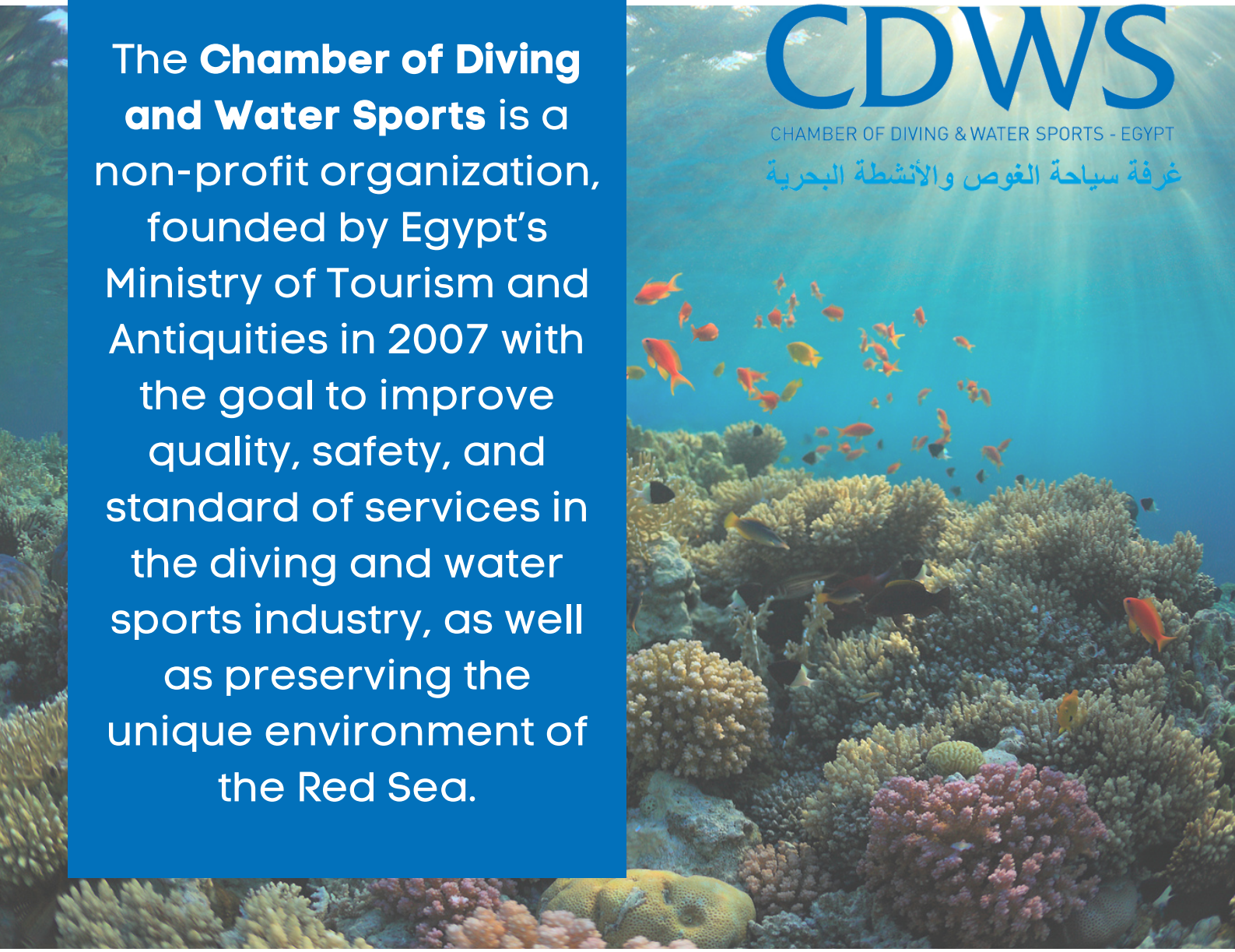
# THE CHAMBER OF DIVING AND WATER SPORTS EGYPT

## ABOUT THE CDWS:

The **Chamber of Diving and Water Sports** is a non-profit organization, founded by Egypt's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities in 2007 with the goal to improve quality, safety, and standard of services in the diving and water sports industry, as well as preserving the unique environment of the Red Sea.

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The CDWS is exclusively the sole inspection and auditing body in Egypt and the official representative for the diving and water sports sector on local and international levels.

