

# CODE OF CONDUCT DIVING & SNORKELLING WITH SHARKS, SKATES & RAYS



## IF YOU HAVE A CAMERA

- Take a photo for identification but avoid using a flash

## IF YOU SEE A SHARK, SKATE OR RAY SETTLED ON THE SEABED

- Do not crowd them
- Do not touch them or disturb the sand covering them
- Find an area of barren seabed at the tail end of the animal to kneel

## IF YOU SEE A SHARK, SKATE OR RAY SWIMMING

- Do not swim after them or block their path
- Do not feed them

## HOW TO SPOT SKATES AND RAYS!

Skates and rays bury themselves in the sediment to ambush unsuspecting prey. They are well camouflaged making them difficult to spot!

### KEY THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR ARE:

The **EYES** protruding from the sand when they are fully buried  
The **END OF THE TAIL** exposed on the seabed  
A **FAINT OUTLINE** of the skate or ray in the sand

## ARE SHARKS, SKATES AND RAYS PROTECTED?

The Common Skate, Basking Shark and Angel Shark are protected under the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985

## IF YOU FIND AN EGGCASE

- Do not touch, disturb or remove it
- Take a photo and note the location
- Submit your record to the Sea Deep website

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