

Naturalis DNA sampling agreement

Policy and conditions regarding the use of remains of museum specimens for DNA studies

Permission for DNA extraction will only be granted:

- when the research proposal for which the sample is required has been approved by Naturalis;
- when the method that is proposed, clarifying especially which part of the specimen might be irreversibly damaged, has been approved by Naturalis;
- if the sample(s) will be used for the research as described in the proposal only;
- when sufficient objects from which samples are requested are present in the collection;
- if all remaining research material (samples, extracts, dry DNA, etc.) as well as the results of the analyses (the sequences) will be returned to Naturalis after the study has been completed;
- if it is indicated on forehand and agreed on with Naturalis how the samples will be stored and returned (-80 degrees; dry; in alcohol 96%, etc.);
- if the samples will not be forwarded to third parties;
- if it is the aim of the study to publish the results in international scientific journals, with Naturalis acknowledged in these publications;
- when the proposal does not interfere negatively with ongoing projects in Naturalis or at Leiden University;
- when the applicant himself can produce copies of CITES- or other export and/or import documents, if required;
- when it concerns type-specimens or specimens of extinct species, permission for DNA extraction will only be granted in very exceptional cases.

I have read the above regulations and agree to adhere to this policy.

E-mail _____

Name _____

Institution _____

Address _____

Date and Signature _____

Taxa to be sampled _____

Please complete the agreement and send to:

Caroline Pepermans
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National Museum of Natural History . Naturalis
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