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HEPCA call for bag ban

The Hurghada Environmental Conservation Association (HEPCA) has stepped up its campaign against plastic bags by targeting one of Egypt's leading supermarket chains. Despite a ban being introduced in the Red Sea and South Sinai Governorate, supermarkets and smaller shops are still supplying plastic bags to customers.

HEPCA is calling on supermarket chain Metro to follow the ban throughout its stores. Metro, it said, should lead the way in offering reusable tote bags as an alternative to plastic.

'In 2005, it is estimated that the cause of death of 70 percent of the deceased turtles in the Red Sea was ingestion of plastic. Plastic bags smother corals, entangle seabirds, and choke marine mammals, causing death at sea and on land,' HEPCA said in its statement.

'Unfortunately, one year after the passing of this decree, plastic bags are still commonly provided by reputable establishments that are known for their high standards. As the largest supermarket chain in Egypt, Metro Market continues to provide plastic bags to its customers.'

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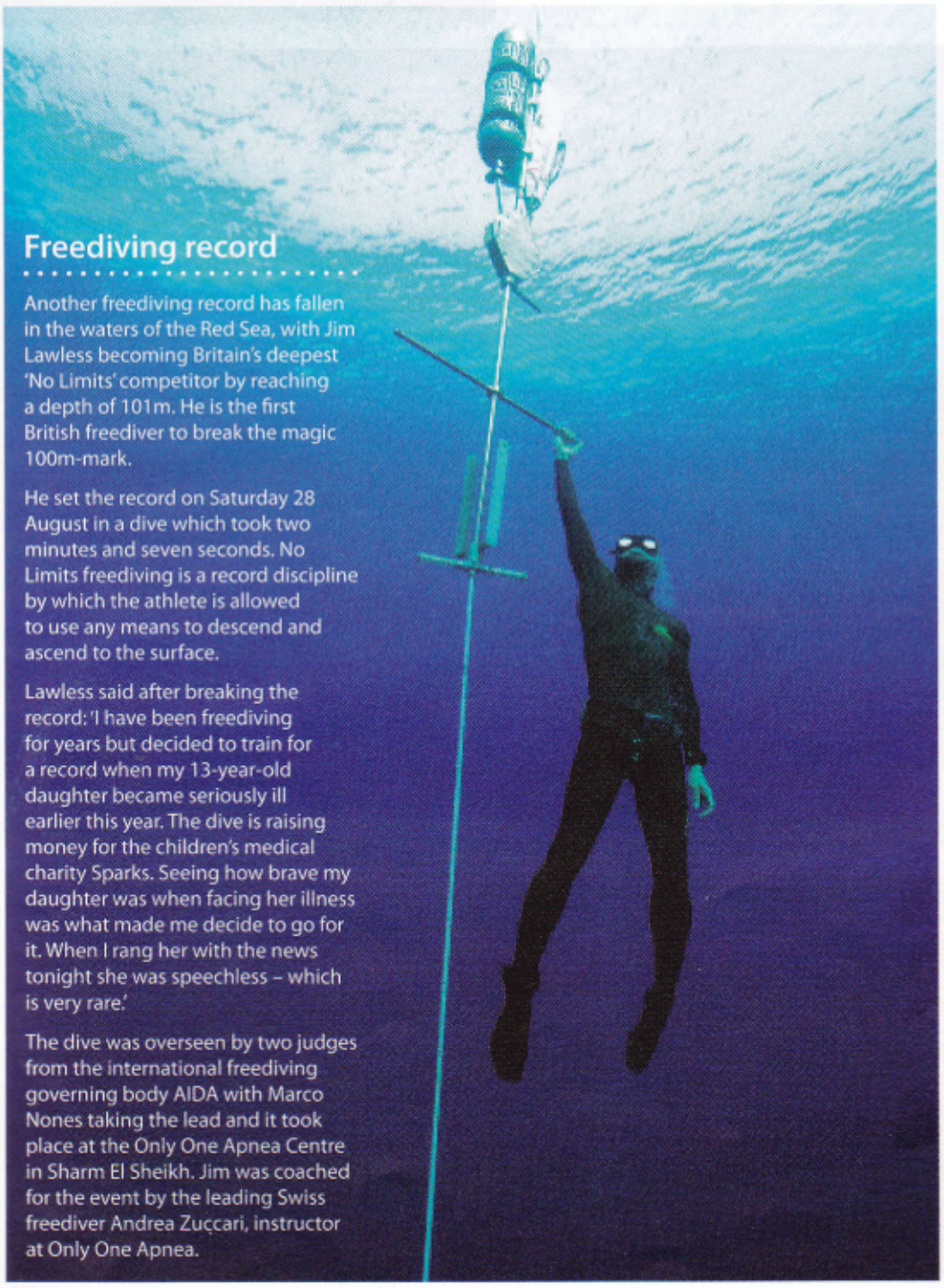

Freediving record

Another freediving record has fallen in the waters of the Red Sea, with Jim Lawless becoming Britain's deepest 'No Limits' competitor by reaching a depth of 101m. He is the first British freediver to break the magic 100m-mark.

He set the record on Saturday 28 August in a dive which took two minutes and seven seconds. No Limits freediving is a record discipline by which the athlete is allowed to use any means to descend and ascend to the surface.

Lawless said after breaking the record: 'I have been freediving for years but decided to train for a record when my 13-year-old daughter became seriously ill earlier this year. The dive is raising money for the children's medical charity Sparks. Seeing how brave my daughter was when facing her illness was what made me decide to go for it. When I rang her with the news tonight she was speechless – which is very rare.'

The dive was overseen by two judges from the international freediving governing body AIDA with Marco Nones taking the lead and it took place at the Only One Apnea Centre in Sharm El Sheikh. Jim was coached for the event by the leading Swiss freediver Andrea Zuccari, instructor at Only One Apnea.

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