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BRISTOL ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY RESEARCH POLICY

Charitable objects: *To advance the public understanding and the conservation of wildlife and the natural environment, and to advance the scientific study of animals and plants.*

1. All research must be compatible with the charitable objects of the Society.
2. Research will be encouraged particularly which links, or is relevant to the Society's Research Strategy, its living collections, historical records, *in situ* programmes or education/HE programmes.
3. All research undertaken must be for the net benefit of the individual subject(s), and/or the species that are the subject(s) of the research, and/or the ecosystem that the species are part of, and/or for the benefit of the organisation. Where no such benefit is demonstrated research projects may only be approved if clear learning outcomes can be demonstrated. Approval is not normally given to research requiring a Home Office licence for any of its components (including such components that are not directly carried out at Bristol Zoo Gardens or Wild Place Project).
4. Research may be undertaken in association with the Bristol Zoological Society through study of the living collections, through examination of other aspects of the work of the Society (including its *in situ* programmes), through the involvement of Society personnel or through funding support being provided by the Society.
5. All research to be undertaken in association with the Bristol Zoological Society must be assessed and approved prior to commencement to ensure scientific and ethical validity, that animal welfare is not compromised, and that it complies with relevant UK and EU legal requirements.
6. All research carried out must be reported in full and the Society should be advised, in advance, of publication plans. Publication of results in peer-reviewed journals or conference proceedings is to be encouraged. Copies of any publication resulting from research undertaken through the Bristol Zoological Society are to be provided.
7. All reports should acknowledge fully the Zoo, Wild Place Project and/or the Bristol Zoological Society. It would normally be expected that individual Society staff contributing to or supervising research projects must be acknowledged through co-authorship of any publications as well as by name in the relevant section of reports.
8. A copy of all raw data, appropriately annotated to allow independent interpretation, must be lodged with the Society on completion of a study. The Bristol Zoological Society reserves the right to use all data collected at the Zoo, at the Wild Place Project or in one of its *in situ* projects for its own publications if they have not been published (or submitted for publication) elsewhere within one year of the termination of the research project. In such cases, due acknowledgement of contribution and intellectual property will be given.
9. **Registration fees:** To access the Zoo for the duration of the project, all researchers must obtain a researcher's pass. In addition to Zoo access, the researcher's pass entitles the researcher to an induction, an ARKS Taxon Report for their study species, a short introduction and opportunity to ask questions of the Research Dept. and/or keepers, and a subsidised rate at the Coral Café. The basic fee does not include supervision by staff of the Research Dept. The pass gives access to the Zoo for the duration of the project (max. 12 months).
Students conducting projects co-supervised by a member of staff of the Society will be charged an additional bench fee (£1000) for supervision. This entitles them to access to a member of staff of the Research Dept. at agreed times, and to the provision of research facilities (in addition to those necessary for behavioural observations from the visitors' viewing areas) within reasonable limits.
Registration fees may be waived in cases where researchers are affiliated to specific partner institutions or where research has been commissioned by the Bristol Zoological Society. In these cases, an application for waiving the fees must be submitted with this proposal form.

Dr J Bryan Carroll, Director

Research Policy approved by Council: 24 July 2000,
amended 2007, 2012, 2013 and 2014



RESEARCH PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

Title of Project:

Principal Investigator(s): *students must include their Project Supervisor(s) among PIs*

Institution address:

Degree course if applicable:

Outline of Project:

Rationale

Hypotheses and predictions

Achievable Objectives (with time-scale)

Methods (include information on any procedures involved; if necessary, use extra sheet)

Does the research require a Home Office, English Nature or equivalent licence? Yes No

If yes, give details and provide a copy of the licence:

Has ethical approval been obtained from an institutional Ethical Review Process? Yes No

If yes, give details and provide a copy of the ethics approval:

Potential benefits to captive husbandry/breeding, conservation, animal welfare:

Will this work lead to publications? Yes No

Potentially, which journals?

References:

Proposed start date:

Expected Duration:

Will you be (co)supervised by Bristol Zoological Society staff?

If yes and known, please indicate the name of the supervisor:

Equipment required from Bristol Zoological Society:

Facilities (include access to animal collections):

Please provide the name, affiliation and contact details of at least one referee (i.e. course tutor):

Please return payment with this form to the Research Department:

I have included payment for the researchers' pass (£45) Yes No N/A

Payment can be made via cash, bank transfer or cheques (made payable to Bristol Zoo Gardens). Payment will be returned if the proposal is not approved and is non-refundable once the researchers' pass has been issued.

Name:

Address:

Tel:

Fax:

Email:

I agree to comply with the Bristol Zoological Society's Research Policy and to provide an electronic copy of data collected at Bristol Zoo or Wild Place plus one hard copy and one electronic copy of my final report and of all publications of my research. I agree that the Bristol Zoological Society stores my data and reports in its research database and library.

Signed:

Date submitted:

Signed

Supervisor:

Name of Supervisor:

Please return to: Dr Sue Dow, Research Officer, Bristol Zoological Society, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3HA, UK

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