



THE NATIONAL
RESEARCH INSTITUTE
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

CONDITIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR OVERSEAS RESEARCHERS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Conditions and Guidelines Form

This page may be photocopied, signed and submitted with an application for research visa approval. Agreement to the following list of Conditions and Guidelines is an important prerequisite for the issuing of a research visa by the PNG Department of Foreign Affairs and Immigration. Each intending researcher is asked to read these Conditions and Guidelines carefully before signing the form. Completed original forms should be sent to:

The Director
PNG National Research Institute
P.O. Box 5854, Boroko, NCD. 111.
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Email: nriresearchvisas@pngnri.org

Applicants for research visa approval must:

- Provide evidence that copies of the results of earlier research in Papua New Guinea (PNG) have been deposited with the PNG National Research Institute (NRI), and other national or provincial institutions, as appropriate.
- Agree to deposit copies of the results of forthcoming work with the NRI and other national or provincial institutions, as appropriate.
- Agree to lodge, upon request, any fees or bonds as required by the PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority (PNG ICA), the NRI, and affiliate organisations.
- Show that their forthcoming work has some bearing on the developmental needs of the people amongst whom it will be carried out.
- Agree not to become involved in any activity that may cause disputes with the people and/or national, provincial, or local government authorities.
- Agree to call at the NRI in Port Moresby, on arrival in PNG, and again, before departure overseas.

I, have read the above Conditions and Guidelines and hereby agree to abide by them.

Signature:

Date:

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General Information

Foreigners wishing to carry out research in PNG must obtain a Special Exemption: Researcher/Academic Visa. The current practice of the PNG Government is, in many instances, to issue research visas for an initial period of **two months**. Researchers who wish to carry out research and field work for a longer period and are granted only an initial two months must apply for an extension of their research visa after they arrive in PNG. Applications for research visas, like all visa applications, should be submitted to the nearest PNG embassy, High Commission, or Consulate. Where there is no overseas PNG mission, initial research visas may be approved and issued through an Australian Embassy. However, a research visa will not be issued until the NRI has advised and recommended to the PNG ICA in Port Moresby that the research proposal is acceptable to, and has been acknowledged by, the relevant authorities in Papua New Guinea. Initial Researcher/Academic visas will not be issued in-country.

The NRI is the only overall research visa issuing authority in PNG. The NRI will liaise with other national institutions, and technical review committees, where necessary, to effect project approval and appropriate research affiliation before recommending the issuance of a Researcher/Academic visa. The exception is medical research visa applications which are vetted by the PNG Medical Research Advisory Council. All foreign researchers should direct their applications for research visas to:

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PNG National Research Institute
P.O. Box 5854, Boroko, NCD. 111.
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Email: nriresearchvisas@pngnri.org | Phone: (675) 326 0300/326 0061**

The following directory provides details of PNG overseas missions which can accept applications for, and issue research, film-making, and journalist visas. All approvals of applications and subsequent processing are carried out by the PNG ICA in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The transmission of approved research visas is also effected by the PNG ICA.

Contact Details for Papua New Guinea Overseas Missions and Posts

AUSTRALIA

Canberra

His Excellency Mr John Kali, CMG, OBE
High Commissioner
Papua New Guinea High Commission
39-41 Forster Crescent
Yarralumla ACT 2600

Postal Address

P O Box E6317
KINGSTON ACT 2604
CANBERRA ACT, AUSTRALIA

Telephone: +61-2-62 7333 22
Facsimile: +61-2-62 733 732
Email: kundu@pngcanberra.org
Website: www.pngcanberra.org

Sydney

Mr Leo Oaeke
Acting Consul General
Papua New Guinea Consulate General
Suite G.04,
247 Coward Street
Mascot NSW 2020

Postal Address

P O Box 327
Mascot NSW 1460, AUSTRALIA

Telephone: +61-2- 92839020
Facsimile: +61-2 -92835424
Email: pngcg@kundusyd.org
Website: www.kundusyd.org

Brisbane

Mr Jimmy Ovia
Papua New Guinea Consulate General
Level 3/344 Queen Street

Postal Address

PO Box 220
BRISBANE QLD 4001, AUSTRALIA

Telephone: +61-7-3221 7915/32218067
Facsimile: +61-7-32296084
Email: pngcg@kundubne.org
Website: www.kundubne.org

