

## NAS STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Society:

1. Recognise the non-renewable nature of cultural heritage wherever situated.
2. Supports all activities that further the recording, preservation and responsible management of the cultural heritage.
3. Respects the letter and spirit of national legislation and that of international legislation, codes of practice and charters that are designed to protect the cultural heritage.
4. Use its best endeavours to:
  - i act in accordance with the letter and the spirit of international codes of practice and charters that are designed to protect and preserve the underwater cultural heritage;
  - ii adopt best international practice in its dealings with the cultural heritage;
5. Does not associate itself with, nor derive a profit or advantage from, the sale or disposal of cultural heritage for commercial exploitation. Nothing in this provision is intended to apply to the disposal to and acquisition by a cultural institution for research into and public display of cultural heritage.
6. Does not offer its services to organisations or individuals who are engaged in the sale or disposal of cultural heritage for commercial exploitation. Nothing in this provision is intended to apply to the disposal to and acquisition by a cultural institution for research into and public display of cultural heritage.
7. Does not endorse intrusive archaeological work wherever situated, unless satisfied that
  - (i) such intrusion is justified by sound archaeological imperatives;
  - (ii) the persons undertaking such work are both qualified and competent to undertake that work;
8. Recognises that human remains and other sensitive cultural material must be treated with respect.
9. Recognises that site owners and other interested parties must be treated with respect.
10. Recognises that best endeavours should be made to deposit the results of research with appropriate publicly accessible and permanent repositories within a reasonable time.
11. Recognises that best endeavours should be made to disseminate the results of research in appropriate publications and other media within a reasonable time.

12. Recognises that bona fide requests for information concerning research should not be refused provided that the request is consistent with prior rights of publication and other archaeological responsibilities
13. Recognises that best endeavours should be made to respect the intellectual property rights of other researchers and to credit them as appropriate.
14. Recognises that best endeavours should be made to encourage and educate others to take an interest in nautical archaeology and to develop their experience and skills.
15. Recognises the imperative to support activities that inform and educate a wider public about the aims and achievements of the Society.