



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH LICENSE APPLICATION

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Pursuant to 2 CMC §85.30.1-205, all scientific research, attempts to gain or collect data, and/or exploratory studies for academic or commercial purposes in the CNMI are regulated activities. A permit is therefore required to ensure the integrity and conservation of wildlife, fisheries, and habitat; personal and public safety; the legitimacy of project, best practice methodology, qualifications of participants; due diligence, identification of responsible and liable parties; compliance with local and federal laws, regulations, and customs; and that CNMI's scientific, ecological, cultural, and economic interests are considered, represented, and advanced.

Printed Name and Affiliation of Principal Investigator (PI):

Position Title of PI:

Contact Address for PI:

Printed Names and Affiliations of Co-Investigators:

Name of Project:

Date Project Will Begin:

Date Project Will End:

Assurance: Through the voluntary submission of this application, I hereby certify that I am familiar with applicable state and federal regulations pertaining to my research activities. I further certify that the information submitted in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that failure to follow the regulations or any false statement submitted in this application may subject me to penalties under applicable state and federal Laws. Furthermore, I understand that the License I may receive on the basis of this application will be accompanied by conditions that I agree to follow in full. I understand that failure to do so may also subject me to the penalties and/or revocation and non-renewal of the license.

Signature of PI:

Date:

Project Description: Provide a summary for each project you intend to perform. If habitat will be modified, then specify what type of and how much (in m²) vegetation will be modified. For marine studies and especially corals, be specific about where divers and equipment will come into contact with the bottom substrate. The project description should explicitly address the following concerns:

- What is your research question?
- What are your hypotheses?
- How will you test your hypotheses?
- Is the species you propose working with locally or federally protected, or is it closely associated with protected species, habitats, or resources? If so, then what local and federal permits do you have (or need) that will allow you to work with this species?
- Will your proposed work occur in or affect a protected area or habitat? If so, then how will you ensure that the area or habitat will not be damaged by your activities?
- What training do you have to work with the species or in the conditions that you propose?
- How might your proposed actions affect the species of concern?
- How might your proposed actions affect non-target species, habitats, or resources in the area?
- How might your proposed actions affect your personal safety or well-being?
- How might your proposed actions affect public safety and best interest?
- What actions will you take to minimize or avoid negative consequences of your proposed actions?
- What insurance or bonding do you have that would provide for an emergency response or compensation for unanticipated “take” of animals and/or habitat?
- What are the anticipated uses of your data and benefits of your proposed project?
- What will you do to ensure these anticipated benefits are realized?
- Will specimens (including tissue and genetic material) be collected? If so, where will they be stored? What will their ultimate fate be?
- What will be done with the results and conclusions you generate as an outcome of your research?

- What is your source of funding, what is the total amount of the award, and approximately what portion (in dollars or percent) of the total award will be spent in the CNMI?
- Will there be any commercial applications of your research, or the knowledge or materials produced by it?

Submission of Application: A completed application form, the Project Description, all relevant permits and licenses, all supporting documents, and proof of fee payment should be submitted physically or electronically in a single document to:

Office of the Director
Division of Fish & Wildlife
Box 10007, Lower Base
Saipan, MP 96950

Applications are reviewed for merit and completeness. The review process could be lengthy and include both internal and external reviewers. Amendments and revisions could be requested. Applications become the property of CNMI Division of Fish & Wildlife upon submission.

Fees: Fees for Scientific Research License applications are published in the Division of Fish & Wildlife Fee Schedule (available by request or online). Fees must be paid to the CNMI Treasury.