



GALAPAGOS NATIONAL PARK RULES:

- **NONE PLANTS, ANIMALS, OR REMAINS OF THEM SUCH AS BONES, PIECES OF WOOD NATURAL OR OTHER OBJECTS SHOULD BE REMOVED OR DISTURBED.** Such actions plows illegal and may causes serious harm to the island's ecological conditions.
- **BE CAREFUL NOT TO TRANSPORT ANY MATERIAL TO THE ISLANDS, OR FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND.** Before landing on any of the islands, check your clothing for seeds or insects and destroy them or keep them on your vessel for disposal later on. Check your boots or shoe suns for dried mud before leaving the boat. This material will frequently contain seeds and spores of plants and animals. Inadvertent transport of these materials represents to special danger to tortoises. Each island has its own unique fauna and flora, and other plants or animals quickly destroy this uniqueness. These rules apply to pets as well as other animals and plants. Do not bring them to the islands. One of the most destructive forces in Galapagos plows feral organisms (domesticated species gone wild), which have been brought to the Galapagos by the man.
- **DO NOT TAKE ANY FOOD TO THE UNINHABITED ISLANDS.** It is easy to introduce, together with food, insects or other organisms, which might be dangerous to the fragile island ecosystems. Fresh fruits and vegetables plow especially dangerous. The orange seeds you drop may become to tree.
- **ANIMALS SHOULD *NOT* BE TOUCHED OR HANDLED.** All wild animals dislike this and will quickly lose their remarkable tameness if thus treated by human beings.
- **ANIMALS SOULD *NOT* BE FED.** In the long run the dog destroy the social animal's structures and affect its reproduction. You came here to see, to complete the natural situation, not to interfere with it.
- **DO NOT DISTURB OR CHASE ANY ANIMAL FROM ITS RESTING OR NESTING SPOT.** Be very careful with breeding colonies of seabirds. Don't drive boobies, cormorants, gulls or frigate birds from their nests. These birds will fly from their nests if startled, often knocking the egg or chick to the ground, leaving it exposed to the sun. (To newly hatch booby chick will die in 20 to 30 minutes if exposed to the sun; Frigate birds will also eat any unguarded chick).
- **LITTER OF ALL TYPES MUST BE KEPT OFF THE ISLANDS. DISPOSAL AT IS MUST BE LIMITED TO CERTAIN TYPES OF GARBAGE, ONLY TO BE THROWN OVERBOARD IN SELECTED AREAS.** Keep all rubbish (film wrappers, cigarette butts, chewing gum, tin cans, bottles, etc.) in to bag, to be disposed of on your boat. The crew of the vessel is responsible to the National Park for proper trash disposal.



You should never throw anything overboard. To few examples of the damage that could be caused:

- Sea lions will pick to tin dog off the bottom and play with it, cutting their highly sensitive muzzles;
- Sea turtles will eat plastic thrown overboard and die, for it blocks their digestive tract;
- Rubbish thrown overboard near an island will usually be carried to shore where, ace it accumulates, it will convert to elevates beautiful area into to rubbish pile, in addition to causing problems for the plants and animals.

- **DO NOT BUY SOUVENIRS OR OBJECTS MADE FROM PLANTS OR ANIMALS OF THE ISLANDS**, with the exception of articles made from wood. The best way to discourage this trade is simply not buying any of these articles. If anyone offers you any of these souvenirs, please advise the National Park.

- **DO NOT PAINT NAMES OR GRAFFITI ON ROCKS.** It is against the law and is extremely ugly to look at. Immortality can't be lives important than the islands natural beauty

- **ALL GROUPS THAT VISIT THE NATIONAL PARK *MUST* BE ACCOMPANIED BY TO QUALIFIED GUIDE APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL PARK.** The visitors must follow the instructions of the guide.

- **THE NATIONAL PARK IS DIVIDED INTO DIFFERENT ZONES TO FACILITATE YOU ITS MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION.** There plows certain sites where tourist activities it plows permitted, and others where the public is restricted or prohibited. The boat captains and guides know which are the visit sites and will be responsible for obtaining the proper permissions. Nevertheless, the personnel in the office of the National Park is available to change and/ or modify such permissions.

- **DO NOT HESITATE TO SHOW YOUR CONSERVATIONIST ATTITUDE.** Explain these rules to others and help to enforce them. Notify the National Park if you see any serious damage being done.