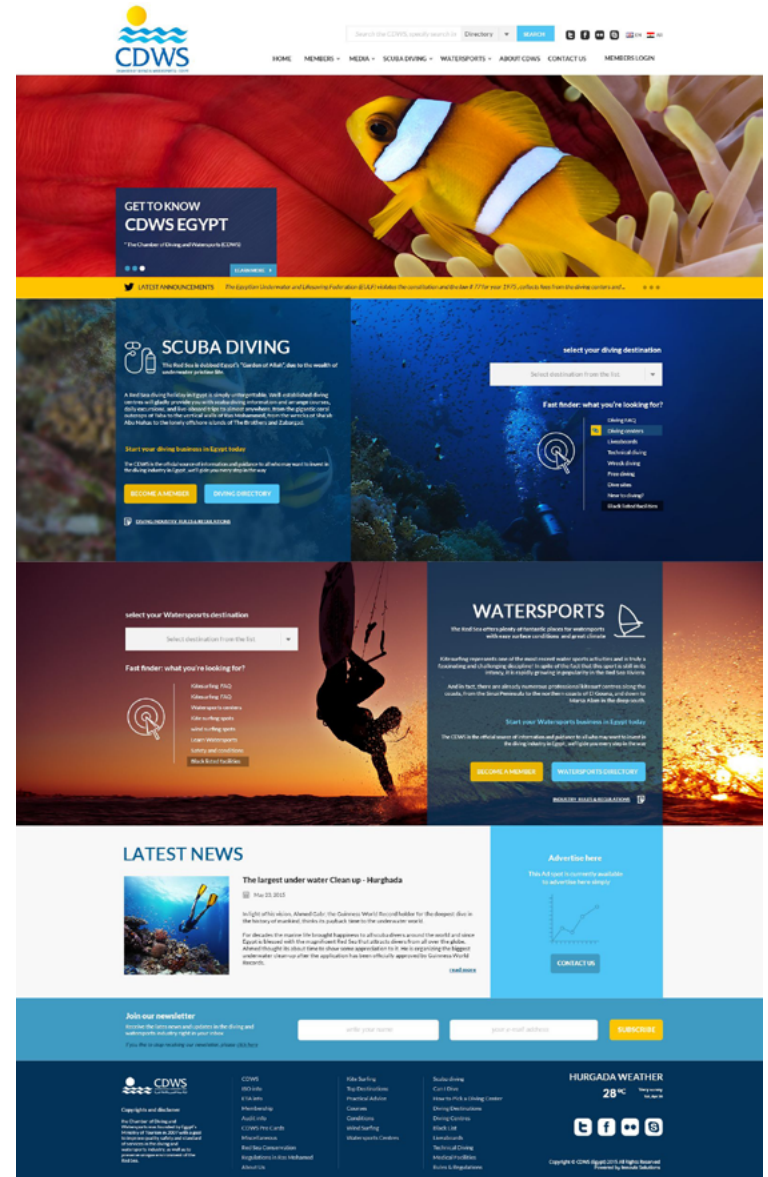
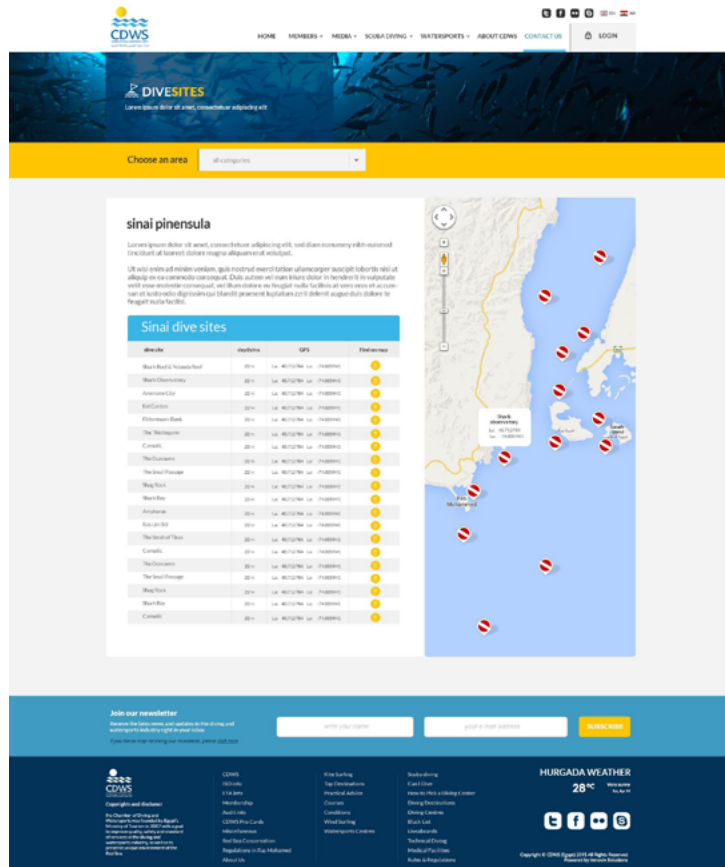
- In order to protect the lives and the safety of the tourists and to sustain a high reputation of Egypt as a tourist destination, the Ministry of Tourism and the CDWS requested from the Chamber of Travel Agents and Tourism in South Sinai to communicate to their members who arranges trips to the national park areas whether it is Ras Muhammed, Nabq, Abu Galoum or any other beach sites by the coast of the Gulf of Aqaba (Inside or outside the national parks area), not to perform any diving or snorkeling activities unless it is through a MOT licensed operation according to the ministerial decree no. 444 for 2011. This to ensure the application of the rules, safety guidelines and quality standards approved by the ministry and the CDWS to ensure that those activities are supervised by qualified technical managers and that the diving and snorkeling instructors hold a valid CDWS ID card, are trained to perform first aid, C.P.R. and are aware of the use of medical oxygen tanks. This action comes as a result of several recent incidents in which tourists were subject to drowning, near-drowning and suffering injuries while swimming and snorkeling while visiting those areas.



