

## GUIDELINES FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE SEA TURTLE HATCHLINGS

Even though the way from the nest to the ocean is short, it's the most hazardous time of a hatchlings life. Artificial lights on the beach distract the baby sea turtles; predators patrol the beach for a little sea turtle snack; beach furniture, sand castle and holes can be lethal traps for the tiny sea turtles; and watching bystanders can do more harm than good.

Therefore please follow a few simple rules when watching this magical moment to give as many hatchlings as possible  
a chance to reach the sea.

- Do not use flashlights at the beach or shine a light directly at the tiny hatchlings! Artificial lights confuse the baby sea turtles, and instead of running to the sea they run inland.
- Do not take pictures using flash!
- Move slowly and keep the noise level down as the hatchlings are very sensitive to movement and sounds.
- Stay out of the scuttling baby sea turtles path to avoid accidentally scrunching them.
- Show the necessary respect for these lovely, tiny creatures and be an example for others, especially children.
- Enjoy this magical moment!