Cairns

Mr Luke Kulimbao
Consul
Papua New Guinea Consulate
Cnr Grafton @ Spence Street
P O Box 4886
CAIRNS QLD 4870, AUSTRALIA

Telephone: +61-7-4031 8881
Mobile: +61-474 214 649
Facsimile: +61-7-4051 3589
Email: consul@kunducns.org

NEW ZEALAND

Wellington

Mr Jonathan Kidu
Acting High Commissioner
Papua New Guinea High Commission
279 Willis Street

Postal Address

P O Box 197, Thorndon
WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

Telephone: +64-4-3852474/5/6
Facsimile: +64-4-385 2477
Email: office@png.org.nz

REPUBLIC OF FIJI

Suva

Her Excellency Ms Lucy Bogari, CBE, ISO, Chv. (RF)
High Commissioner
Papua New Guinea High Commission
Level 1, BSP Central Street Building 1, SUVA

Postal Address

P O Box 2447
Government Buildings
SUVA, REPUBLIC OF FIJI

Telephone: +679-3-304 244 / +679-3-304 590
Email: pngfcfiji@gmail.com

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Honiara

His Excellency Mr Moses Kaul
High Commissioner
Papua New Guinea High Commission
Mendana Avenue, Town ground
P O Box 1109
HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

Telephone: +677-42000 / +677 4202
Email: kunduhon@pngicom.com.sb
Website: www.pngicom.com.sb

JAPAN

Tokyo

His Excellency Mr Samuel Abal
Ambassador
Embassy of Papua New Guinea
32-20 Shimo-Meguro 5-Chome
Meguro-ku
TOKYO 153-0064, JAPAN

Telephone: +813-3-7107001
Facsimile: +813-3-7107044
Email: png.tokyo@png.org.jp
Website: www.png.or.jp

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

Singapore

Mr Basil Gerari
Acting High Commissioner
Papua New Guinea High Commission
1 Marine Parade Central, #08-05
Parkway Centre
SINGAPORE 449408, REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

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Email: kundusgp@pngicom.org.sg

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Seoul

Ms Helen Aitsi
Charge d'Affaires a.i.
Papua New Guinea Embassy
Unit #210
Doosan We've Pavilion Building
81, Sambong-ro, Jongno-gu
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Telephone: +82-2-2198 5771
Facsimile: +82-2-2198 5780
Email: pngembassy@kunduseoul.kr

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Beijing

Mr Vincent Sumale
Charge d'Affaires a.i.
Papua New Guinea Embassy
2-11-2/F, Tayuan Diplomatic Office Building
No. 14 Liang Ma He South Road
Chaoyang District
BEIJING 100600, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Telephone: +86-10-6-532 4312 / +86-10-6-532 4709
Facsimile: +86-10-6-532 5483
Email: kundu_beijing@pngembassy.org.cn
Website: www.pngembassy.org.cn

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Manila

Her Excellency Ms Betty Palaso
Ambassador
Papua New Guinea Embassy
3rd Floor, Corinthian Plaza Building
Paseo de Roxas Corner, Gamboa Street
Makati City
MANILA, REPUBLIC OF PHILIPPINES

Telephone: +63-2-811 3465/ +63-2-811 3468
Email: kundumnl@pngembmnl.com.ph
Website: www.pngembmnl.com.ph

REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

Jakarta

Mr Frank Mizigi
Charge d'Affaires a.i.
Papua New Guinea Embassy
Panin Bank Centre (6th Floor)
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JAKARTA 10270, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

Telephone: +62-21- 725 1218
Facsimile: +62-21-720 1012
Email: kdujkt@cbn.net.id

Jayapura

Colonel Geoffrey Lloyd Wiri, DMS (Ret.)
Consul General
Papua New Guinea Consulate General
Jl. Klp.2 No. 18, Entrop
P O Box 1947
JAYAPURA
Papua Province, REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

Telephone: +62-0967 531250
Facsimile: +62-0967-531898
Email: kundujayapura7@gmail.com

MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur

His Excellency Mr Peter Vincent
Papua New Guinea High Commission
High Commissioner
No 15, Jalan Keranji 2
Off Jalan Kedondong
Ampang Hilir
55000 KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

