



CDWS statement concerning the use of the Muck Stick, Pointer Stick or Lobster Tickle Stick in the Red Sea



The Muck Stick, Pointer Stick or Lobster Tickle Stick is usually made of solid stainless steel or aluminum and is 12 to 18 inches long. Recent reports claim this device is being used - mostly by UW photographers - on coral reefs to stabilize themselves when close to the reef.

CDWS investigation concluded the following:

The use of such rods to touch corals and marine organisms in order to stabilize photographers or divers negatively impacts the reefs, especially if widely used.

Therefore, CDWS strongly forbids scuba divers and photographers to use these sticks in an attempt to promote an eco-friendly marine environment in the Red Sea. The penalty list for environmental violations will apply.