The background of the slide is a deep blue underwater scene. In the foreground, a large, dark-colored wrasse with a prominent, slightly protruding mouth is swimming towards the left. Behind it, a massive school of smaller, silvery fish fills the water, creating a sense of depth and movement. The lighting is soft and diffused, typical of an underwater environment.

Media, PR and communication report for 2019

- 1- The CDWS is working on launching its new website by 2020, with the purpose of developing the communication with the members to be fully electronic through the website services. With the aim that the website become the main platform for the information, duties, services offered by CDWS to the members as well as a guide for all diving and water sports activities.

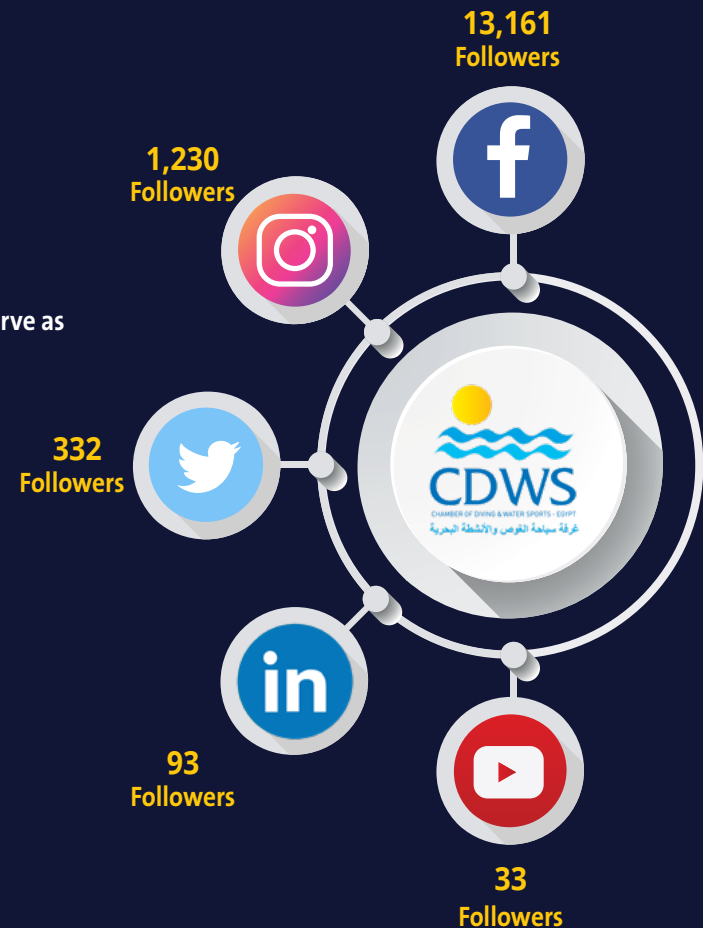


2- The CDWS is frequently in contact with the members through several communication channels, as follows:

