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OCEAN-FRIENDLY TOURISM - ANSWERS

1. What is tourism?

- **Visiting and exploring new places; doing recreational activities (eg. diving, kayaking, walking).**

2. Name two ways that tourism benefits the Dutch Caribbean?

Any of the following:

- **Creates jobs; Boosts the economy; Funds marine conservation; Inspires people to care for the ocean.**

3. How much are Caribbean reefs worth each year from tourism (in \$)?

- **\$140 billion**

4. Name a type of zone inside MPAs and the tourist activities that are managed here.

• **Any of the following:**

- **Fishing zones: only sustainable fishing is allowed in these zones.**
- **Recreation zones: recreational activities like swimming, snorkelling, diving or windsurfing can happen here.**
- **No-take zones: no fishing or collecting anything natural from these zones.**

5. Name two problems that tourism can cause.

• **Any of the following:**

- **People touching or disturbing wildlife**
- **Damage from too many boats and divers**
- **Litter and pollution**
- **Habitat loss and destruction**

6. Why might tourists not come back to visit the Dutch Caribbean?

- **If the health of the environment/nature declines.**

7. What does “sustainable tourism” mean? Why is it important?

- **Sustainable tourism means visiting places in a responsible way.**
- **This is important to make sure visitors have the lowest impact and damage to the environment and local people as possible, and to preserve the Dutch Caribbean’s marine environment for future generations.**

8. How many people visit Aruba each year?

- **2 million**

9. Name two ways we can be responsible tourists?

• **Any of the following:**

- **Follow MPA rules; Don’t touch corals and marine life; Keep beaches and oceans clean; Support eco-friendly local businesses; Use eco-friendly skin products**

10. In your opinion, what is the most important message in this factfile?

- **Answers may vary- give to your teacher/parent or swap with a partner to see if they agree with your answer! A main point could be that although tourism is important, it must be sustainable to make sure the ocean stays healthy, or that we need to play our part in being responsible tourists!**

