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POST-VISIT REPORTING

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Background

The Antarctic Treaty System adopted official "Guidance For Those Organising and Conducting Tourism and Non-governmental Activities in the Antarctic" in 1994 as Recommendation XVIII-I. This guidance included reporting obligations, for both Advance Notification and Post Season Reporting.

Recognizing the value of a single standard form, the Parties adopted a trial form for collecting data on tourism activities as Resolution 3 in 1995. The trial form for Post Season Reporting was further refined and adopted by the Meeting in 1996.

At ATCM XXI in Christchurch the Meeting adopted the trial form with few modifications as Resolution 3 and asked that IAATO report to ATCM XXII.

IAATO has consulted with several Parties and non-governmental organizations on the value of the form and the data it generates. As stated in Resolution 3 (1997), the objective of the form is to "obtain consistent information that will facilitate the analysis of the scope, frequency and intensity of tourism and non-governmental activities."

Post-Visit Report, Part 1 (Expedition Record)

The Post Visit Report as adopted by ATCM XXI and used by Antarctic tour operators is attached to this report as attachment A. IAATO has no comments on Part 1, Expedition Record, which generates useful data in a consistent fashion about the organizer and expedition.

Post-Visit Report, Part 2 (Site Visit Record)

It is hoped that the information collected by the Post-Visit Report, Part 2 (Site Visit Record) provides data at a sufficient level of detail to enable a retrospective analysis of any potential impacts, particularly cumulative impacts.

The columns "Duration of Visit" and "Duration of Activities at Site Visited" did not generate useful information during the trial season in 1997-98, largely because the expedition leaders did not consistently interpret what was meant by these two categories. The distinction itself may not be useful especially if the most important information is the amount of time passengers spent ashore (assuming some correlation of time with potential impact).

IAATO proposes a minor modification of the data collected as shown in attachment B, with actual time of landing and departure recorded instead of asking for total duration. The actual time of landing and departure is easily collected and verifiable information. Such information would be collected by the expedition leader on site or, on ships, by the officer on watch, who maintains such records in the ship's log.

IAATO further proposes to produce a standard set of instructions which would be distributed with the form to tour operators.

IAATO strongly supports the use of this single form, which reduces the burden of paperwork and facilitates studies of the scope, frequency and intensity of tourist activities. As part of its ongoing work, IAATO is investigating the development of a database version of the form that will facilitate compilation and analysis of tour data.

POST-VISIT REPORT: PART 1 - Expedition Record

The Expedition Record is completed for every Expedition. This information is requested in compliance with Antarctic Treaty Recommendation XVIII-1 and resolution XIX-3. Please submit to the appropriate national authority within three months of the activity having taken place.

A: Expedition Details

Company name:	Voyage/Flight number: Voyage Name:
Expedition Leaders(s) name:	Vessel / aircraft name:
<input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Yacht <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft (check)	Captain's/commander's name:
Port of Embarkation: Date of Embarkation:	Port of Disembarkation: Date of Disembarkation:
Actual itinerary traveled: please provide description of route, giving dates: <i>(Note: If you consider that the Site Visit Record (SVR) on reverse provides an adequate description of itinerary, simply write SVR)</i>	

B: Observers

Name:	Name:	Name:
Affiliation:	Affiliation:	Affiliation:

C: Record of Expedition numbers by nationality (in alphabetical order)

Nationality	Pax ¹	Staff ²	Crew ³	Nationality	Pax ¹	Staff ²	Crew ³	Nationality	Pax ¹	Staff ²	Crew ³
Total											

¹ **Pax (Passengers):** Members of the Expedition that are not Staff or Crew (exclude Observers/National representatives).
² **Staff:** Expedition personnel, guides, lecturers and small boat drivers (exclude crew serving these functions).
³ **Crew:** Vessels captain and officers, helicopter pilots, crew and hotel / catering staff (excluding above)

D: Report on Expedition by Expedition Leader (please be brief, but use additional sheets if necessary)

<p>1. Has an expedition meteorological report been submitted to the World Meteorological Organization? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK</p> <p>2. List any unusual incidents affecting people or the environment:</p> <p>3. If there were any unusual events, has or will an incident report be prepared: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> DK</p> <p>4. To whom has or will the report be provided?</p> <p>5. Any other comments or information (e.g observations of disturbance to wildlife or the physical environment, changes from expedition Advance Notification, etc.</p>
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Signature: _____

Expedition Leader or Vessel Captain

Date