- **Newsletters** via e-mail.
- **Whatsapp** service.
- **Facebook** page: (CDWS - Chamber of Diving & Water Sports- غرفة سياحة الغوص والأنشطة البحرية)
<https://www.facebook.com/CDWSEGYPT/>
Current number of followers: 13,161

Some other CDWS inactive channels have been revived and became in active as they serve as a recent communication channels for members and followers:

- **Instagram:** cdwsegypt
<https://www.instagram.com/cdwsegypt/>
Current number of followers: 1,230
- **Twitter:** CDWSEgypt
<https://twitter.com/CDWSEgypt>
Current number of followers: 332
- **Youtube:** CDWSEgypt
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Current number of followers: 33
- **Linkedin:** Chamber of Diving and Watersports
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/chamber-of-diving-and-watersports-759b50113/>
Current number of followers: 93



The following are some examples for the type of communication shared with our members:

- Keep up with all information and updates in the diving sector issued either by the chamber or by the Ministry of Tourism.
- Important information regarding the visa of the Arab republic of Egypt
- Dates, locations and information of different educational seminars for our members reference and benefit
- The CDWS official working hours and public vacations
- The information received by the CDWS from the coast guard office, boarder force office and the tourism and Antiquities Police that are directly relevant to touristic diving and water sports establishments.
- Correspondence received from official state agencies such as the Ministry of Tourism, the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Manpower, etc., as well as the local bodies represented in the Governors of South Sinai and the Red Sea and the bodies of the Ministry of Defense and others, which directly affect the sector and its employees.



3- CDWS held several meetings and negotiations with the Egyptian Tourism Authority regarding the participation in the 2019/2020 international shows and expos, which is one for the CDWS roles to help the members promote Egypt in the diving and water sports international shows in several countries such as England, Germany, France, Italy and the Netherlands.

In cooperation with the Egyptian tourism Authority, CDWS have been able to book a 50m space in Go Diving, the newest upcoming and strongest scuba diving show in Coventry – England. The show will take place between the 21st till the 23rd of February 2020. The space is available for 6 booths with a cost of 1600 euros each. In addition, the chamber was able to get the approval for to book an area of 200m2 to represent Egypt at BOOT- Düsseldorf, Germany, which is considered one of the most popular diving and water sports exhibitions in the world, with total number of 14 participants. The below shows a list of the diving and water sports expos and shows for 2020:

Exhibition	location	Date	Area For Egypt	Max. no. of participants	Fees in Euros
Go diving – Coventry	Go Diving - Coventry	21-23 February 2020	50 m	6	1600
Salon de la Plongée – Paris	Paris- France	10 - 13 January 2020	20 m	4	2000
BOOT Dusseldorf	Düsseldorf- Germany	18-26 January 2020	200 m2	16	2500
EUDI show -bologna	Bologna - Italy	28 February to 1 March 2020	70 m2	6	1500
Duikvaker -Utrecht	Utrecht - Netherland	1-2 February 2020	100 m2	8	1800

CDWS was invited by the Ministry of Tourism to be part of **London's International Travel Trade Show 2019**, a business to business events across four continents that gives an opportunity for the global travel industry professionals to connect, promote their brands and destinations and also get a chance to learn and develop by bringing global experience to local markets.

As part of the MOT adaptation to **the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)**, CDWS was present to demonstrate Egypt's recent achievements and efforts in preserving the marine life and biodiversity by adopting **Green Fins** initiative which is the first and only internationally recognized sustainable diving & snorkeling management approach offering reachable and pragmatic solutions to reducing the threats and negative impacts of the operators on marine environment, especially coral reef. Our participation this year comes as a significant step especially after UK has lift its travel restrictions to Sharm El Sheikh.

During the show, our CDWS representatives attended the visitors who were curious to know about the **Green fins** certified diving centers in Egypt and gave them a chance to experience a glimpse of the beauty and marvels that they can find in the Red Sea using innovative digital tools and virtual reality experiences.



4- International and local Media coverage for the CDWS different activities:

تعرف على شروط وإجراءات مزاولة مهنة الغوص والتصوير تحت الماء

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الأخبار المتعلقة

أعلنت غرفة سياحة الغوص والأنشطة البحرية، عبر الصفحة الرسمية بموقع التواصل الاجتماعي "فيسبوك"، قبول طلبات إصدار/تجديد بطاقات مزاولة المهنة لمرشدي ومدربي الغوص و"السنوركلنج" والمصورين تحت الماء والوظائف الأخرى لعام 2019.

