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## Technical Diving *Rules & Regulations*

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**As set forth by the Chamber for Diving and Watersport in Egypt (CDWS), all technical diving activities in the Red Sea (Sinai AND mainland Egypt) have to adhere to the following standards:**

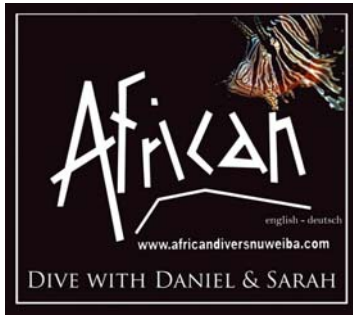
- Maximum depths for technical dives (divers must not exceed their certification depth):

Certification Level	Maximum Depth
Advanced Nitrox Diver (or equivalent)	40 msw
Decompression Procedures Diver (or equivalent)	45 msw
Extended Range Diver (or equivalent)	55 msw
Normoxic Trimix Diver (Entry Level) (or equivalent)	60 msw
Hypoxic Trimix Diver (Adv. Level) (or equivalent)	100 msw

- On all technical dives full tech gear has to be worn (dual wings or DIR style kit).
- First aid and full oxygen kits have to be on site.
- For all technical diving activities the maximum ppO<sub>2</sub> on the bottom is 1.4 bar, for decompression 1.6 bar!
- The maximum acceptable END is 40m (OC); when using CCRs adhere to the manufacturer's limitations!
- Every technical diver must carry two sets of SMBs, including one marked for emergency.
- All cylinders (also twinsets) have to be marked with their content and diver's name.
- For mixes containing more than 40% O<sub>2</sub>, oxygen-clean regulators have to be used.
- Regulators for bottom mix have to be balanced and of high performance.

**On dives deeper than 60m a support diver has to be on site!**

All technical dives, their profiles and planned decompression schedules have to be approved by the dive centre's Technical Manager!



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CDWS standards define a technical dive as a dive, conducted using one or more of the following:

- One, two or more gasses or gas mixtures used for decompression diving, including compressed air, Nitrox, oxygen, Trimix and Heliox.
- Stage tanks for decompression purposes during open circuit or CCR diving.

**The use of Nitrox for recreational dives does not fall under these regulations!**

The following training organisations are approved for technical diving in the Red Sea:

- TDI
- NAUI Tec
- IANTD
- DSAT
- GUE
- ANDI
- IART
- BSAC

**Divers from other training agencies must contact the CDWS ([info@cdws.travel](mailto:info@cdws.travel)) prior to engaging in any technical dive activities in the Red Sea!**

Prior to engaging in any technical diving activity, the divers have to submit the following paperwork to the dive centre's Technical Manager:

1. Diver training qualifications (certification card).
2. Proof of diving experience (dive logs).
3. The dive plan and the dive gas mixes.
4. The dive location.
5. Proof of support divers' and team qualifications.
6. List of emergency equipment available at the dive site and emergency plan.



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7. Proof of dive insurance covering the divers to the planned dive depth.