## THE CDWS MEMBERS

The CDWS's current members are a total of (**667** members), **294** diving centers, **174** safari boats, and **199** water sports centers.

**Know more about our members:**
**https://www.cdws.travel/members/diving-centers**

## ISO STANDARDS AND CASE STUDY

PUBLICATIONS

**ISO STRATEGY FOR SERVICES - CASE STUDY - DIVING CENTRES IN EGYPT (ISO 24803, RECREATIONAL DIVING SERVICES - REQUIREMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL DIVING PROVIDERS)**

The CDWS is the partner of the Austrian Standards plus Ltd. for the certification system of the European Underwater Federation (EUF) in accordance with EN 14467/ **ISO 24803** for recreational diving providers and **ISO 13289** for the conduct of snorkeling excursions.

The ISO issued a case study that is the first of its kind on how the diving centers in Egypt are applying the ISO recreational diving service requirements for the recreational diving providers

**Know more:**
**https://www.iso.org/publication/PUB100431.html**





## TRAINING PROGRAMS

In line with the vision of the CDWS which aims to improve the quality, safety, and standards of the services in the diving and water sports sector and also preserve the Red Sea ecosystem, and in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and the Egyptian Tourism Federation (ETF), the CDWS provides the following training programs for the sector:

- Technical Manager for diving centers and safari boats.
- Technical Manager for Water Sports Centers (Snorkeling Services Providers).
- Shark Awareness Course.
- Environmental Awareness Courses for Safari Boat Crew.
- Environmental Awareness Course for Diving and Water Sports Centers.
- The Basics of Food Safety and Hygiene.

**Know more:**
**https://www.cdws.travel/info/1training/technical-manager-diving**

## GREEN FINS

**Green Fins** is a proven conservation management approach – implemented internationally by The Reef-World Foundation and the **UN Environment Programme** – which leads to a measurable reduction in the negative environmental impacts associated with marine tourism.
It aims to protect coral reefs through environmentally friendly guidelines promoting sustainable diving and snorkeling. It provides the only internationally recognized environmental standards for marine tourism and its robust assessment system measures compliance.




Since launching in 2019, there are **43** green fins certified members in Egypt, **12** green fins assessors, first **3** certified assessors' trainers in the Middle East and Africa.

**Know more: https://greenfins.net/countries/egypt/**

# 2022 TOP WATER SPORTS DESTINATION

Egypt was crowned the **2022's top water sports destination** by GYMCatch due to its perfect wind conditions, sandy beaches, crystal water, and great warm weather all year long. Egypt has been gaining interest from water sports enthusiasts over the last few years and is blessed with several destinations along the Red Sea with perfect conditions for different water sports activities.

**Know more:**
**https://gymcatch.com/2021/12/01/the-top-destinations-for-an-active-holiday/**




| | WATER SPORTS FACILITIES | YOGA RETREATS | CYCLING ROUTES | HIKING TRAILS | SKI SLOPES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | EGYPT | INDIA | GERMANY | AUSTRALIA | SWITZERLAND |
| 2nd | VIETNAM | INDONESIA | SWITZERLAND | UNITED STATES | AUSTRIA |
| 3rd | INDONESIA | PORTUGAL | POLAND | CANADA | NORWAY |
| 4th | AUSTRALIA | MOROCCO | BRAZIL | SWITZERLAND | CANADA |
| 5th | DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | THAILAND | BELGIUM | GERMANY | SWEDEN |
| 6th | CROATIA | SPAIN | ROMANIA | NORWAY | UNITED STATES |
| 7th | THAILAND | GREECE | CZECH REPUBLIC | CZECH REPUBLIC | FRANCE |
| 8th | MEXICO | AUSTRALIA | CHILE | BELGIUM | JAPAN |

# AND...THE 2ND BEST DIVING DESTINATION IN 2021




Egypt was ranked as 2nd best diving destination in the Dive Travel Awards by Dive magazine in 2021.
The dive sites in Egypt are considered one of the best diving spots in the world, with incredible coral reefs and pristine marine life, Egypt has **197** dive sites, and **21** wrecks with so much to offer to the dedicated wreck diver - in addition to a welcoming climate and warm, clear water, it is easy to understand why Egypt's incredible dive sites attract so many scuba-diving tourists back year after year.

**Know more:**
**https://divemagazine.com/scuba-diving-travel/dive-travel-awards-winners-2021**

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