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غرفة سياحة الغوص: تنفيذ برامج تدريبية لرفع كفاءة مدبري المراكب ويخوت السفاري

طباعة Facebook Twitter



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تبدأ غرفة سياحة الغوص والأنشطة البحرية تنفيذ برامج تدريبية لرفع كفاءة ومسئولي المدبرين الفلين لمراكب الغوص ويخوت السفاري. بمحافظة البحر الأحمر وجنوب سيناء خلال النصف الثاني من شهر يونيو الجاري. بالتعاون ودعم من وزارة السياحة. وبالتنسيق مع الاتحاد المصري للغرف السياحية.

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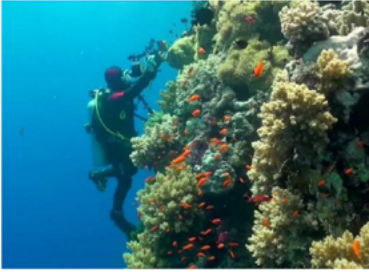
Diving in Egypt

Scuba diving in the Red Sea started in the 1950s when Greek and Italian workers began spear fishing while residing in Egypt. Explored by the Austrian zoologist Dr. Hans Hass, a well-known underwater movie maker, and the famous French diver Jacques Cousteau, the Red Sea has amazing coral reefs that are a magnet for thousands of species.

Diving has matured since then, today you'll find fully equipped facilities, liveboard diving, a myriad of programs and internationally certified instructors. The Red Sea resorts of Hurghada, Sharm El-Sheikh, Marsa Alam, El Gouna and Taba are wonderful destinations that offer diving holidays packages and facilities all year round because of their moderate temperature. It doesn't matter if you have never dived before, if you're a beginner or a veteran, you'll find the right program for you and you'll surely be coming back for more.

Diving and dive centers in Egypt are managed and regulated by the Chamber of Diving and Watersports (CDWS). For more information, visit the CDWS Website.

Also visit Egypt Diving Facebook Page for more news, videos and images about diving in Egypt.




UN Environment Programme

Related Sustainable Development Goals

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	Goal 12 Sustainable Consumption and Production
13 CLIMATE ACTION	Goal 13 Climate Action
14 LIFE BELOW WATER	Goal 14 Life Below Water

Egypt Adopts Green Fins Standards for Diving and Snorkelling



Dive and snorkel boats moored at Gordon Reef on a typical day in Tiran (Photo: Reef-World Foundation)

DIVE Report

The Reef-World Foundation and Chamber of Diving & Watersports (CDWS) have announced that Egypt is adopting the **Green Fins** environmental standards to help protect its coral reefs from the negative impacts associated with snorkelling and scuba diving. Egypt will become the first Middle Eastern country and eleventh nation worldwide to adopt the Green Fins standards.



Interview with Chloe Harvey, Director of The Reef-World Foundation, about how the charity's implementation of the Green Fins initiative in Egypt—in partnership with the UN Environment Programme—is helping protect coral reefs in the Red Sea.

The Reef-World Foundation—the international coordinator of the UN Environment Programme's (UNEP) **Green Fins** initiative—has just announced the launch of Green Fins Egypt, the programme's eleventh country worldwide, in partnership with the **Chamber of Diving and Watersports**. We spoke with Chloe Harvey about the launch of Green Fins Egypt and what this means for the protection of coral reefs in the region.

Egypt wins the second-best diving destination in the dive travel awards for 2019:



(Green Fins)



A full-page background image showing a diver in silhouette against a bright blue underwater scene. The diver is positioned diagonally, holding a large, complex light fixture above their head. Numerous bubbles are visible in the water, particularly on the right side. The text 'Membership Department report for year 2019' is overlaid in the top left corner.

Membership Department report for year 2019

- The CDWS is currently working on launching a new electronic portal to save the time and effort of its pros and its members, and to allow them to submit their requests online with no need to visit and be physically present at the offices to get a service. The first phase of the electronic portal shall be launched by January 2020.

