



## the environment

ladakh has a fragile eco-system which sustains, besides the sparse population, some rare species of fauna and flora which are especially adapted to the environment.

it deserves your special care and consideration so that this fragile eco-system is not disturbed to the disadvantage of its unique flora & fauna. in this regard, please follow these steps:

- do not permit your car drivers to drive off any main or secondary roads in wildlife areas, particularly on the changthang plateau.
- do not walk off the main trekking routes.
- do not throw any rubbish including clothes, metals pieces, paper and plastics in any safari/trekking area, nor permit your safari/trekking staff to do so.
- do not throw any waste in animal holes (e.g. marmot) nor in any waterways, nor permit your safari/trekking staff to do so.
- do not camp along lake sides and marshlands as the tourist season coincides with the breeding season of migratory birds.
- neither approach, nor photograph nesting birds from a close distance. for photographic purposes, only long-focal length lenses should be used, and your camera flash must be turned off.

thank you for your contribution in helping to preserve ladakh's rich flora and fauna.