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As part of the pre-departure prepared by IAATO members, travelers receive a copy of Recommendation XVIII-1 and an Antarctic Primer, which contains additional material on the Antarctic Treaty System, the Environmental Protocol and the *Guidance for Visitors to the Antarctic* (Recommendation XVIII-1).

In addition, all passengers must attend a mandatory briefing on safety and conservation once en route to the Antarctic. Normally given by the expedition leader, the briefing outlines obligations (domestic and international) of Antarctic visitors, specifically in reference to activities ashore. When possible, this briefing is repeated in the native languages of the various travelers.

The IAATO Secretariat has prepared this draft slide presentation to assist expedition leaders with this briefing. Now being circulated for comment, the final version of the presentation will be approved at its annual meeting and implemented for the 1996-97 Antarctic season. Additional copies will be available from the Secretariat.

IAATO notes with pleasure XX ATCM/INF 68 tabled by New Zealand, *Environmental Code of Conduct*. This practical document is an excellent example of an effective tool used to educate visitors -- and implement the obligations of the Antarctic Treaty System.



A member organization founded in 1991 to advocate, promote and practice safe and environmentally responsible private-sector travel to the Antarctic.

GUIDANCE FOR VISITORS TO THE ANTARCTIC

(ADAPTED FROM RECOMMENDATION XVIII-1)

Antarctica is governed by the Antarctic Treaty System as a natural reserve dedicated to peace and science. 42 nations participate.

In 1991, the Antarctic Treaty Parties adopted the *Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty* — which sets out principles, procedures and obligations for the comprehensive protection of Antarctica.

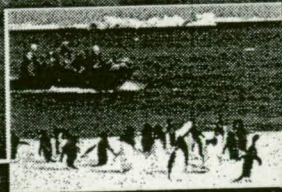
To help visitors avoid damaging the Antarctic environment, or degrading its scientific and aesthetic value, the Antarctic Treaty Parties adopted *Recommendation XVIII-1* in 1994.

PROTECT ANTARCTIC WILDLIFE

◆ **Taking — or harmful interference with — Antarctic wildlife is prohibited (except in accordance with a permit issued by a national authority).**

○ **Do not introduce non-native plants or animals into the water, onto the land or ice shelves of the Antarctic.**

○ **Do not use aircraft, vessels, small boats, or other means of transport in ways that disturb wildlife — either at sea or on land.**



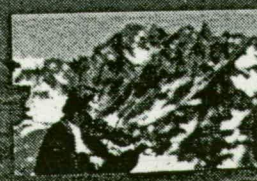
○ **Do not feed, touch, or handle birds or seals, or approach or photograph them in ways that cause them to alter their behavior.**



○ **Yield right of way to wildlife.**



○ **Keep noise to the minimum to avoid frightening wildlife. Do not use guns or explosives.**



○ **Watch your step! Be alert to the presence of wildlife and monitor its reaction to you.**



○ Do not damage plants. Avoid stepping, walking, driving, or landing on extensive moss beds or lichen-covered scree slopes.

