



Maldives Whale Shark Research Programme

Research Periods & Volunteer Contributions February – December 2018

	Duration	Start Date	End date
Research Period 1 (FULL)	2 Weeks	4th February	17th February
Research Period 2	2 Weeks	18th February	3rd March
Research Period 3	2 Weeks	4th March	17th March
Research Period 4 (FULL)	2 Weeks	18th March	31st March
Research Period 5 (FULL)	2 Weeks	1st April	14th April
Research Period 6	2 Weeks	15th April	28th April
Research Period 7	2 Weeks	29th April	12th May
Research Period 8	2 Weeks	13th May	26th May
Ramazan Break			
Research Period 9	2 Weeks	24th June	7th July
Research Period 10	2 Weeks	8th July	21st July
Research Period 11	2 Weeks	22nd July	4th August
Research Period 12	2 Weeks	5th August	18th August
Research Period 13	2 Weeks	19th August	1st September
Research Period 14 (FULL)	2 Weeks	2nd September	15th September
Research Period 15	2 Weeks	16th September	29th September
Research Period 16	2 Weeks	30th September	13th October
Research Period 17	2 Weeks	14th October	27th October
Research Period 18	2 Weeks	28th November	10th November
Research Period 19	2 Weeks	11th November	24th November
Research Period 20	2 Weeks	25th November	8th December
Research Period 21	2 Weeks	9th December	22nd December

2018 Costs	Contribution*	Domestic Flight**	Taxes***
2 Weeks	£1695 GBP	£230 GBP	£37 GBP
4 Weeks	£2910 GBP	£230 GBP	£72 GBP

*Contribution covers infield accommodation, subsistence and MWSRP activities. Does not include; international or domestic flights, additional time in country or any optional additional activities.

**Internal return domestic flights are chargeable at an additional £230 regardless of volunteering duration, however please note that due to fluctuating fuel surcharges the MWSRP reserves the right to adjust this at the time of enquiry.

***As of 2017 all visitors to the Maldives are subject an additional per person per night 'Green Tax' totalling £33 for two weeks and £68 for four weeks is levied by the Maldivian Government as well as a one-time £4 'Community Fee' by Dhigurah Island Council and is not included in the above donation rates.