**CODE OF CONDUCT**
for participants of the „Sea Shepherd BCU Campaign“

1. The organiser of the Beach Clean Up has to comply with local laws (e.g. permissions, access prohibitions, waste disposal).

2. Respect the residents / locals on the beach / in the area and try to involve them in your plans or in the event.

3. Only carry out Beach Clean Ups in nature reserves when they are no access prohibitions and when you have got the explicit approval from the responsible authorities. Choose a season for your Clean Up in which there’s no brood or young animal rearing.

4. Do not carry out extra activities which would produce further waste which you can’t dispose of during or after the Beach Clean Up (e.g. having a barbeque after the BCU, leaving empty bottles, etc.)!

5. Do not give away balloons, plastic toys, etc. as incentives for the participants!
This would only worsen the waste problem.

6. Do not organise the Beach Clean Up together with organisations whose activities conflict with nature conservation or sustainability.

7. Respect the area and the animals (don’t walk through dunes, don’t disturb animals / nests, etc.).

8. The participant commits to refrain from carrying out activities which conflict with marine conservation or the aspect of sustainability (e.g. fishing, spear fishing, etc.).

9. If the Beach Clean Up is being performed with the help of divers, the participant commits to refrain from disturbing or damaging the marine animals and plants (this includes not anchoring the boat of the divers, not touching animals, not collecting souvenirs, etc.).

10. The participants have to comply with all nature conservation laws at all.