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Facsimile +603 4257 6203
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Website: pnghicomkl.my

REPUBLIC OF INDIA

New Delhi

His Excellency Mr Paulias Kornii
High Commissioner
Papua New Guinea High Commission
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NEW DELHI 110057, REPUBLIC OF INDIA

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Facsimile: +91 11 4601 2812
Email: kundund@pnghcdelhi.in
Website: www.pnghcdelhi.in

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN

London

Her Excellency Ms Winnie Kiap, CBE
High Commissioner
Papua New Guinea High Commission
14 Waterloo Place
LONDON SW1Y 4AR, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN

Telephone: +44-207-9300 922/26
Email: kunduld3@btconnect.com
firstsecretary@pnghighcomm.org.uk kunduldnhc@btconnect.com

KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

Brussels

His Excellency Mr Joshua Kalinoe, CSM, CBE
Ambassador
Papua New Guinea Embassy
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Woluwe St. Pierre
BRUSSELS 1150, KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

Telephone: +32-2-779 0826 / +32-2-779 0765 / +-32-2-779 609
Facsimile: +32-2- 772 7088
Email: kundu.brussels@skynet.be

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Washington DC

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Charge d'Affaires, a.i.
Papua New Guinea Embassy
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Suite 1010

WASHINGTON DC 20006
United States of America

Telephone: +1-202-745 3680
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Email: info@pngembassy.org
Website: www.pngembassy.org

New York

His Excellency Mr Max Rai, OBE
Ambassador/Permanent Representative
Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations
201 East 42nd Street, Suite 2411
NEW YORK NY 10017
United States of America

Telephone: +1-212-557 5001
Facsimile: +1-212-557 5009
Email: pngun@pngmission.org

Research Proposals

Research proposals that are submitted to the NRI should include:

- A detailed project proposal in non-technical language, if possible, and a bibliography of literature concerning the topic;
- details of home academic institution, sponsorship, and funding;
- details of research methodology, province(s) in PNG where research will be carried out, and travel and research schedules;
- a brief review of literature that is relevant to the research topic;
- an assessment of the relevant and ethical implications of the proposed research for PN, and for any community which is the object of study;
- an up-to-date curriculum vitae for each researcher;
- a photocopy of each researcher's passport ID and current or previous PNG research visa pages;
- a completed Application for Entry Permit Form;
- two references from experts in the relevant discipline and/or host institution;
- a letter of approval from the Ethics Committee of the researcher(s)' host institution;
- a signed copy of the 'Conditions and Guidelines for Researchers in Papua New Guinea' (see Download Form); and
- first time researchers in PNG have to complete a Health Survey form for research periods in excess of three months.

Researchers will be advised of receipt of their proposals and will subsequently be advised when a recommendation for visa issuance is made to the PNG ICA, in Port Moresby. Subsequent advice from the PNGICA that the visa(s) has been transmitted to the appropriate overseas high commission, embassy, or consulate will be forwarded to the researchers.

Institutional Affiliation

Research proposals are vetted by the NRI in order to determine which national research institution should be most appropriate and responsible for affiliating the researcher or research team. The NRI, through one of its research programs – Building Safer Communities Research Program, Economic Policy Research Program, Education Research Program, Development Indicators Research Program, Informal Economy Research Program and Sustainable Land Development Research Program – will normally affiliate those researchers whose disciplines are well represented in the Institute. Alternatively, a copy of the research proposal, along with a request for approval of the affiliation, will be sent to another recognised research institution in PNG. Where a researcher already has affiliation with an institution in PNG, written confirmation should be provided. The following institutions are recognised as appropriate bodies for research affiliation in the areas listed:

Agriculture	Dept. of Agriculture, PNG University of Technology, FMB Lae (Tel: 675) 4734451; Fax: (675) 4734477 Email: enquiries@ag.unitech.ac.pg) or The National Agricultural Research Institute, P.O. Box 4415, Lae (Tel: (675) 475144; Fax: (675) 4751450; Email: narihq@nari.org.pg)
Appropriate Technology	Appropriate Technology and Community Development Institute, University of Technology, FMB Lae. (www.unitech.ac.pg)
Archaeology and Material Culture	PNG National Museum and Art Gallery, P.O. Box 5560, Boroko, NCD. (Tel: (675) 3235890; Fax: (675) 3251779; Email: pngmuseum@global.net.pg)

