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## Proposed updates to two Visitor Site Guidelines



## Proposed revisions to two Visitor Site Guidelines

### Summary

Climate change in Antarctica is seeing changes at many terrestrial and marine sites. Visitation levels are also increasing as tourism in Antarctica continues to grow in popularity. To ensure that site visits continue to be conducted in a safe way and consistent in order to minimise disturbance, regular reviews of and updates to Visitor Site Guidelines are recommended.

In line with Resolution 4 (2021) Annex 2, IAATO Operators and their field staff regularly undertake reviews of individual landing sites to ensure that Visitor Site Guidelines remain current and relevant. These are then reviewed by the IAATO Field Operations Committee. The UK has also had the opportunity to undertake recent visits to assess a number of landing locations.

Based on these reviews, updates to two Visitor Site Guidelines are proposed – Detaille Island and Damoy Point. The proposed updates are attached.

The proponents recommend that the CEP:

- Adopts these updates to reflect changes at these sites and ensure consistent visits to these sites; and
- Agrees that Revision Dates be added when site guidelines are amended.

### Additional information

The Visitor site Guidelines for the sites under consideration were originally adopted in:

- 2009 Site No. 26 Detaille Island
- 2010 Site No. 29 Damoy Point

Table 1 sets out the level of known visitation of Detaille Island and Damoy Point between the 2018 and 2023 seasons.

**Table 1:** Landed site visits per season covered by the ATCM Visitor Site Guidelines from 2018-23 season (including yacht visits), 2020-21 season excluded.

	2018-19	2019-20	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Detaille Island	6	19	1	25	44	34
Damoy Point/Dorian Bay	86	75	63	142	157	157

Details of the proposed revisions for each site are highlighted in the annexed documents. The revisions arise from either changes in the distribution of wildlife and vegetation or clarifications on landing guidance to ensure conformity in use and minimise potential confusion.

### Recommendations

The proponents recommend that the CEP:

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