



ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY FEE

Industry Support Fee

The Papua New Guinea Divers Association (PNGDA) was incorporated in 1994 to coordinate industry activities and act as a lobby group for operators' concerns. In January 1998 the PNGDA Secretariat was formed. It is through the Secretariat that activities such as overseas promotions, advertising and coordination of environmental projects are carried out.

In partnership with The Nature Conservancy, United Nations Development Program and Seacology Foundation, the PNGDA initiated its Environmental Mooring Program to install permanent environmental moorings on all dive sites in Papua New Guinea. The moorings serve to eliminate damage caused by boat anchors on reefs. A hole is drilled into hard coral then a stainless-steel pin is cemented into the hole. A rope with a float is then attached to the pin, allowing boats to tie on without dropping anchors.

Members of the PNGDA are ever conscious of the need to protect the marine environment and all operators exercise a very strict 'look but do not touch' policy. The Environmental Mooring Program is an on-going project. The Environment & Safety Fee (E&S Fee) helps to maintain our efforts to protect the unique marine biodiversity of Papua New Guinea.

The Environment & Safety Fee (E&S Fee) has been established for two primary purposes:

- To sustain and expand the capacity of the PNG Divers Association to participate in a range of programs and activities in support of ensuring implementation of the Environmental Code of Ethics, and the protect and management of Papua New Guinea's unique marine bio-diversity.
- To ensure the continued availability of a hyperbaric recompression facility in Papua New Guinea, help fund operating costs, training programs and to treat Papua New Guinean divers.

The E&S Fee is US\$ 9 or AU\$10 / PGK 20 per diver per day of diving. The E&S Fee is not an insurance, but rather an industry support fee.

Hyperbaric Partners Limited (HPL) owns and operates a twin-lock unit maintained to international standards. Evacuation with nursing support for injured diver stabilization and oxygen therapy is arranged using pressurized aircraft. In the event of a diving accident, patients are accepted for treatment and HPL take responsibility for insurance billing. In the absence of any insurance coverage, the patient will be required to provide a guarantee of payment for services prior to any treatments being conducted.

PNGDA and HPL do not meet evacuation costs which can be high. For this reason it is strongly recommended that divers in Papua New Guinea hold full medical and evacuation insurance such as that offered by Divers Alert Network (DAN).

The Papua New Guinea Divers Association thanks you for your support of the Environment & Safety Fee.

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