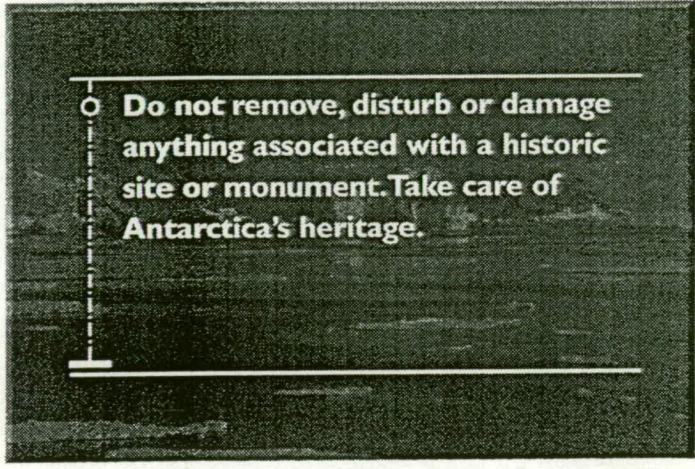
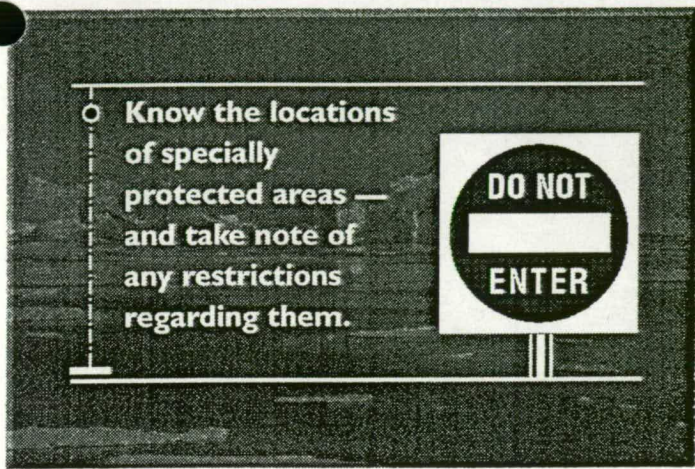
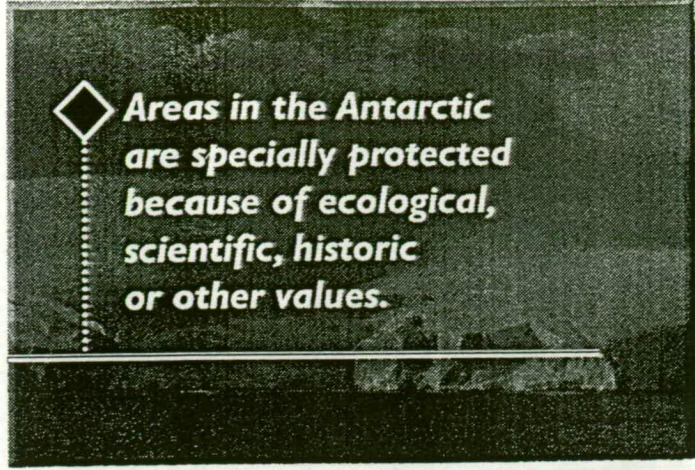
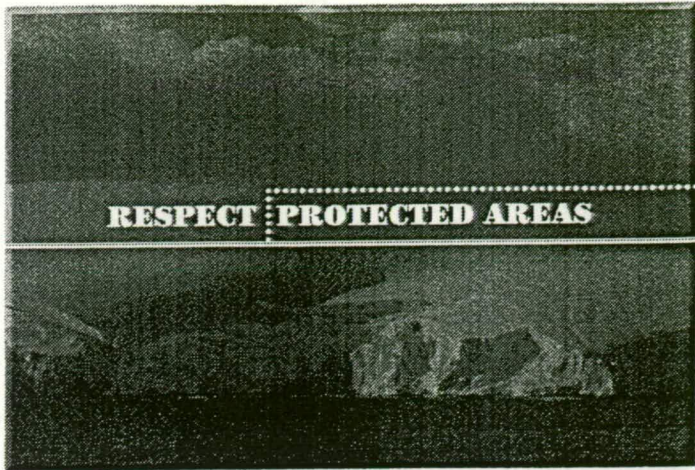


