

## The 10-Point Etiquette of the Swiss Cave Diver



- 1) We want to **be (and to stay) welcomed guests everywhere** and thus show a corresponding attitude.
- 2) We use the **least possible number of vehicles for transportation** to our dive sites and at the site we do not block any roads, footpaths and entries or exits.
- 3) We are **polite with local residents and other guests** on site and respect their justified concerns and requests as well as we respect local legislation.
- 4) At the site we change our dresses discretely and always strive for **showing a correct attitude and behaviour in public**.
- 5) We do not produce any unnecessary emissions, we don our equipment while keeping a low profile and in orderly manner, we do not leave any trash behind and **restrict our presence to the necessary minimum**.
- 6) Our attitude towards other divers regardless which organisation they are coming from is the one of **good colleagues**; there is no room for arrogance of any kind.
- 7) **Safety in cave diving** is our honest and most focused concern; we strictly abide to the standards, safety rules and procedures and are **diving defensively**
- 8) I've got a top cave diving training, because I know: every incident may create a dive ban more and without proper certification, there is no insurance coverage.
- 9) Alcohol and drugs before diving activities are both deadly sins and are completely banned in our sport.
- 10) The underwater attitude is so that any impairment of the flora and fauna of the cave and its environment is reduced to a bare minimum and the former state of the delicate ecosystem will be retained.

Please keep in mind: ONE single disorderly behaviour can destroy the good reputation of a group which has been carefully built up over the years and may cause the closing of a dive site !