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| RESEARCH LICENCE APPLICATION | |
| Invasive Research Techniques | |

This form is to supplement the Research Application form. These questions are designed to help the Environment Committee make decisions on Invasive Research Techniques. Invasive Research Techniques are where the sampling of animal tissues or handling of live animals is employed.

**Section 1: Relevance to islands:**

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| **SECTION 1.1 THE SPECIES (Please answer all questions that apply)** | |
| **Is the species a priority species listed under the Falkland Islands Biodiversity Framework 2016-2030?** | |
| * **YES** | * **NO** |
| **Is the species an international priority species listed on the IUCN Red List as Vulnerable or worse or as Data deficient?** | |
| * **YES** | * **NO** |
| **Is there any other reason why data needs to be collected from this species?** | |
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| **SECTION 1.2 THE RESEARCH QUESTION (Please answer all questions that apply)** |
| **Will the information gathered on the species outweigh the potential harm caused during the research? Please explain.** |
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| **Will the data being collected substantially enrich our understanding of the study area? Please explain.** |
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**Section 2: The Researcher**

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| **SECTION 2.1 PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE (Please answer all questions that apply for each research/field assistant)** | | |
| **What experience have you got collecting samples from the target species?** | | |
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| **Have you previously used the technique described to collect samples from a species? (please enter their name and tick yes or no).** | | |
| **Name** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| **SECTION 2.1 PREVIOUS TRAINING (Please answer all questions that apply for each research/field assistant)** |
| **What certification have you got in the technique being applied?** |
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| **What training have you got in the technique being applied?** |
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| **Please state how the techniques described demonstrate correct implementation according to best practice guidelines such as sterilisation of the gear used, appropriate gear selection for the species, knowledge of safety distances, monitoring of species after samples have been acquired?** |
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**Section 3: Alternatives to Invasive Technique:**

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| **SECTION 3.1 ALTERNATIVES TO INVASIVE TECHNIQUE** |
| **Have alternatives to the invasive technique been assessed? Is this the least invasive technique to achieve gathering the same quality and detail of the information required?** |
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