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RE: Kavieng Surf Area Management Plan – 2003 – 2007

Dear Management,

Due to increasing overcrowding pressure on local Kavieng surf breaks, and the resulting repercussions over the past years, the “Kavieng Surf Area Management Plan” has been devised and implemented. This plan has been developed by the KSC and Papua New Guinea Surfing Association Inc (PNGSA), in conjunction with traditional reef / resource owners.

This initiative is in interest of sustainable surfing development for the area, and all involved. There has been a number of examples in other parts of the world that were once like Kavieng, but then became over crowded with surfers and basically ruined, with the once strong surf market no longer very interested in the area. Surfers seek uncrowded and unspoilt locations. Kavieng is currently like this, and all efforts made to keep it this way. In addition to overcrowding being negative to sustainable development, there are also a number of other negative aspects that must also be prevented from entering the area (i.e. bad attitudes and aggression in the surf due to too many surfers being in the same area at once – especially since it will eventually rub off onto local surfers). Additionally, the plan seeks to assist local surfing development via ensuring harmony in the water and on land, revenue generation for club and individual members development (i.e. representing Kavieng and PNG in both national and overseas competitions) and set an example of a well-managed and sustainable tourism resource.

The local Kavieng surf breaks (Mongol, Nusa, Nago, Edmago and Ral) can only accommodate a limited number of surfers comfortably at any one time. Usually only one or two of the breaks between these points are good for surfing, and can be quickly overcrowded resulting in negative aspects developing as mentioned above.

At the KSC (Kavieng Surf Club) meeting on the 18th June 2003 a motioned was passed supporting and endorsing the ‘Kavieng Surf Area Management Plan’.

This initiative is endorsed by, and in line with PNGSA agenda regarding appropriate / sustainable surfing development for PNG. This initiative also brings Kavieng into line with PNGSA / Vanimo surf tourism arrangements.

Following is copy of the “Kavieng Surf Area Management Plan – 2003/04/05/06” for your reference and use.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned at any time with any queries, question or comments. We look forward to your support and working together.

Regards,

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2003 - 2006 Kavieng Surf Area Management Plan

1. KAVIENG SURF AREA

Please see attachment 1 for copy of Kavieng "Surf Area Map" under the Management Plan – these are Mongol Point, Nusa Island, Nusalik Island, Nago Island, Edmago Island and Ral Island.

Surf breaks north / east of Mongol point (i.e. new Ireland east coast) and south / west of Ral Is. (i.e. Nusalomon Is. and beyond) are outside the managed area and free for anyone to access at any time.

2. FEES

Fees payable for the 05/06 surf season (1st November to 30th April) are AU\$25 per person or JPN Yen 2000 per person once only fee and AU\$10pp per day / JPN Yen 400 pp per day fee both payable directly to the KSC. The once off fee is remitted to the PNGSA, for national and provincial club / sport development. Daily fee is retained by the local Kavieng Surf Club for payment to traditional resource owners for access to their reefs, with any residual being retained by KSC for development of the sport on a local scale.

Both the above fees have been set with reference to existing arrangements for surfers traveling to Vanimo, PNGSA and main inbound surf tour agents input.

The above fees are to be quoted separate to accommodation facility package deals as they are a separate issue. These fees are to be paid to whatever accommodation facility clients may be staying (when paying for accommodation etc) with, the accommodation facility will remit to KSC with bookings reconciliation.

Any enquiry regarding the fees can be address directly to KSC or to the Papua New Guinea Surfing Association Inc (PNGSA) - Att; Andrew Able (Club President), PO Box 240, Waigani, Capital District, Ph 326 0884, Fax 3261648, Email abelcorp@online.net.pg

3. NUMBERS / SURFER PAX LIMIT

The maximum number of surfers permitted to be in the Managed Surf Area at any one time this season is set at 20PAX. This number has been determined and nominated as the most appropriate maximum number of visiting surfers at any one time for the local Kavieng Surf Area. It may be the case that the maximum number limit may run over for a day or two here and there as groups come and go in relation to flights.

KSC can / will provide regular monthly booking schedules for booking space reference.

4. BOOKING PROCEDURES (& general info)

All agents etc. are required to check surfer space availability with KSC (via their respective accommodation facility) when making booking requests to accommodation facilities for surfers. All agents are to specifically enquire with guests traveling during the surf season months (as per above) if they are

intending on surfing the local area – if so they are required to fit in with regulated area number restrictions and pay associated fees as prescribed above.

Once space availability has been confirmed by KSC for a surfer, the booking agent or accommodation facility is required to make a non-refundable deposit. This deposit can be reallocated to another surfer/guest at a later date in the event of booking cancellation. The deposit amount is the once-only fee and must be received by KSC before surf booking can be 100% confirmed and locked in. KSC understands that this will be viewed negatively by some, however, feels this deposit / booking arrangement is required to help ensure real / firm surf bookings - otherwise tentative and potential ghost bookings will be made that may cancel or not materialize, compromising real bookings and the Management Plan intentions.

Payments to KSC

- Deposit amount/s to confirm and lock in booking/s – AU\$25 / Y2000
- Daily fees balance of AU\$10 / Y800 per surf day when guest accommodation payments remitted.

KSC understands it is not practical for agents to make the deposit payments for small amounts to KSC and therefore proposes that initial payments can be made to the respective accommodation facilities - they will pay the deposit to hold the space on behalf of their client/s. This deposit can be repaid to the accommodation facility when the surfer package payment is made. - i.e. agents to remit the once-only fee to the accommodation facility for refund of the initial deposit made on behalf of their client/s to KSC.

5. Additional Points -

* KSC has exclusive agreements with traditional resource owners for the above-mentioned islands and reefs for surfing.

* All surfers wanting to surf in the Managed Area have to pre-book and prepay all surf days in concurrent dates - so numbers can be managed, monitored and controlled.

* All surfers to be issued with a surf voucher (confirming fee payments) from travel agent – copies to be given to accommodation facilities, then passed onto KSC for reconciliation against booking records.

* Any surfers (independent or otherwise) arriving and not pre-booked for Local Surf Area should be advised by the accommodation facility regarding local area surf access arrangements. If local area not at maximum capacity then they have option to pay fees accordingly, or if full, then wait until free surf space is available.

* KSC club members will monitor local area breaks and numbers to ensure plan is being adhered to.

* The Management Plan does not include local surfers.

ATTACHMENT 1 – Kavieng Managed Surf Area Map



Kavieng Managed Surf Area

1. Mongol Point
2. Nusa Island
3. Nusalik Island
4. Nago Island
5. Edmago Island
6. Ral Island