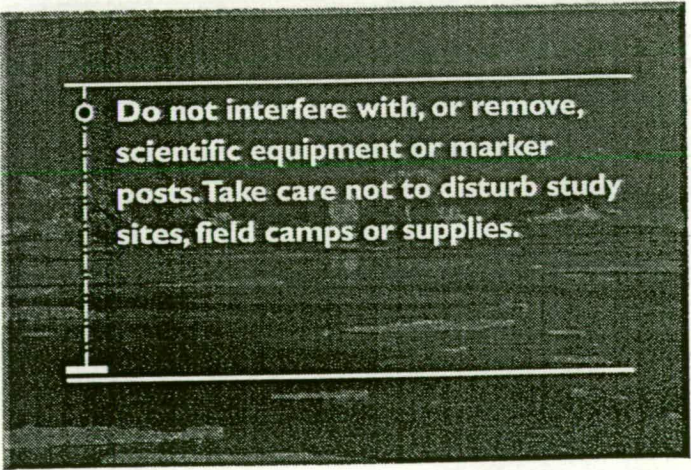
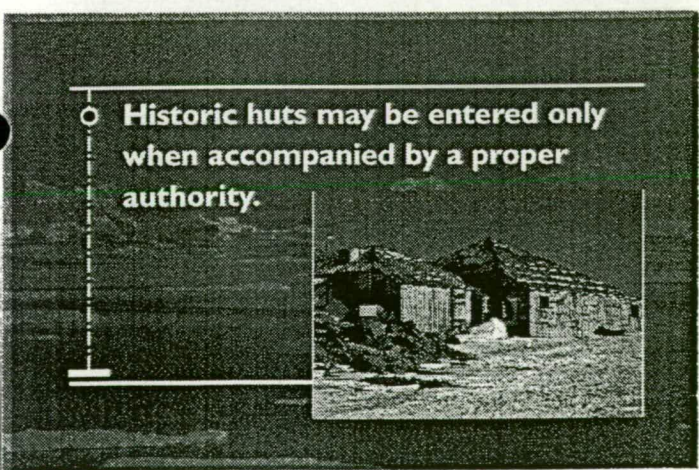
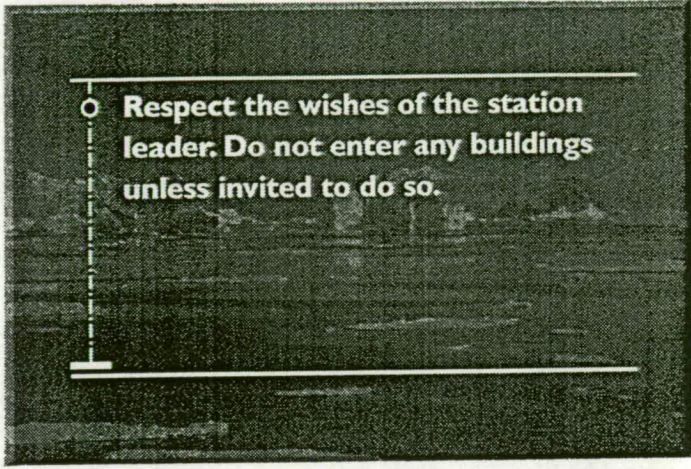
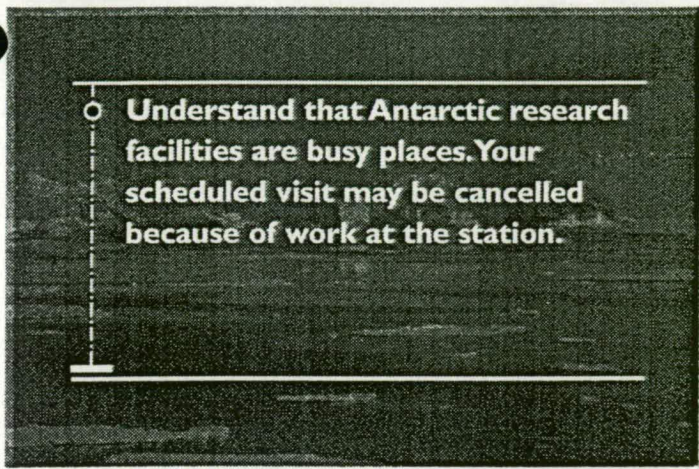
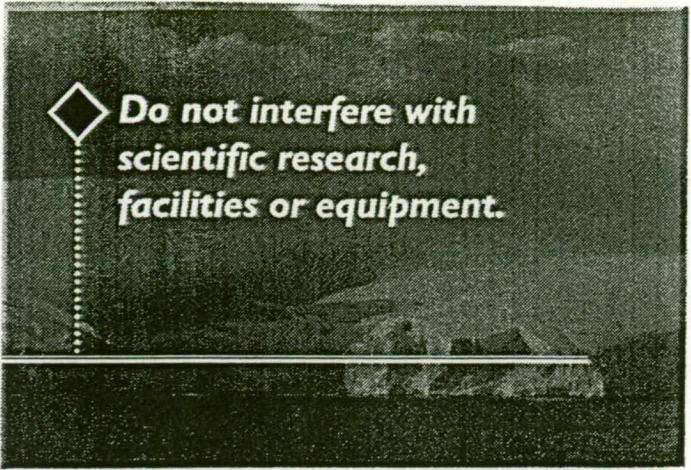
○ Take special care around animals that are breeding or molting. Be aware of the periphery of a rookery and remain outside of it.




