

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC STUDY



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PROJECT TITLE: _____

Applicant Name _____

Date of Application: _____

Name of Institution: _____

Student supervisor (if applicable): _____

Student researcher/s (if applicable): _____

Level of research: _____

Duration of research: _____

Contact information:

Postal Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone: Work _____ **Home** _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Location of study in the Cayman Islands

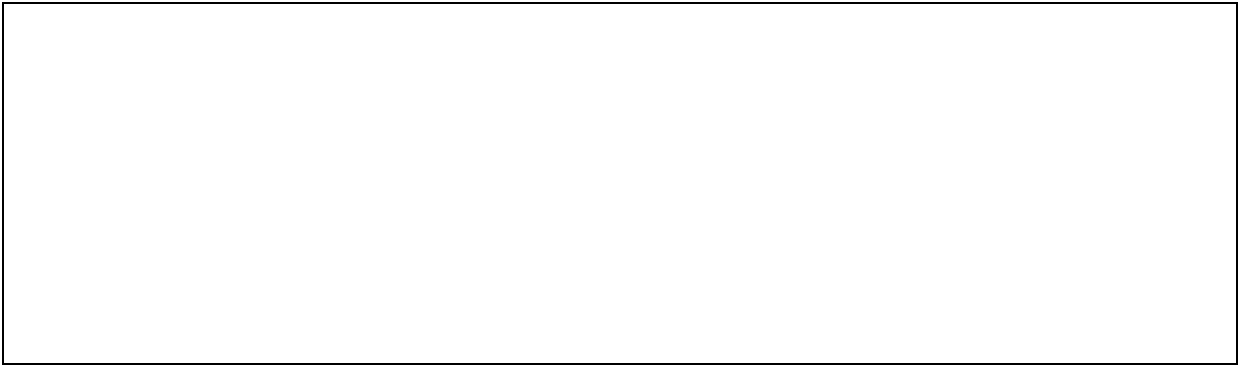
Brief summary of study

Nature of interaction with study species:

Conservation implications:

Risks / health and safety / protection measures:

Import/Export requirements:



NOTE: If permission is granted, it will be on the basis that the letter of agreement is signed by the applicant.

For official use only

Permission granted Yes/No

Reason:

Permission given by _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC STUDY



Not valid unless date stamped by Department of Environment

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I, agree to the following principles:

1. Research should be an educational process leading to mutual learning among researchers and the collaborating individuals, communities and institutions.
2. Just as the propriety rights of scientific knowledge are well established and respected; such rights are due to the producers and providers of traditional knowledge and contemporary innovations from local communities.
3. Research should respect local cultural values and norms.
4. Benefits should accrue to all partners in a fair and equitable manner.
5. Informed consent should be obtained within the limits of practicality. All researchers must submit an application for permission to study to the Cayman Islands Department of Environment.
6. In particular, I agree to follow all procedures required by the Cayman Islands Department of Environment and follow the Environment Charter.
7. Community approval is through initial contact with the Cayman Islands Department of Environment. They will assist in the approach to the community if they feel the work is appropriate. In the discussion with the Cayman Islands Department of Environment, and community, the following should be presented as part of the prior informed consent approval process.

When first contacting a community or individual to seek access, the researcher:

- Must explain the nature and purpose of the proposed research, including its duration, the geographic area in which research would take place, and research and collecting methods.
- Must explain the foreseeable consequences of the research for resources, people and stakeholders, including potential commercial value or potential non-commercial values, such as academic recognition and advancement for the researcher.
- Should explain any social and cultural risks.
- Should explain the guidelines that the research is following, as well as his/her practice in previous similar research projects.
- Should be willing to provide copies of relevant project documentation, or summaries thereof, preferably including the project budget, in the local language. In the case of commercial prospecting, researchers must share such documents.
- Must agree on a protocol of acknowledgements, citations, authorship, and inventories as applicable, either citing local innovators or conservators, or respecting request for anonymity.
- Must share findings at different stages with the providers.
- Must not engage in bribery or making false promises.

In terms of benefits:

- The researcher should be prepared to pay any necessary costs of any persons or organisations required to assist in the research.
- Before leaving the community a short preliminary description of the findings of the work should be delivered in the local language.
- A written report on the research should be sent to the Cayman Islands Department of Environment, as soon as possible with an executive summary in the local language.
- Any publications arising out of the work must be sent to the Cayman Islands Department of Environment.
- If the research results are ongoing, periodic reporting (at least annually) to the Cayman Islands Department of Environment should be done.
- Contributions of all parties will be acknowledged in all materials produced, included joint authorship where appropriate.

- If requested, access to original collected data should be provided to the Cayman Islands Department of Environment. All details regarding data management and storage should be agreed with the Cayman Islands Department of Environment.
- Each permit will be subject to annual and periodic review and can be revoked at any time if this agreement is violated.

Name of Researcher

Signature of Researcher

Date

Name of Permit Issuer

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Date