



TETEPARE DESCENDANTS' ASSOCIATION YACHT POLICY

Welcome to Tetepare Island.

Tetepare Island is a conservation island, cared for by a group of 3000 landholders known as the Tetepare Descendants' Association or TDA. The TDA is an internationally-recognised conservation organisation whose donors include the WWF, NZ AID, AUSAID and the EU.

The Solomon Islands' Government recognises the TDA as the landholders and custodians of the marine and terrestrial environments of Tetepare, including all lagoons, reefs and waters surrounding the island.

You are welcome to moor in Tetepare's waters, under the following conditions:

- Follow the TDA Visitor Code of Conduct
- **Pay the \$50 SBD Kastom Fee** for each person on your boat. The fee must be paid at the time of mooring or first contact with TDA staff
- Ensure your anchor and mooring does not damage any of Tetepare's coral reefs and marine environments
- Ensure that you do not take any marine resources from inside Tetepare's Marine Protected Area. Tetepare has a 13km-long **Marine Protected Area**, where it is strictly prohibited to take any resources, including fish, shellfish and crayfish and shells. Land crabs, including coconut crabs, are also protected in all areas of the island and may not be harvested by non-TDA members. Please ask a member of the TDA staff to explain where the Marine Protected Area starts and finishes if you plan to do any fishing while in TDA waters.
- Please ensure that no rubbish is dumped anywhere on the island or in surrounding waters.
- Should you have SCUBA facilities onboard and wish to **SCUBA dive** in the waters surrounding Tetepare, the TDA charges a fee of \$35 SBD per person per dive, or an unlimited diving fee of \$100 SBD per person. This money will be used to continue our reef conservation work. We also ask that you follow our snorkelling and diving guidelines to protect our reefs and marine life from any potential damage.

The TDA runs an ecolodge on Tetepare, and may have guides available for hire, if you wish to hike through the forest or take part in other activities on or around the island, provided you have paid your kastom fee. Please speak to any of our hospitality staff about activities and costs. You are also welcome to come to the field station and talk to our rangers and hospitality staff about Tetepare's interesting history and our conservation work.

Should you decide you do not wish to/cannot pay the Kastom Fee, we ask that you please depart Tetepare Island and surrounding waters immediately. There are other safe mooring areas in the region, including on nearby Rendova Island. The Kastom Fee goes to support the TDA communities who have come together to protect this special island.

Thank-you,

TDA Management