- Accordingly, the chamber started applying a new online test for technical managers, pros and the workers in the sector, in which the questions and answers of the test changes periodically to prevent leaking the exams and any chance for cheating

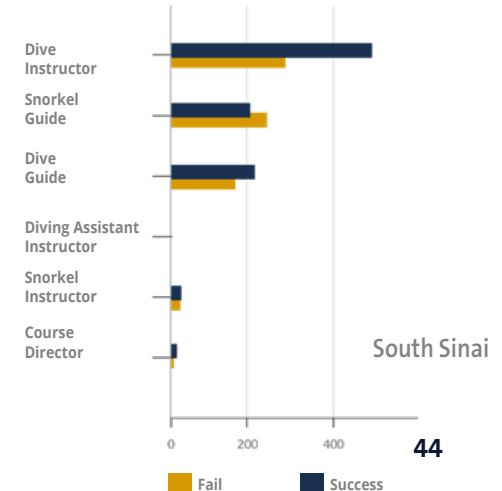
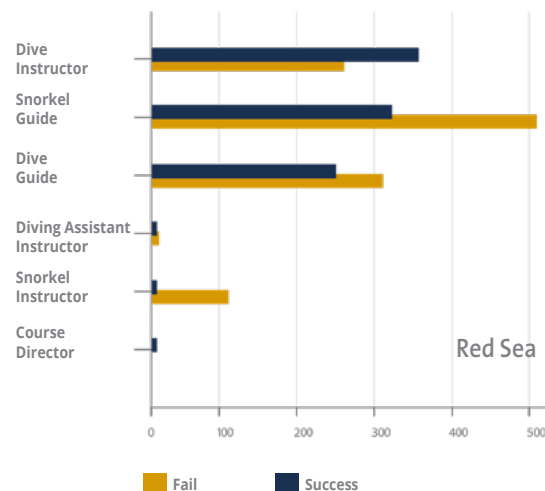
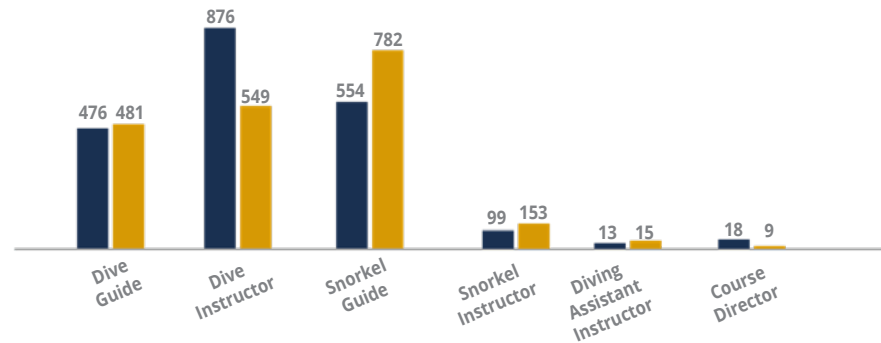


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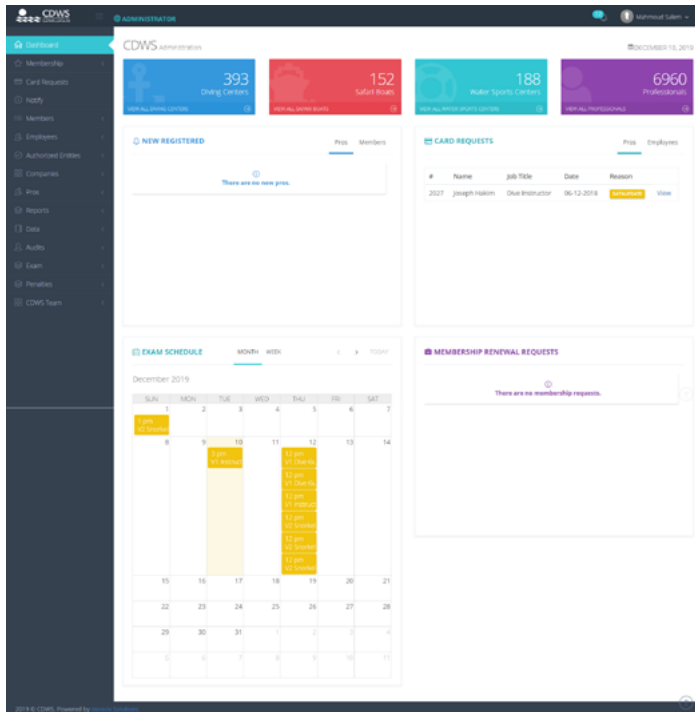
Second: Important Information

