

Please fly safe,
responsibly, respectfully
and legally.

Private / Recreational Use

For tourist photography, personal videos,
family or holiday use. Please follow the rules
in this guide.

Commercial Use

Any drone activity involving payment,
business or commercial purpose including
photography, filming, surveying, mapping,
real estate, inspections, research or media
requires prior approval from the Niue Civil
Aviation Authority.

You
may also
require: evidence of
competency, insurance,
operational procedures
and additional approvals
from other Government
agencies depending
on the activity.



Responsible Drone Use *in Niue*



For more information or
commercial approvals contact:

Niue Civil and Aviation Authority
Email: NiueTower@gov.nu



Protecting Whales and Marine Life

Humpback whales visit Niue every year from June to October to rest, calve and nurse their young in our safe, warm waters.

Drones flown too close can disturb whales, cause stress, interrupt resting or nursing, and may cause the separation of mothers from calves.

Disturbing or harassing marine mammals is prohibited under the Whale Watching Regulations 2016.

NEVER:

- ✗ Chase whales with a drone
- ✗ Hover directly above whales
- ✗ Fly low for photographs or videos
- ✗ Circle whales repeatedly
- ✗ Separate mothers and calves
- ✗ Use drones to 'herd' or follow whales
- ✗ Disturb resting or nursing whales

If Whales Show Signs of Disturbance

You must move your drone away immediately. The law requires you to stop if any disturbance occurs.

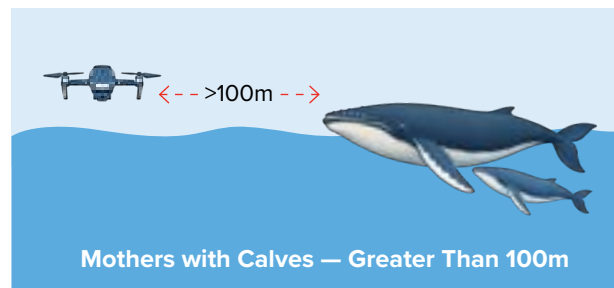
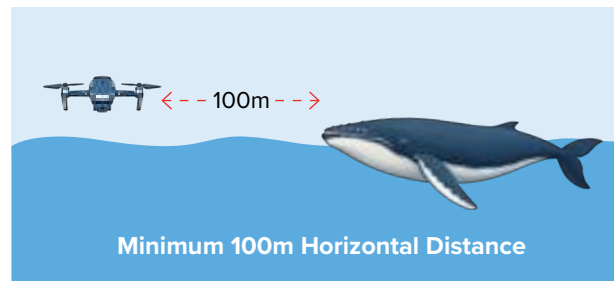
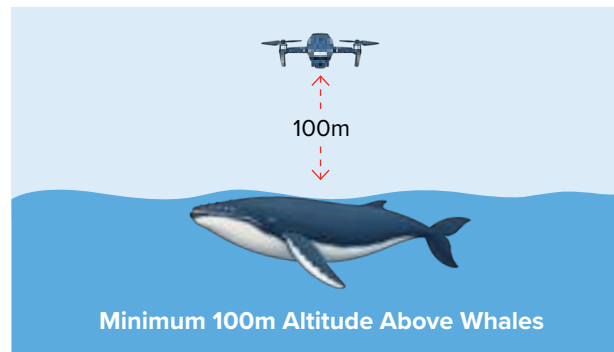
Signs include: sudden dives, tail slaps, rapid direction changes, increased speed or protective behaviour around calves.

Respect Licensed Operators

Only approved whale interaction operators may conduct regulated whale tourism activities. Do not interfere with tour vessels or swimmers, and keep drones well clear.

Recommended Drone Distances Around Whales

Although drone-specific whale distances are still evolving, best environmental practice is:



Basic Drone Rules

- ✓ Keep your drone within visual line of sight
- ✓ Fly only in good weather and daylight
- ✓ Stay well clear of people, roads and buildings
- ✓ Land immediately if an aircraft approaches
- ✓ Fly responsibly and cautiously
- ✓ Maximum height 120m (400ft) above ground level

NEVER:

- ✗ Fly recklessly or aggressively
- ✗ Fly over crowds or public gatherings
- ✗ Fly while impaired by alcohol or drugs
- ✗ Fly at night unless specifically approved
- ✗ Fly beyond visual line of sight
- ✗ Interfere with emergency operations

Airport and Aircraft Safety

An aircraft may arrive unexpectedly and often fly at low level. NEVER fly near Hanan International Airport, under aircraft approach/departure paths or near helicopters. If you see or hear an aircraft - LAND IMMEDIATELY.



Respect Our People and Culture

- Ask permission before flying over private property
- Do not film people without consent
- Respect villages, churches, schools and community events
- Avoid flying near cultural or traditional activities