In addition to the applicable regulatory provisions, it is recommended:

- to navigate at a restricted speed near the islands and islets, while being careful to avoid introducing in the visited areas non-native species (for example rats, ants, reptiles) or vegetation species (seeds) that are non-native
- to clear, before landing, clothes and shoes of any residues (earth, food…)
- to make sure nothing is left behind at the end of the visit (personal belongings, waste…)
- to not hang on to nor stand on live coral areas
- not to touch nor chase the animals, while swimming or diving
- to note and report to the Department of Maritime Affairs any observation of human presence on the site (direct observation or signs such as observed damage, waste…) or any other significant findings

- to avoid sudden movements
- not to feed the animals nor attract them with food
- not to get close to bird colonies nor nests
- not to touch the birds, young birds nor eggs
- to get away if the birds show signs of stress (attacks, groaning…)
- to stay away from turtles, both at sea and on land, especially during the egg-laying period
- not to touch the turtles, their eggs, nor the young turtles which emerge from the sand, even to bring them to the sea
- not to dig turtle nests
- not to get into water when there is a whale, especially when it is a mother with its calf, and to get away if the animal shows signs of aggression
- to avoid introducing in the visited areas equipment or personal belongings that might contain animal species

For more informations, please visit: www.mer-de-coral.gouv.nc

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Or contact us : merdecorail@gouv.nc
The d’Entrecasteaux atolls were inscribed on the World Heritage List in July 2008, as part of the serial property of the lagoons of New Caledonia.

The entire park is classified as a natural reserve, except for Leleizour Islet and the vegetated part of Surprise Islet, which are classified as integral reserve. Regulations prohibited in the natural reserve are in addition for integral reserve.

**IN THE NATURAL RESERVE, THE FOLLOWING IS PROHIBITED:**

- All activities relating to hunting or fishing for commercial purposes as well as the possession of professional hunting or fishing weapons or devices
- All activities relating to collection or deterioration of fauna, flora, minerals or fossils, except for fishing for self-consumption within the natural reserve
- Introducing plants or animals, with the exception of domestic animals, for which only landing is prohibited
- Feeding or deliberate disturbance of terrestrial or marine animals
- Spilling, deposit, dumping or discharge of any product liable to affect the quality of water, soil, air or of the site, or to affect the integrity of the fauna and the flora
- Fires
- Exploration or exploitation for forestry, agricultural, industrial or mining purposes
- Work tending to alter the appearance of the soil or of the vegetation, particularly excavation, building or installation work
- Landing or alighting on water with any aircraft, motorized or non-motorized
- Feeding or deliberate disturbance of terrestrial or marine animals

**IN THE INTEGRAL RESERVE, THE FOLLOWING IS PROHIBITED:**

- Entering the area
- Possession or use of land or sea vehicles, motorized or non-motorized
- Possession or use of diving equipment
- All activities relating to hunting or fishing as well as the possession of hunting or fishing weapons or devices

The public can enter the areas classified as natural reserve, provided that a prior declaration (at least 15 days) is submitted to the New Caledonian Department in charge of fisheries and maritime affairs: merdecorail@gouv.nc, providing at least the following information:

**ELEMENTS REQUIRED TO ENTER THE RESERVE:**

- name, flag and type of vessel
- purpose of entry and planned activities
- registration number and port of registry
- overall length and gross tonnage of the vessel
- name, flag and type of vessel
- number of persons carried
- vessel’s communication facilities’ types and numbers
- planned dates for entering and leaving waters
- planned dates for visiting the islands or islets, if applicable

**LIMITS OF THE RESERVE:**

- Limit of the reserve = 1,000-meter isobath of depth, except for the southern limit.
- Southern limit = line successively joining the following points (WGS84).

- LAT: 18°36.8748° South - LONG: 162°58.5746° East
- LAT: 18°37.0128° South - LONG: 163°00.7375° East
- LAT: 18°40.4205° South - LONG: 163°09.8769° East
- LAT: 18°36.7405° South - LONG: 163°14.8367° East
- LAT: 18°33.9999° South - LONG: 163°18.3336° East
- LAT: 18°32.2046° South - LONG: 163°19.8897° East