

DIVER QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear fellow diver

You have received the enclosed questionnaire because today you dived a goliath grouper spawning aggregation in Florida.

The enclosed questionnaire will help in improving ongoing research and conservation of goliath grouper. Answers are anonymous and will only be used for research and educational purposes.

I invite you to submit ideas on how your goliath grouper diving experience could be improved (educational materials, identification guides, divemaster briefings, web pages, etc). Here is my contact information:

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Please,

Fill in the pdf (this is a fillable pdf) and email to me at sfrias-torres@teamorca.org

or Print the filled pdf and mail the questionnaire to my regular mail address, or Fax to 772-467-1602

Time required to complete the questionnaire : 5 - 10 minutes

Cost of sending the questionnaire: tiny

Knowing you helped the goliath groupers : Priceless

Thank you

Questionnaire participants have a chance to win a 2-tank dive for 2 divers with Jupiter Dive Center; <http://www.jupiterdivecenter.com>

Enter contact information at the questionnaire to participate

I. Diver Profile

City/Town where you live [] **Country** []

Nationality [] **Occupation** []

Gender Male Female **Age** [] **Years** **Years diving** []

Education Level

- Basic
- High School
- Associate’s Degree
- Bachelor’s Degree
- Master’s Degree
- Professional Degree
- Doctorate

Dive Certification

- Novice diver
- Open water
- Advanced
- Rescue
- Dive Master
- Instructor

Total dives to date

- Less than 50 dives
- 50 to 100 dives
- 101 to 150 dives
- 151 to 200 dives
- 201 to 250 dives
- More than 250 dives

II. The Dive

Date of goliath grouper dive [] **Boat/Dive shop** []

Dive site [] **Time in** [] **AM / PM**

Maximum depth [] **feet** **Total dive time** [] **Visibility** [] **feet**

How far did you travel from your home to join this dive? [] **miles**

Did you overnight at a local hotel? Yes; number of nights [] No

What was the main purpose of your dive? (Check all that apply)

- Seeing the goliath grouper aggregation
- photo / video
- Dive training
- Recreational, I just went along
- Spearfishing

How many goliath groupers did you see at the aggregation site? []

Have you dived the goliath grouper aggregation before?

Yes No **If yes, when (mm/yy) and where?** []

How will you describe your overall experience diving the goliath grouper aggregation?

- Better than expected
- As expected
- Disappointed
- Don’t know

See other side ----->>>>

Please, circle the number that most closely reflects your answer to each statement

Statement	Strongly disagree 1	Disagree 2	Neutral 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5
While diving the goliath grouper aggregation, I					
approached the goliaths head on	1	2	3	4	5
used stealth and slow movements to approach the goliaths	1	2	3	4	5
remained still and let the goliaths approach me	1	2	3	4	5
swam through the goliaths breaking the group structure	1	2	3	4	5
chased after the goliaths	1	2	3	4	5
used flash photography within 3 feet or less from a goliath	1	2	3	4	5
heard booming sounds more than once	1	2	3	4	5
attempted to touch the goliaths	1	2	3	4	5
entered the wreck/s to see the goliaths inside	1	2	3	4	5
blocked the movement of the goliaths so they went away	1	2	3	4	5
just stayed quiet and looked	1	2	3	4	5
saw light and dark goliaths	1	2	3	4	5

III. Final questions

Cost of the dive (include boat trip+ any rental gear) US Dollars

If a Goliath Grouper Conservation Fund existed for the purpose of scientific research and conservation of the species, how much will you be willing to donate every time you dived the goliath grouper aggregation? (all numbers in US dollars)

Zero \$1 to \$5 \$6 to \$10 \$11 to \$15 \$15 to \$20 More than \$20

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Name

Email/phone