BLUE ISLANDS ENVIRONMENT CHARTER GUIDING PRINCIPLES

FOR THE PROTECTION OF ISLAND COMMUNITIES

The threat to the ocean is intrinsically linked to human activity in Island Nations. This Charter proposes that all Islands commit to the following principles:

1. To control and reduce the negative impacts of the Island's activities on the environment

2. To control the risks associated with activities on the Island

3. To promote a rationale of continuous environmental improvement

4. To factor the environment into every day practices

5. To move towards a complete ban on single-use plastic entering the Island and in particular the marine environment.

6. To increase knowledge in order to improve and communicate

7. To contribute to the development of scientific knowledge with regards to Island Marine Environments

8. To support other Islands through open communication and education

9. To protect native, terrestrial and marine species and habitats and enhance biodiversity

10.To enhance terrestrial and marine natural environments

