



# Code of Conduct

## *Pay attention and Avoid loud noises:*

- When swimming up to a turtle, avoid loud noises as it may scare them away
- Minimise splashing and talking.
- If you see a turtle swimming towards you, keep still and avoid sudden movements.
- Keep your distance with the turtle if you see a turtle coming up the beach.



## *Do not disrupt the turtle's natural behaviour*

- Approach the turtle carefully from behind after she started laying eggs.
- When approaching a turtle, always approach from the side as it gives them a clear view of you and a clear path ahead of them if they want to swim away.





## *Give them space*

- Do not disturb a resting turtle and always keep a distance of 1.5m (5ft)
- Give enough space to the turtles resting in caves or under overhangs and do not swim above them and approach from the side as they need to come to the surface to breathe

## *Do not Chase and touch*

- Chasing turtles can cause severe stress
- Turtles do not enjoy being petted





## *Do not feed the turtle*

- Turtles do not need help in finding food
- Turtles can deliver a very strong bite, so please keep a safe distance



## *How to act around Hatching turtles*

- Be careful not to step on hatchlings on the beach.
- Do not handle hatchlings unless advised otherwise by a qualified person.
- If you find hatchlings that appear disoriented or have gone into land, gently rotate the hatchlings to face the ocean. Seek professional help if necessary.

*Do not shine light or flashlight in a turtle's face*

- Do not take pictures of the turtle with flash on. Lights may distress the turtle and distract them from finding their way into the water