Third: Questions

Fourth: Results

	Leadership	Physics	Psychology	Category	Category	Total
Correct	8	3	1	7	3	22
Wrong	8	3	1	7	3	22
Score	60%	25%	60%	60%	25%	55%

Membership Department System



CDWS Administration Dashboard (December 18, 2019)

Summary Cards:

- 393** Diving Centers (CDWS ALL DIVERS CENTERS)
- 152** Safari Boats (CDWS ALL SAFARI BOATS)
- 188** Water Sports Centers (CDWS ALL WATER SPORTS CENTERS)
- 6960** Professionals (CDWS ALL PROFESSIONALS)

NEW REGISTERED: Pros: Members (There are no new pros.)

CARD REQUESTS: Pros: Employees

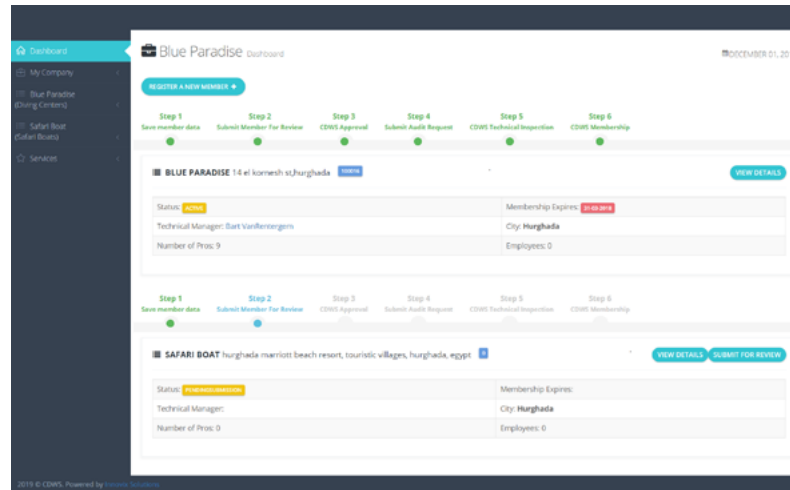
#	Name	Job Title	Date	Reason	Actions
2027	Joseph Hakim	Dive Instructor	06-12-2019	expired	View

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REQUESTS: There are no membership requests.

EXAM SCHEDULE: MONTH: WEDNESDAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

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Blue Paradise Dashboard (December 01, 2019)

REGISTER A NEW MEMBER

Steps: Step 1: Save member data, Step 2: Submit Member For Review, Step 3: CDWS Approval, Step 4: Submit Audit Request, Step 5: CDWS Technical Inspection, Step 6: CDWS Membership

BLUE PARADISE 14 el komesh st.hurghada (VIEW DETAILS)

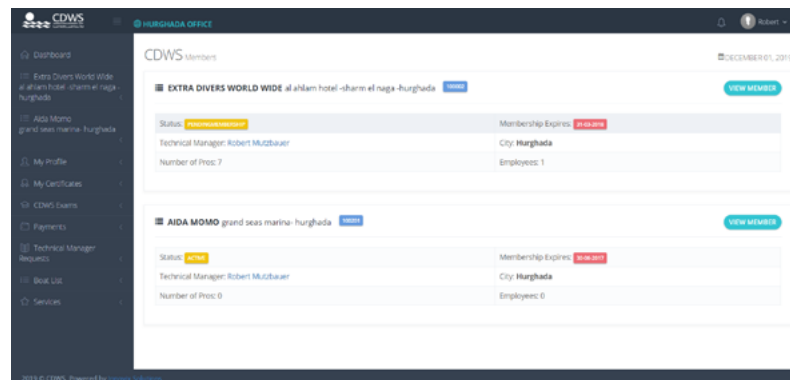
Status: Active	Membership Expires: 31-05-2020
Technical Manager: Bart VanBergeem	City: Hurghada
Number of Pros: 9	Employees: 0

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SAFARI BOAT hurghada mariott beach resort, touristic villages, hurghada, egypt (VIEW DETAILS | SUBMIT FOR REVIEW)

Status: Expired/Under Review	Membership Expires:
Technical Manager:	City: Hurghada
Number of Pros: 0	Employees: 0

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CDWS Hurghada Office (December 01, 2019)

