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Conservation Division

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**SCIENTIFIC COLLECTION/RESEARCH
REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME OF RESEARCHER: _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION: _____

NATIONALITY: _____

PASSPORT NUMBER: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX : _____ email : _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS IN BELIZE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX : _____ email : _____

TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT:

RESEARCH OBJECTIVE:

EXPECTED DURATION OF PROJECT: _____

ACCUMULATING DATA

FROM: _____ TO: _____

ANALYZING DATA

FROM: _____ TO: _____

EXPECTED DATE REPORT DUE: _____

SITE(S) WHERE RESEARCH WILL BE CARRIED OUT: _____

NUMBER OF COMPANIONS (Include names, qualifications and the functions to be carried out):

ARE YOU EXPECTED TO CAMP IN ANY PROTECTED AREA? YES () NO ()

IF YES; WHERE:

FOR HOW MANY MAN-DAYS? _____

NOTE : A separate permit from the Forest Department will be required.

SPECIFY (Species , common names , number of specimens, measured quantities, weights, form etc): _____

DESTINATION OF ALL SPECIMENS COLLECTED UNDER LOAN: _____

ANTICIPATED RESULTS AFTER PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION: _____

SOURCE OF FINANCING FOR RESEARCH : _____

COLLABORATING INSTITUTION IN BELIZE :

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON :

ADDRESS : _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT REQUIRED FROM THEM:

DOES THE RESEARCH PURSUE OR INTEND TO PURSUE OR IS IT CONNECTED WITH
COMMERCIAL ENDS? YES: () NO: ()

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND TRUE.

I AGREE TO COMPLY WITH APPENDIX I & II ON THIS FORM.

SIGNATURE : _____

**IF RESEARCH IS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, NATIONAL
BIOLOGICAL TRANSFER AGREEMENTS WILL BE APPLICABLE.**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED : _____

METHOD OF DELIVERY: _____

AREA: _____

DATE: _____

CONSULT WITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE : YES () NO ()

RECOMMENDATION: _____

Appendix I

SPECIAL CLAUSES AND REQUIREMENTS

Two (2) copies of the research proposal (in English) must be provided, and should contain the following information

1. Title of research project: definition of the topic of study and its location.
2. Introduction: a brief description of the topic of study.
3. Justification: description of the research projects importance and relevance.
4. Objectives: the desired or anticipated results of the research project must be clearly stated.
5. Methodology: a detailed description of the method(s) used for obtaining information in the field, or in the laboratory, including any and all impact to the research area such as trails, clearing, marking of flora or fauna, digging, chemical use, killing, transplanting or relocating of individuals as well as the expected results, must be provided.
6. Work schedule.
7. Budget

Researchers must provide a copy of passport or identification card.

The applicant must provide a letter of support from his or her employer or host institution The letter must be properly certified and authenticated. Where it relates to research on private lands, the land owner must provide consent in writing.

Transporting specimens outside of the country requires an export permit, and where applicable a CITES permit or phytosanitary certificate. Camping in public protected areas requires a permit.

Labeled and mounted duplicates of all plant taxa collected are required to be deposited at the Forestry Herbarium in Belmopan.

All specimens of flora or fauna collected in Belize remains the property of the Government of Belize who reserves the right to request their return at anytime.

All researchers and/or organizations are required to deposit three copies of the publications or documents resulting from the project in the Forest Department Library, Conservation Division.

The application must be presented at the Conservation Division Office, Forest Department, Belmopan for review at least three months before the research is to commence Applications received after this will not be considered.

Appendix II

If approval is given for a Scientific Collection\Research Permit the applicant will be required to pay a fee of BZ \$200.00 to be paid in person upon receipt of approval.

The permit may be subject to special conditions. In addition, the applicant may be required to execute all necessary agreements.

Approval for any research and collection for commercial purposes will be subject to a suitable agreement herein reached between the Belize Government and the applicant and all other relevant shareholders. Such approval will only be given if the proposal does not compromise the obligation of the Belize Government under the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Central American Convention on Biological Diversity and any other relevant conventions adopted by the Belize Government.

If such approval is given, the applicant will be required to sign a biological transfer agreement where applicable with the local collaborating agency.

All researchers who do not fulfill the regulations and conditions set forth by the Forest Department will be dealt with in accordance with Section 16-(1) and (2) of the Wildlife Protection Act; Section 12-(1), (2) and (3) of the National Parks System Act; Section 18-(1), (2) and (3) of the Forest Act.