



PRE-TRIP BRIEFING AND **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**



Molokini Shoal Marine Life Conservation District Use Permit

Molokini islet is the southern rim of an extinct volcanic crater. The shallow inner cove is the crater's submerged floor which is covered by sand patches, coral and boulders. The coral reefs within the crater support abundant marine life which is among the most diverse and impressive in Hawaii. The waters in and around Molokini are designated as a Marine Life Conservation District (MLCD), which makes it a strictly protected marine reserve. While enjoying your visit to Molokini, please help us to protect this precious area by following these rules and guidelines:

1. The taking, injuring or disturbing of any living material (fishes, turtles, eggs, shells, corals, seaweed, etc.) or non-living habitat (sand, rocks, coral skeletons, etc.) is strictly prohibited. Sea turtles may not be approached or harassed at any time.
2. Make sure you avoid contacting the bottom at all times and stay out of the shallow water immediately next to the shore. Keep hands and feet well away from any rock or coral, and use a flotation device if you need help swimming or if it is required by your guides.
3. Feeding fish or introducing any material into the water that could attract marine life is strictly prohibited. Fish feeding can change the type of fish in the reserve, stimulate aggressive behavior, and reduce normal grazing patterns that maintain a healthy reef.
4. Stay away from shore and do not attempt to climb onto the island. Molokini is a seabird sanctuary and entry is strictly prohibited.
5. Avoid excessive splashing and creating loud noises that can disturb both protected marine life and seabirds.
6. It is illegal to pollute or introduce human waste into the MLCD waters.
7. Listen to your guides, follow their instructions, and do not venture too far away from your tour vessel. Weather and current conditions at Molokini can change very quickly, and this can create dangerous situations if you get separated from your boat.

Signature: _____ Date: _____