Welcome to dive for science in Gibraltar.

Legal status of scientific diving

There are currently no legal standards regulating scientific diving in Gibraltar although these are currently being drafted. Any research efforts in British Gibraltar Territorial Waters (BGTW) require a licence from the Ministry for the Environment.

Medical examinations

It is highly recommended to undergo medical examinations, prior to any dive.

Insurance

Divers are required to be insured for any diving activities.

Decompression issues

Decompression planning is not a requirement but should be implemented by the diving team.

First Aid

It is desirable, but not currently a requirement for all divers to have a valid first aid (CPR) qualification.

Breathing gas

Breathing gases should be relevant to the dive team expertise and qualifications, these would be implemented by the dive team.

Volunteers

Volunteers may join SD teams, if accepted by the dive leaders.

More information

Scientific diving legislation in Gibraltar is currently being drafted to ESDP standards. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Department of the Environment, Sustainability, Climate Change and Heritage.

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