**YACHT PROTOCOL FOR VISITS TO ARIDE**

**Aride Island Welcomes Yachts, however we please ask that you note the following…**

Aride is open to visitors on Monday to Friday. Visits on other days may be possible, but only by prior arrangement with the Wardens, please try to make such arrangements at least 48 hours in advance.

Please ensure that you arrive at Aride no later than 10:00 am, should you be late, please telephone and we will endeavour to accommodate your party or advise what you should do. The island boatmen are also your guides whilst on Aride and so may not be available to land latecomers.

It is sometimes difficult to land on Aride in rough weather, particularly when the south east is blowing from May until September. It is therefore advisable to telephone the island before setting off if in doubt about the sea state. Aride is remote, and as such sea conditions at your port of departure may not reflect those at Aride.

Vessels should be moored to the buoys provided at the edge of the marine park. Our boatmen will collect all passengers from their vessels and land them on Aride, please respect this policy by not attempting to land yourself or to swim ashore. This is part of the ongoing process of preventing the accidental introduction of alien plant and animal species.

Our entrance fee is SR650 per person. Children age 3-11 are half-price and under three years old free. Seychellois and residents may also enter free on presentation of a Seychelles ID card. Please bring extra money to purchase a memento of your visit from our visitors centre. All funds assist conservation projects on the island.

Aride island is a globally important and unique nature reserve, the management reserve the right to search all bags and other equipment brought onto the island, once more this is part of the ongoing process of preventing the accidental introduction of alien plant or animal species.

Please respect all wildlife on or around the island, the removal of any biological material from the island is strictly prohibited under Seychelles law.

There are barbecuing facilities in the visitors’ shelter, but you must supply your own charcoal which is the only fuel that can be used. This is part of the ongoing process of preventing the accidental introduction of alien plant and animal species. Also please ensure you bring sufficient water for your needs.

Please take all rubbish or other unwanted material with you when you leave Aride.

Should you have any further questions please contact the island by telephone.

**We look forward to your visit!**