

ECO-TOURISM KUYIMA S.P.R OF R.L.

VISITORS REGULATION

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Introduction

The present regulation establishes dispositions necessary to conserve the environment and the quality of the service that we offer to our visitors, for that reason we asked to you read that it carefully and you follow its indications in all your visit. Thanks!

Regulation of Visitors

Chapter I “General Dispositions”

Section 1) Objective and scope of application

The present regulation is of general observance and obligatory for all those physical people or morals that realize activities within the center **Kuyima Eco-tourism**, that is located in the margins of the Lagoon San Ignacio within the territory of the Biosphere Reserve El Vizcaíno (REBIVI) in the municipality of Mulegé, South Baja California and 26°50'00” of North latitude and 113°10'00” of west longitude is located in the geographical coordinates.

Rule 1.- The regulation has like **object**:

- a) The preservation and protection of the biodiversity.
- b) The viable advantage, the preservation and, if so the restoration of the natural elements, so that the obtaining of economic benefits and the activities of the society are compatible with the preservation of the ecosystems.
- c) The prevention and control of the water, airborne contamination and ground.
- d) To promote an effective participation of the visitors and tourists in activities of preservation within the center.
- e) To establish the rules of environmental administration of the center.
- f) The establishment of rules for the application of surveillance measures and control within the center.

Rule 2.- The application of the present regulation corresponds to the operative person in charge of the **Center**, notwithstanding the allocations that correspond to the dependencies of the Federal Executive, in accordance with the Decree of creation of the protected natural area, the Program of Handling, the present rules and other applicable orderings in the matter.

Section 2) Definitions

Rule 3.- For the effects of the present regulation:

1. **“Activities of scientific research”**: They are those physical activities that are realized by one or several educative universities, institutions or of investigation, organizations nongovernmental or people, through personnel described in the matter and who count on authorization and registry for it.
2. **“Activities of environmental education”**: Activities that intend the awareness and qualification on the operation of the environment and its components, as well as the conservation, use, advantage, protection, restoration and handling of the natural resources and the environment.
3. **“Sighting of flora and fauna”**: Non extractive recreational activities that they intend to observe remote elements of flora and wild fauna in situ.
4. **“Lifting capacity”**: One talks about to the maximum number of visitors, who an area where it practices the eco-tourism can support, according to the tolerance of the ecosystem and to the use of its components, so that it does not exceed his capacity to recover in the short term, without diminishing the satisfaction of the visitor or an adverse impact is exerted on

