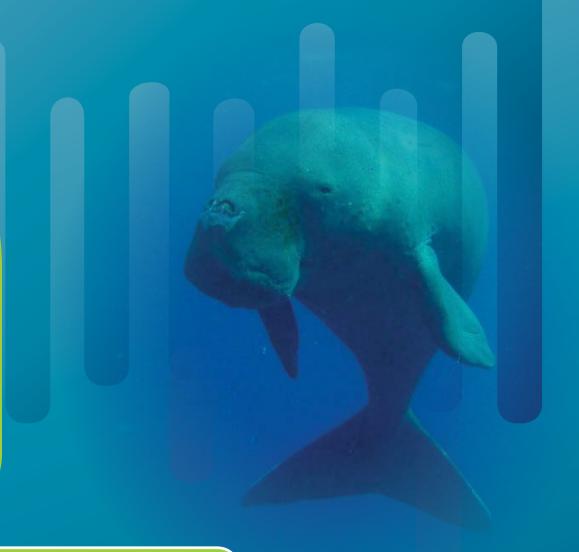
GUIDE FOR

KAYAKING,
CANOEING,
DINGY SAILING,
STAND UP
PADDLEBOARDING
AND SURFING
CLOSE TO DUGONGS.



Please help keep Vanuatu dugongs friendly.

Make sure *every* encounter with a dugong is a positive experience *for the dugong* as well as for you.

- Stay at least 5 metres away from a dugong. This is for your safety as well as the dugongs.
- Approach dugongs from the side and travel parallel with their bodies. Try not to approach from the front or behind.
- Never chase a dugong.
- Never corner or harass a dugong trying to swim away from you.
- There should never be more than 3
 watercraft within 10 meters of a dugong.
 If you come across a dugong and there
 are already 3 watercraft within 10 meters,
 stay back, at least 50 meters away.

- Make sure no watercraft gets between a mother and her calf at any point.
- If a dugong shows any signs of distress or disturbance (such as repeatedly swimming away from you) stop and move at least 50 meters away from the dugong.

Remember dugongs are protected by law in Vanuatu.







