

TOUR OPERATOR AND VISITOR BIO-SECURITY GUIDELINES

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE ROCK ISLAND SOUTHERN LAGOON PEST-FREE

WHAT IS AN INVASIVE PEST?

Non-native species including rodents, reptiles, and smaller pests like weed seeds, ants, and other insects can cause damage to the natural values of the RISL (Rock Island Southern Lagoon). RISL has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since June, 2012 and keeping invasive pests from invading and damaging the RISL is crucial to protect its natural and cultural values.

BE A RESPONSIBLE VISITOR... BEFORE LEAVING THE DOCKS:

- ✓ Check and thoroughly clean all your equipment, including footwear and clothing to ensure that it is free from any plant material, seeds, insects, and soil.
- ✓ Pack food and other gear into sealed containers. Keeping food in open boxes or bags increases the risk of pests reaching the rock islands.
- ✓ If unsure, unpack, re-inspect, re-clean, and then re-pack.
- ✓ Boat and tour operators must comply with all the rules/regulations that serve to protect the Rock Island Southern Lagoon.
- ✓ Prior to each departure inspect your vessel for rodents, insects, and plant material and clean if necessary. Ensure no foreign material is transported.
- ✓ Maintain your vessel in a clean and tidy state. Do not provide places for rats or insects to hide.
- ✓ Do not depart if you are unsure that your vessel is clear of all pests.
- ✓ After your RISL site visit, please remember to collect all trash, store it in trash bags, and transport them back to Koror docks. Dispose of trash properly at the waste stations.

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