

# Scientific Diving

## Rules:

### Diving rules at the Huinay Scientific Field Station:

- Each diver needs a valid diving certification and the completion of at least 50 previous dives, as well as a valid certificate of health issued within the last two years. All divers also need to have health insurance and an insurance that covers the costs of diving accidents (such as DAN, [www.diversalertnetwork.org](http://www.diversalertnetwork.org)).
- At least one of the divers in each group must have either a CMAS\*\*\* diving certification, a PADI rescue diver certification, a research diver certification, or the equivalent.
- Recreational diving and individual diving are not permitted, as well as diving to depths over 40 meters.
- Divers with CMAS\* certification, PADI Open Water, or Chilean Recreational Diving certification are not allowed to dive to depths of over 20 meters.
- To dive deeper than 40 meters, the CMAS\*\* certification is required, or a specialist diver certification for those that have the PADI Advanced Open Water certification, or even the PADI deep-water divers.
- Each visiting diving group must be accompanied by a diver from the Huinay Scientific Center. Each diver must have a diving computer, a compass, a depth gauge, and an octopus (second regulator).
- If it is the first time that you are going to dive in the Comau Fjord, each diver must do at least one test dive in the dock at the Center. After this, the diver will be allowed to dive in more delicate environments. If the diver demonstrates inadequate skills, the station reserves the right to enforce further restrictions.