○ Never harass wildlife.







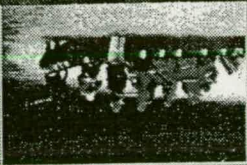


○ Accept help getting in and out of the boats.



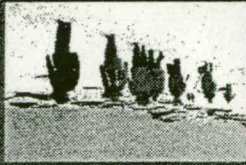
○ Take special care at the Zodiac platform.

Take note of and heed the advice from your leaders. Do not hesitate to ask them for guidance.



○ Keep a safe distance from all wildlife, both on land and at sea.

○ Know your capabilities, the dangers posed by the Antarctic environment, and act accordingly. Plan activities with safety in mind at all times.



○ Be prepared for severe and changeable weather — and ensure that your equipment and clothing meet Antarctic standards.

◆ The Antarctic environment is inhospitable, unpredictable and potentially dangerous.

BE SAFE

○ **Expect slippery, uneven terrain.**



○ **Do not walk onto glaciers or large snow fields without the proper equipment and experience. You could fall into a hidden crevasse.**

○ **Do not enter emergency refuges (except in an emergency).**

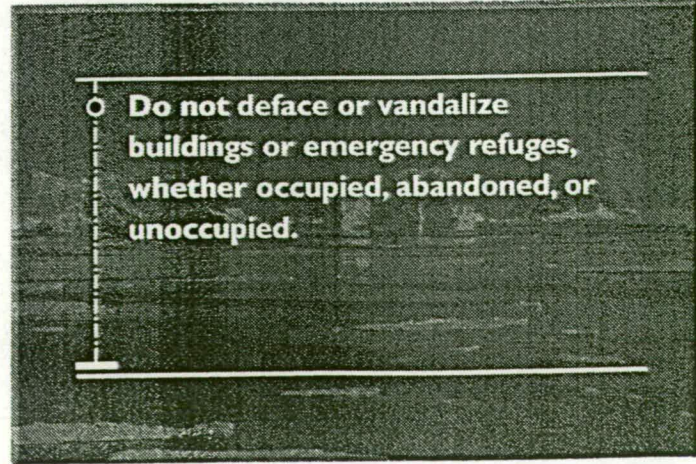
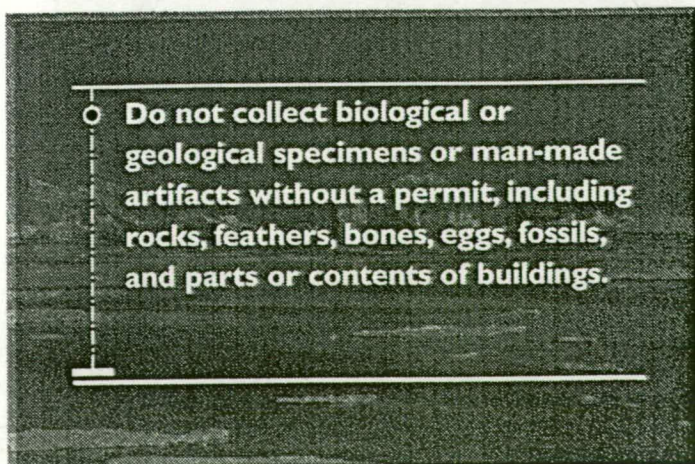
