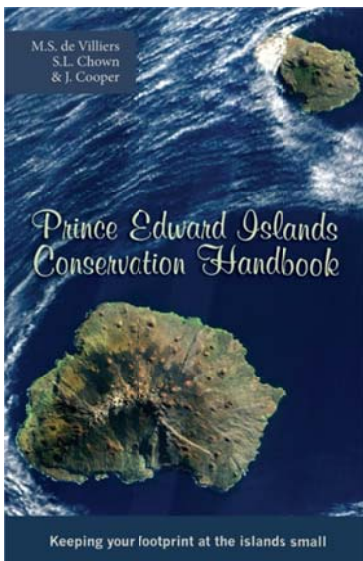


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PRINCE EDWARD ISLANDS CONSERVATION HANDBOOK

Keeping your footprint at the islands small



Only a few people are privileged enough to visit the sub Antarctic Prince Edward Islands, which comprise Marion Island and Prince Edward Island. However, with this privilege comes great responsibility. The islands were declared a Special Nature Reserve in 1995 to protect their sensitive ecosystems. Every visitor must therefore be fully aware of environmental practices on the islands in order to conserve South Africa's most remote and unspoiled wilderness.

Prince Edward Islands Conservation Handbook will help visitors to minimise their impact on these fragile natural systems and will give them guidance on protecting the amazing fauna and flora. The following are some of the topics discussed in this handbook:

- what to do before you leave for the islands;
- what and how to pack for your stay, and which items are prohibited;
- maps and information on the infrastructure, and a list of historical objects;
- hut etiquette;
- what to do with generated waste;
- general safety tips, guidelines for approaching wild animals and how to keep the disturbance levels as low as possible.

This valuable booklet will help you, the visitor, keep your footprint at the islands as small as possible.

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