- the society, the economy or the culture of an area.
5. “**Center**”: Area administered by the company **Ecoturismo Kuyima** with ecotourism aims.
 6. “**Decree of the ANP**”: Decree by which the Vizcaíno one settles down like natural area protected the Reserve of the Biosphere, published in the Official Newspaper of the Federation day 30 of November of 1988.
 7. “**Director of the ANP**”: The person designated by the SEMARNAT in charge of administering the protected natural area.
 8. “**Eco-tourism**”: That one environmentally consisting of responsible tourist modality traveling or visiting natural spaces without disturbing relatively, with the purpose of to enjoy, to appreciate and to study attractive the natural ones of these spaces; as well as any cultural manifestation of the present and the past that can be there, through a process that promotes the conservation, it has under environmental impact and cultural and induces an active and socio-economically beneficial involvement of the local populations.
 9. “**Boat**”: Vehicle of any size that floats and slides by the water driven by the wind, currents, waves, oars or by a motor.
 10. “**Tourist Boat**”: They are the boats used exclusively by the lenders of services to lead, to supervise and to give to support to the visitors or tourists.
 11. “**Non motorized Boats**”: Boats of human propulsion, wind (it guards) or surge, between which they find kayaks, canoes, tables of candle, sailboats without motor, tables of surge in all types and dimensions, beach mattresses with or without transparent additions for the observation of the aquatic or marine life.
 12. “**Motorized Boat**”: Equipped boats of mechanical propulsion with a motor, between which they find boats, pangas, yachts, catamarans, in all types and dimensions, with or without transparent additions for the observation of the aquatic or marine life.
 13. “**Guide of tourists**”: Physical person who provides to the visitor or national tourist or foreign direction and professional information on the tourist, natural and cultural patrimony of a place, the attractiveness related to the tourism, as well as services of attendance.
 14. “**Environmental Information**”: Any information written, visual or in the form of data base, which it has the center related to his handling, as well as in the matter of natural water, air, ground, flora, fauna and resources generally, as well as on the activities or measures that can affect them.
 15. “**Investigator**”: That one physical person who goes to the **Center** like part of a project of scientific research.
 16. “**Map of Zoning of the Center**”: The territorial of the facilities and activities of **Center** and shaped in a document or written ordering accompanied by sketch graphical.
 17. “**Environmental Administration**”: Activities of preservation, protection and restoration in charge of the operative person in charge of the center.
 18. “**Visitor or Tourist**”: That one physical person who enters to the **Center** with tourist-recreational, cultural aims and of relaxation.
 19. “**Zoning**”: Instrument by means of which geographic areas within the **Center** settle down with the purpose of to define the uses within them, in relation to the characteristics and needs of handling.
 20. “**Disposable Residues**”: All residual material considered sweepings generally produced by the human activity and that does not represent a utility or an economic value for its generator and that is needed to eliminate.
 21. “**Dangerous Residues**”: They are residues that by their nature are inherently dangerous to handle and/or to arrange and can cause death, disease; or that is dangerous for the health or the environment when they are handled in unsuitable form.
 22. “**Video-graphs and photographs**”: They are the activities that are realized with commercial aims, making advantage of the landscaping resources, or, accompanying the tourists to record its visit to the center, with photography or video cameras.
 23. “**Open Zones**”: Footpaths, beaches, mangrove swamps, coastal dunes, natural lagoons, salt mines, etc.

Chapter II “Attributions of the Operative Person in charge of the Center”

Rule 4.- The Person in charge of the **Center** will have the following **attributions**:

1. The application of the present regulation
2. He will realize the necessary managements for the handling of the center;
3. To promote the participation of the visitors, tourists and other people in the preservation activities and protection of the ecosystems and its biodiversity
4. To supervise the fulfillment in the agreements of agreement with the authorities of the ANP.
5. To provide the environmental information related to the center

Chapter III “Rights and Obligations of the Visitors”

Section 1) Rights of the Visitors

Rule 5.- The visitors or tourists will have right to that the Operative Person in charge provides with opportunity the following information to them:

- Environmental information that it has the center.
- Information on the services and requirements for the taking of steps
- Information on special services for people with different capacities.
- Regulation of the Center
- Code of conduct of the center

Rule 6.- The tourists will have right to that the Person in charge of the Operative Center provides the services offered for people with different capacities in the terms that remember in the contract of benefit of services, in accordance with the needs of the tourist and according to the technical viability to provide the service.

Section 2) Obligations of the visitors

Rule 7.- The Visitors and Tourists will be forced to respect the present regulation, as well as to accept indications of personnel of the ANP.

Rule 8.- It is obligation of the visitors and tourists to know and to accept the dispositions established in the present regulation, as well as those anticipating in the Decree, the Program of Handling and administrative rules of the ANP.

Rule 9.- In order to do a handling adapted of the solid **residues**:

- It is prohibited to throw solid residues outside the specific sites (sweepings boats or containers).
- The solid residues generated by the visitors will have to get ready according to indicate the boats of residues distributed in our facilities.
- Foods in the rooms will not be due to leave.
- It is prohibited to in center leave non biodegradable to the disposable residues and dangerous residues (batteries). The visitors will have to take to these residues when vacating the center.
- To observe the systems of handling for generated the organic or inorganic residues which will have to be removed outside the center by the lender of services.

Rule 10.- In order to make a use efficient of energy to the lights will be due to extinguish before leaving the rooms. After the 22:00 hours all the lights of the center will be due to extinguish.