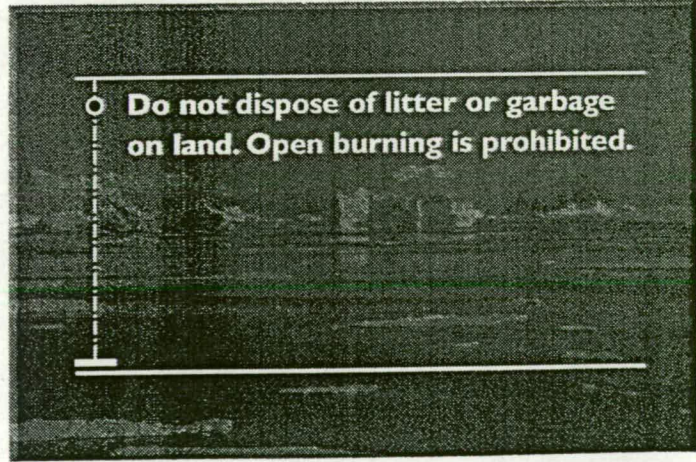
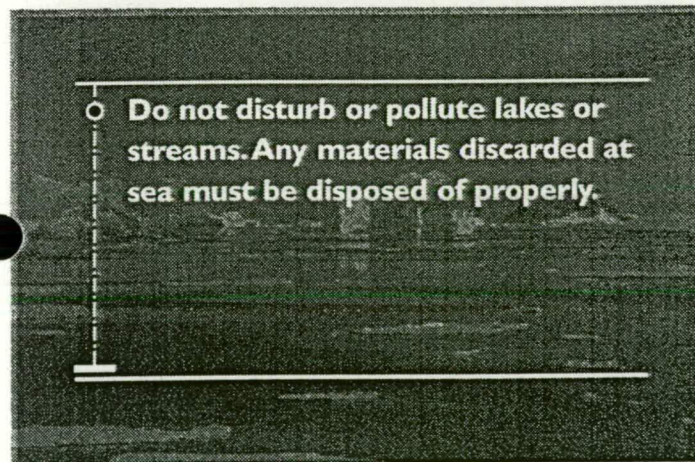
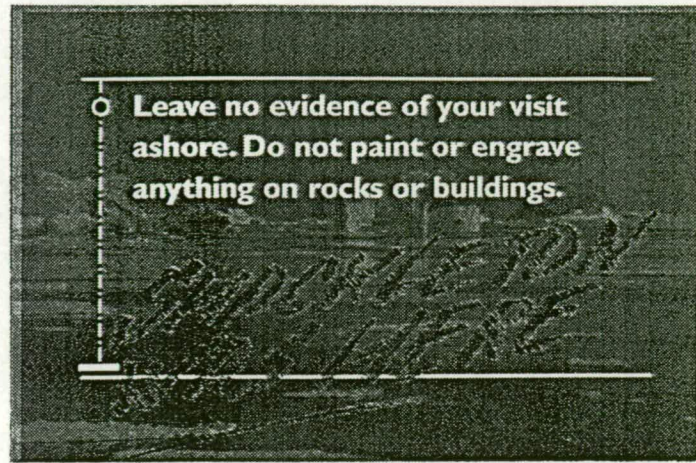
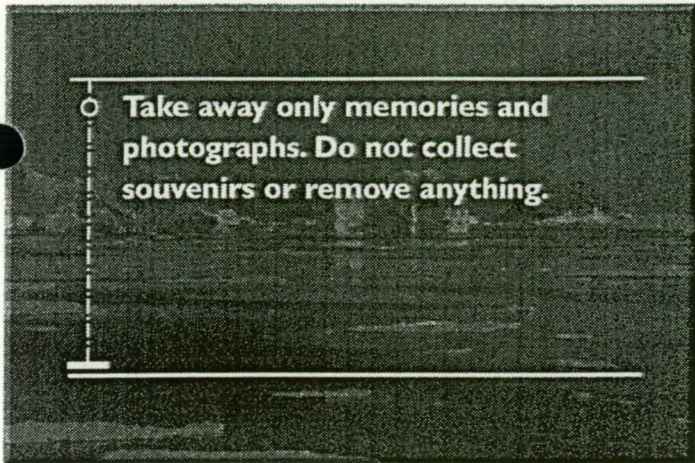
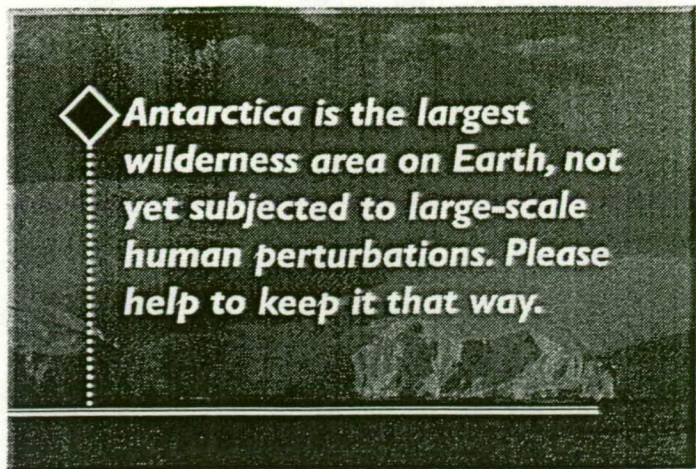
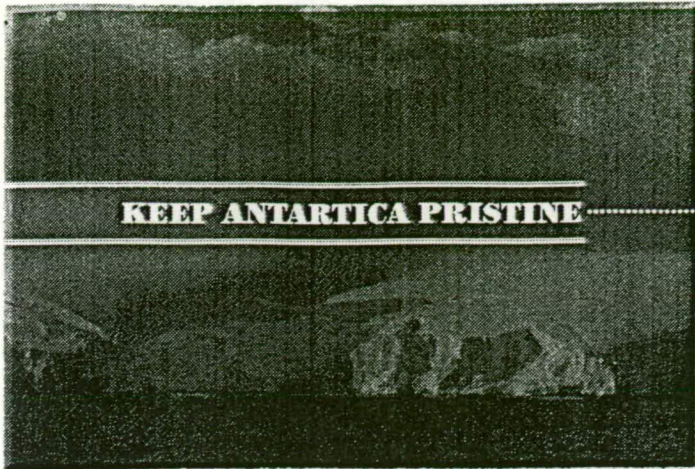


○ **Do not stray from your group — or wander off alone.**



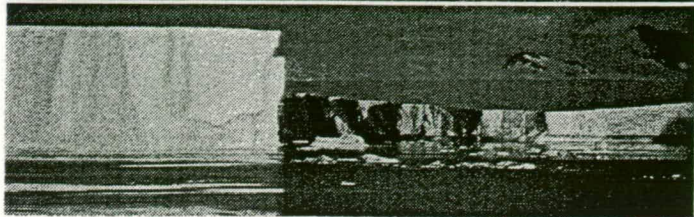
○ **Respect any smoking restrictions, particularly around buildings. Fire is a real hazard in the dry Antarctic environment. Guard against it.**







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