

# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

## Policy statement

We, at Reethi Beach Resort, are committed to minimize our impact on environment through efficient energy, water and waste management and follow best environmental practice across our entire operations.

We support the above commitment by taking the following actions to:

- Comply fully with all applicable legislations
- Meet or exceed all the environmental legislation that relates to our operations
- Minimize our waste by reviewing the purchasing practices and segregate waste
- Reduce, reuse and recycle consumed by our business wherever possible
- Implement training for all team members and communicate with suppliers and guests
- Raise awareness about policies and minimize carbon footprint
- Implement energy, water and resource conservation programs through innovation and applying best practices
- Establish targets to measure the continuous improvements in energy and water consumption, GHG emissions, waste reduction and other environmental indicators
- Monitor and review our environmental performance on a regular basis for achieving our objective and targets.

**Purpose:** This policy is intended to guide the property towards sustainable management.

## PROCEDURE

### 1. Environmental awareness

- a. Maintain awareness among our team members on environmental issues preservation of local cultures and the necessity for everyone to act in a responsible manner
- b. Communicate to our team members the environmental practices that need to be implemented at the workplace as well as other simple environment friendly measures that they can apply in their everyday lives
- c. Encourage our team members to participate in and support environmental initiatives
- d. Communicate our environmental commitment to guests and give them an option to support us in our green initiatives
- e. Extend awareness on environmental issues, local cultures and best practices to the local community

### 2. Energy

Reducing energy consumption will help to reduce environmental impact and at the same time lower energy costs. In order to minimise energy consumption, we will:

- a. Take steps to make our workplace more energy efficient

- b. Reduce the use of fossil fuels and opt for renewable energies
- c. Maintain our machinery and equipment in good working condition
- d. Opt for energy efficient equipment and low energy appliances
- e. Ensure optimal use of plant and machinery
- f. Use timers, sensors and other devices that regulate energy consumption
- g. Make use of solar energy wherever applicable
- h. Reduce loss of energy, for example by using insulated pipes to carry hot and chilled fluids
- i. Set objectives for limiting consumption, regularly monitor progress and improve processes

### **3. Water**

With global warming, sources of freshwater are being depleted faster than they can be recharged by natural processes. Water conservation is therefore becoming essential and as a responsible company, we will:

- a. Continually find ways to reduce water consumption
- b. Reduce water losses by regularly checking for leaks
- c. Install sensors, regulators and other water saving devices
- d. Ensure efficient use of laundry equipment
- e. Sensitive both employees and guests on the responsible use of water
- f. Offer to guests the option of reusing towels and sheets
- g. Limit the use of freshwater by
  - i. Capturing and using rainwater wherever possible
  - ii. Using recycled greywater for irrigation
- h. Set targets for minimising water consumption, monitor and analyse periodically
- i. Consider the option of desalination of sea water

### **4. Waste**

We generate a large amount of waste that constitutes a major pollutant affecting both the environment and public health. We will do utmost to avoid, recycle and reuse in order to reduce its impact on the environment. Our Waste Management Plan will include the following:

- a. Limit the use of disposable packaging for the resort supplies
- b. Use bio-degradable products and materials, whenever the option is available
- c. Limit individual packaging of hygiene products in bedrooms
- d. Use refillable amenity containers in guest villas
- e. Organise sorting and separating of recycle wastes
- f. Collect and recycle cooking oil for permitted uses
- g. Separate and collect grease from food stuffs
- h. Organise recycling of materials such as paper/cardboard/glass/plastic packaging, metal cans, ink cartridges, restaurant organic waste, garden green waste, etc.
- i. Engage in projects with the local community for the reuse of recycled materials
- j. Safely dispose of hazardous wastes such as batteries, electrical and electronic devices, fluorescent bulbs/tubes, etc.
- k. Organise and/or support clean-up of the surrounding environment

## **5. Green procurement**

Green procurement or Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) is the practice of procuring products and services that are less harmful to the environment (land, air and water) and to all species that depend on the environment for survival. Green products are those that are produced with less harmful materials or which upon usage / consumption would have a minimal impact on the environment. Out green purchasing measures will include the following:

- a. Encourage and favour eco-friendly and power-efficient products
- b. Prefer recycled and bio-degradable products
- c. Buy seasonal and locally produced good as far as possible and thus avoid transport energy
- d. Buy in bulk to reduce packaging wastes
- e. Favour less harmful fertilisers and cleaning agents
- f. Select eco-friendly designs and eco-labelled products
- g. Purchase from sources that are less polluting or use clean technology
- h. Encourage and prefer vendors who use recycled packaging material. Explore the possibilities of further reuse and/or recycling with the vendor
- i. Green the supply chain by seeking vendors who share our values and have in place an environment management system.

## **6. Destination protection**

The natural environment is one of the primary attractions for leisure visitors. In order to develop sustainable tourism, we will:

- a. Ensure protection of the natural and cultural values of the area while developing and creating recreational facilities / activities for our guests
- b. Participate in efforts to restore habitat whenever possible
- c. Promote local food, entertainment, culture and cottage industry
- d. Prevent the introduction of pest and exotic species that could put in danger our native vegetation
- e. Engage with local people when developing cultural attractions
- f. Offer guests and promote souvenirs that are made locally, using eco-friendly materials and that reflect local nature
- g. Provide guests with a list of environment-friendly products and local souvenirs that they may shop

## **7. Conservation of marine life and reefs**

The ocean and the reefs are home to numerous sea creatures and plants, some of which are even used for medical purposes.

We shall take every possible step towards the conservation of marine life and protection of our reefs. As a minimum, we shall:

- a. Ensure that untreated waste water is not discharged directly in the ocean
- b. Use ecological or organic fertilisers
- c. Sensitise our team members and guests about the negative environmental impact of littering on the beach and in the sea
- d. Ensure all trash are properly disposed of and no debris are left on the beach

- e. Sensitise our guests and service providers that snorkelling and diving are practised in a way that does not affect our coral reef
- f. Encourage and support clean-up of the marine and coastal environment
- g. Comply with local conservation policies, for e.g. by promoting non-motorised water sports
- h. Keep boats clean and in proper working condition in order to minimise noise pollution
- i. Plant trees as the latter reduce runoff into the oceans and contribute to reversing the warming of our planet and the rising temperatures of our oceans
- j. Not detain any captive wildlife on properties grounds, except for wildlife breeding farms, rescue or reintroduction, according to law and best practices

## **8. Biodiversity**

Biodiversity boosts ecosystem productivity where each species, no matter how small, has an important role to play. In order to protect biodiversity, we will:

- a. Reduce our use of insecticides, weed killers, fungicides
- b. Use organic fertilisers as far as possible
- c. Use environmentally friendly products for cleaning
- d. Buy sustainably harvested seafood and agricultural products
- e. Water plants in a rational way
- f. Use indigenous plants for landscaping and minimising light and noise
- g. Plant at least one tree every year
- h. Ensure that invasive alien species are not introduced in our gardens and landscapes
- i. Not display or sell products made from threatened or protected plant and animal species
- j. Participate in ecological restoration initiatives in the local area