Rule 11.- In order to make a use responsible for the water:

- One will be due to avoid to leave the keys of the water open.
- An suitable use will become of the saving devices

Rule 12.- In order to conserve the flora and fauna it is prohibited to bother, to disturb or to feed the wild fauna.

Rule 13.- In order to prevent and to control the contamination by noise:

- The use of apparatuses of sound in the open zones of our project is prohibited tourist echo.
- One allows to the use of apparatuses of sound within the rooms to low volume and of preference using headsets. The used volume will not have to exceed the area the room.

Rule 14.- In order to respect the local cultures consent of people of the community is required stops:

- To take photographs from these or their properties.
- To participate in celebrations or communitarian activities.

Chapter IV “Of the Activities of the Visitors”

In the taking of steps our visitors will have to observe the following rules:

- One will be due to follow all the indications and recommendations of the person in charge of the center and the guides.
- The eco-tourism activities will be limited the zones designated for such effect.

Rule 15.- In center the unique **allowed activities** are:

1. Investigation
2. Environmental education
3. Eco-tourism, that includes trekking, sighting of flora and fauna, camping and aquatic activities.
4. Preservation, repopulation, propagation, acclimatization of species

Section 1) Investigation

Rule 16.- For the accomplishment of investigation projects in center authorization is required. This authorization would be transacted before SEMARNAT.

Rule 17.- It is obligation of the investigators whom they try to realize studies in center:

1. To exhibit the effective authorization granted by SEMARNAT;
2. To accept the instructions that in the matter of environmental conservation indicate so much to him the director as the technical personnel of the Direction of the ANP, as well as of maintenance and use of the facilities;
3. To present/display to the Direction and the center a copy of the closing report of the project and the works generated by the same, offering to the center the corresponding credits.

Section 2) Trekking and sighting of flora and fauna

Rule 18.- The different modalities from trekking and sighting will be able to be realized specifically in the areas destined for such aim in the Map of Zoning.

Rule 19.- The activities of observation of whales will be due to observe the dispositions anticipated in the **NOM-131-SEMARNAT-1998**, which establishes the guidelines and specifications for the development of activities of observation of whales regarding their protection and the conservation of their habitat.

Rule 20.- In the footpaths and access roads of the center:

- It will be possible solely to be walked on the established ways in order to avoid the impact in the plants and the ground.
- It is prohibited to extract any type of flora, fauna and objects found in the open zones.
- The photographs taken with aims of profit (commercial) within all the protected natural area require CONANP permission (proceeding CNANP-00-004).

Section 3) Campings and Bonfires

- It will only be possible to be encamped in areas designated for such effect and spaces that are free of vegetation (grass and leaves) in a radius of 1 meter.
- The bonfires will have to be made in center in the indicated sites or destined for it and using the devices or devices qualified for the object (bonfires), using brought firewood of outside or coal, to avoid sources of contamination of the floor and that can be affected the surrounding vegetation.
- The bonfires will have to be always under supervision and in case of stopping being used, the visitors will have to make sure to extinguish it completely, as well as to try not to leave sign of the same.

Chapter V “Supervision, Monitoring and Inspection”

Rule 21.- In center one counts on a program of supervision of requirements and guidelines anticipated in the **NMX-AA-133-SCFI-2006**, same that will have to be accepted by the Committee of Monitoring.

Chapter VI “Sanctions and Denunciations”

Rule 22.- The violations to the present instrument will be sanctioned by the Operative Person in charge of the Center.

Rule 23.- The sanctions that could be applied are:

1. Requirement to leave the facilities of the center.
2. Prohibition for the taking of steps

Rule 24.- The visitor or tourist who violates the dispositions contained in the present regulation, safe in emergency situations, will be warning by the operative person in charge or the personnel designated by this leaving the facilities of the center or stopping participating in question activity.

Rule 25.- All illicit person who has knowledge of some infraction or that could cause some damage to the ecosystems in the protected natural area will have to notify this to the operative person in charge of the center.