

Some Best Practices for our surroundings and the eco system at Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu, Baa Atoll, The Maldives

Our Generators for Electricity are modern but consume a lot of diesel which has a large carbon footprint. We are currently looking to invest in alternative clean power for this resort.

Tip : Turn your lights off during the day and during the night (particularly your bathroom lights). Open your windows and enjoy the sea breeze rather than air conditioning and always turn off your air conditioning when you leave your villa, even if you are just going down to the beach.

Your bottled drinking water, shower and toilet water is produced by a process of reverse osmosis which takes sea water and extracts salt and other harmful products. This process uses enormous amounts of electricity produced by our diesel generators and for every five litres of sea water, one litre of sweet water is produced.

Tip : Shorten the time you stay in the shower and don't flush the toilet so many times

Bed sheets and towels, when washed, use a great deal of water and electric energy.

Tip : Help us save the amount of diesel used to power our laundry by not having your items cleaned every day

We Sort Waste metal, cardboard, paper, glass, plastic and polystyrene. We send a lot of it to Tilafushi to be sent to India to be recycled. We also crush glass bottles and use in concrete (so we don't have to use as much cement).

Tip : if you have waste products such as shampoo bottles, plastic bags, metal objects or any other disposable packaging items, please take them home with you where your country is probably better able to recycle them.

Garden produce such as herbs and spices, vegetables and salads are grown on the island for the kitchens.

Tip : This helps cut down the carbon footprint of produce delivered to the island. Take a walk around our gardens.

Meat free day is a good thing as animals produce methane gas which is bad for our atmosphere. By reducing our meat intake, we do not need as many animals so this in turn reduces methane into our atmosphere. There is a healthy side to this also.

Tip : Have a meat free day once a week, here and at home.

NO NO foods, where there is an endangered listing, are not used in this resort.

Tip : If you come across any of these animals in your travels, avoid them so that they can grow and multiply in a natural way. Some examples - Abalone, Shark's fin, Blue fin tuna, Turtle.

Marine Biologists are important specialists not only in monitoring our oceans but in educating us all to preserve our glorious surroundings.

Tip : Ask our Marine Biologist any questions, attend the educational evening held once a week, go on the various marine trips with her and give your Children an opportunity to spend some time with her. She is working not only for the present but also for the future. The future is our Children.

Olive Ridley are a species of Turtle. We are building a rescue centre here on the island and employing an English Vet to nurse back to the wild, Turtles who have been injured.

Tip : Ask lots of questions when you meet the Vet. You will find it fascinating. Ask about the turtle nests around the island and when the babies are due. If you wish, please do pay the donation which is helping us to fund the rescue centre.

Coral and sand makes up our island and sustains life.

Tip : Do not take any coral or sand from the island. Apart from causing erosion, it is a criminal offence to remove such items from the Maldives.

Litter

Tip : There are gurney bags dotted around the island, please use them or take your litter home with you

Creatures of the island and sea are all here for a reason and play their part in sustaining the eco system

Tip : Watch them, admire them..... but don't feed, touch or scare them

Your efforts **will** make a difference