



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 recognizes 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. Do not lie to our rangers regarding your activities.
- Please email us on tetepareecolodge@gmail.com to inform us of your visit
- Pay the **\$120 SBD conservation levy** for each person on your boat (**\$60SBD for children below 14yrs**). The fee must be paid at the time of mooring or first contact with TDA management 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 the 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 Tetepare ranger/staff to explain where the Marine Protected Area starts and finishes if you plan to do any fishing while in TDA waters.
- When fishing around Tetepare outside of the MPA please take only what you need for yourself. Ask the rangers where you may fish.
- Please ensure that no rubbish or blackwater is dumped anywhere on the island or in surrounding waters.
- Should you have **SCUBA** equipment onboard and wish to scuba dive in the waters surrounding Tetepare, the TDA charges a fee of **\$150 SBD per person for a maximum of 5 dives** per day. This money will be used to continue our reef conservation work. We also ask that you follow our snorkeling and diving guidelines to protect our reefs and marine life from any potential damage.
- **A guide/ranger must always accompany you on your excursions around Tetepare.**
- **For Anchorage within the MPA – IT IS NOT ALLOWED!!**
- **For anchorage please go to Waugh Bay.** Our rangers can direct you.
- Anchorage at Waugh Bay is **free** but you must pay for the conservation levies and for your activities with rangers.

The TDA runs an ecolodge on Tetepare called Tetepare Ecolodge, 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. Please speak to any of our hospitality or conservation staff about information on the costs and to organize the activities for you. 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 Conservation Levy, we ask that you please depart Tetepare Island and surrounding waters. There are other safe mooring areas in the region, including on nearby Rendova Island. The Conservation Levy goes towards supporting the conservation initiative on this special island.

Thankyou,
TDA Management