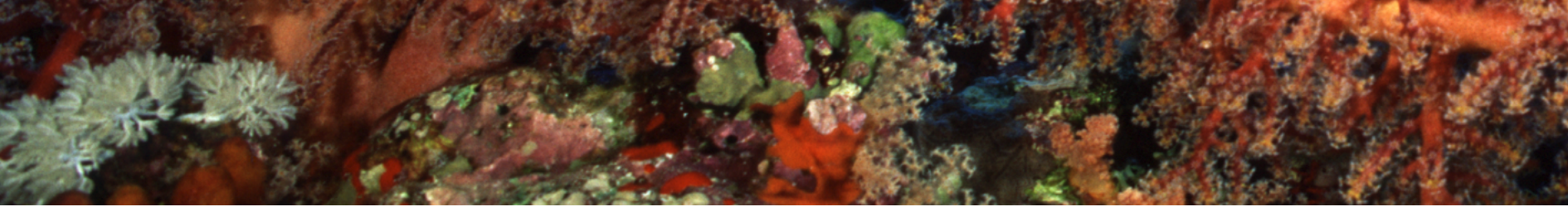
EXTRA DIVERS WORLD WIDE al ahiam hotel-sharm el naga-hurghada (VIEW MEMBER)

Status: Expired/Under Review	Membership Expires: 25-02-2020
Technical Manager: Robert Muzbauer	City: Hurghada
Number of Pros: 7	Employees: 1

AIDA MOMO grand seas marina- hurghada (VIEW MEMBER)

Status: Active	Membership Expires: 30-06-2021
Technical Manager: Robert Muzbauer	City: Hurghada
Number of Pros: 0	Employees: 0

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- Below is a breakdown for the membership services provided to the members for the current year:

Document	Red Sea	South Sinai	Total
New membership applications	22	7	29
Membership Letters	384	148	532
Membership Letters (data Update)	132	82	214
Work permit requests for foreigner employees	36	64	100
Total	552	294	846
Experience Certificates for foreigner Pros applying for work permits	69	53	122
Certificates of good conduct	13	6	19
Certificate of equivalency for foreigners applying for work permits	278	170	448
Total number of certificates	643	338	1581
Total number of certificates and letters	1195	632	1837



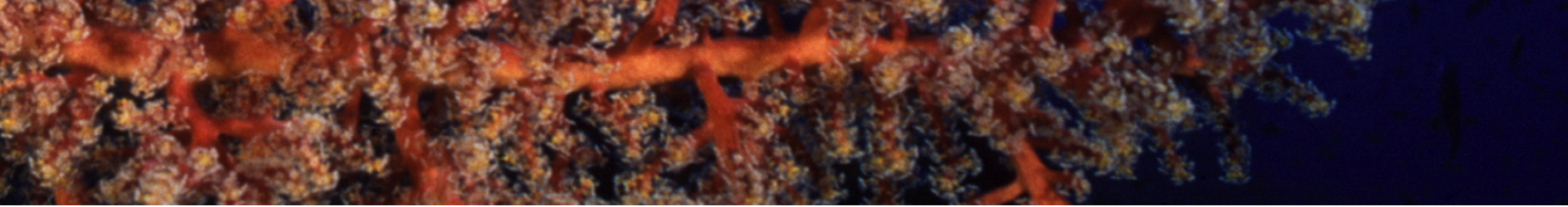
29
New Membership
applications



1827
Total number of
Certificates and
letters



5381
Total number
of Cards



Document	Red Sea	South Sinai	Total
CDWS ID Card for Diving Instructors	1056	1254	2310
CDWS ID card for diving guide	520	426	946
CDWS ID card for Snorkeling Instructors	352	276	628
CDWS ID card for kite-surfing instructors	62	6	68
CDWS ID card for wind-surfing instructors	20	6	26
CDWS ID card for underwater photographers	38	232	270
CDWS ID card for workers and employees in diving and water sports centers	186	358	544
CDWS ID cards for safari boat crews	364	225	589
Total	2598	2783	5381

A vibrant underwater scene featuring a clownfish with orange, white, and black stripes swimming through a dense thicket of purple sea anemones. The background is a deep blue, suggesting an ocean environment. The text "Section Three: Financial Report" is overlaid in the upper left corner.

Section Three:

Financial Report

- The estimated budget for the fiscal year 2019/2020

- [Click Here](#)

- Balance sheet and final statement for the fiscal year 2018/2019

- [Click Here](#)



