The R.B. Gump South Pacific Biological Research Station is part of the University of California, Berkeley. Therefore, the expectations of conduct for University personnel and individuals using UC facilities and equipment apply also to the Station. In addition, the Station is subject to the regulations issued by the Territorial Government of French Polynesia, to which the Station fully complies.

Accordingly, the Station visitors must follow the rules outlined below:

1. The use and/or possession of illegal drugs is expressly forbidden. The Territorial Government has severe penalties for violations of their drug laws.

2. Excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages and any inappropriate behavior is not allowed.

3. While on the island, visitors and employees or others associated with the Station should maintain appropriate standards of behavior which uphold the positive reputation of the Station. Inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to dishonesty, theft or misappropriation of University funds or property, acts endangering others, violation of the law, or other misconduct.

4. Station vehicles (cars, boats) are used for Station business, i.e. research and teaching-related activities, maintenance of the Station and provisioning of Station personnel and visitors. Station vehicles may also be used for supervised group entertainment.

5. Operators of Station vehicles must be checked out by the Station manager and comply with the regulations of the Territorial Government- i.e. licenses, traffic codes, etc.

6. The driving of Station vehicles, land or marine, while drinking is forbidden. The Territorial Government enforces their laws against drunk driving and police conducts periodic sobriety tests.

7. Station SCUBA equipment may only be used for authorized research by UC certified Scuba divers. Visitors who require SCUBA must contact the UCB Diving Control Officer in advance and follow the regulations of the UCB Diving Control Board.

8. Station boats may only be used in environmental conditions that permit safe operation. Since these will vary at different times and sites, operators must consult with the Station manager or other authorized personnel before taking a boat to a site. All operators must file an entry in the Station boat log before each use. Any boat that is taken beyond the reef must have a radio on board.

The manager has the authority to expel from the Station those who knowingly disobey these rules. The manager has also the authority to issue one warning under exceptional circumstances to infractors; any subsequent infraction will lead to automatic expulsion from the Station.

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