Biological Science and Natural Science	School of Natural and Physical Science, P.O. Box 320, University of Papua New Guinea, NCD; (Tel: (675) 3267387; Fax: (675) 3260369; Environmental Science and Geography, UPNG (Tel: (675) 3267216 or PNG National Museum and Art Gallery, Natural History Division, P.O. Box 5560, Boroko, NCD. Tel: (675) 3230602; Fax: (675) 3251779
Earth Sciences	Dept. of Geology [or] Geography, P.O. Box 320, University, NCD, (Tel: (675) 3267387; Fax: (675) 3260369), or Geological Survey of Papua New Guinea, Dept. of Mineral Policy and Geohazards Management, PMB Port Moresby (Tel: (675) 3215888; Fax: (675) 3215893)
Forestry	PNG Forest Research Institute, P.O. Box 314, Lae (Tel: (675) 4724188; Fax: (675) 4724357); or Dept. of Forestry, University of Technology, PMB Lae (Tel: (675) 4734651; Fax: (675) 4734669; Email: enquiries@fo.unitech.ac.pg)
History and Anthropology	Dept. of History, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, P.O. Box 320, University of Papua New Guinea, NCD (Tel: (675) 3267626; Fax: (675) 3267187)
Linguistics	Dept. of Language and Literature, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, P.O. Box 320, University of Papua New Guinea, NCD (Tel: (675) 3267626; Fax: (675) 3267187)
Marine Scientific Research	Motupore Island Research Centre, P.O. Box 320, UPNG (Tel: (675) 3252774; Fax: (675) 3254645)
Medicine and Human Biology	PNG Medical Research Advisory Council, P.O. Box 807, WAIGANI, NCD; or Institute of Medical Research, P.O. Box 60, Goroka, EHP. (Tel: (675) 5322800; Fax: (675) 5321998; Email: general@pngimr.org.pg); or UPNG Dept of Community Medicine, School of Medicine and Health Services P.O. Box 5623, Boroko, NCD. (Tel: (675) 3112626; Fax: (675) 3250809)
Music	Institute of PNG Studies, National Cultural Commission, P.O. Box 1432, Boroko, NCD. (Tel: (675) 3254644; Fax: (675) 3250531)
Documentary Film	National Film Institute, P.O. Box 795, Goroka, EHP. (Tel: (675) 5322897; Fax: (675) 5322938)

Some researchers may wish to be affiliated with other national government departments or non-government organisations with a direct interest in the proposed research. However, this normally requires some prior arrangement with the agency concerned.

It should be noted that proposals for medical research are vetted by the PNG Medical Research Advisory Council, rather than the National Research Institute, and the visa approval process is then handled by the Institute of Medical Research, P.O. Box 60, Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea.

Also, film-making proposals are vetted by the National Film Institute. The visa approval process is handled by the National Film Institute, P.O. Box 795, Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea. (Tel: (675) 532 2897; Fax: (675) 532 2938; email: visas.nfi@global.net.pg)

Affiliating institutions normally require, as minimum conditions of affiliation, that the researcher(s) should introduce themselves on arrival in PNG, to the NRI, and should present a written report and/or seminar at the Institute before their departure.

Affiliating institutions have no official obligation to assist researchers with accommodation, transportation, telephone calls, mailing costs, or other services.

Provincial Approval

As well as institutional affiliation, researchers intending to conduct field work outside the National Capital District must also obtain the approval of the relevant provincial governments. The NRI will negotiate this approval, and will forward a copy of the proposal, along with a request for provincial approval, to the officer responsible for research in the relevant provincial administration. Researchers should bear in mind that provincial authorities may take some time to respond to these requests, and should normally allow at least two months for this process to be completed. It may be necessary to ask NRI's Research Visa Liaison Section to make follow-up enquiries on a regular basis, as provincial approval is essential before research visas will be approved and a project can commence.

Researchers who plan long periods of field work in PNG may take the opportunity of first visiting the country on a reconnoitre visit, in order to facilitate the institutional affiliation process with the NRI. Those who do not have this opportunity are advised to communicate direct with the NRI and to refrain from communicating with affiliating institutions or provincial governments in order to reduce the risk of confusion.

It should be noted that many provinces have definite research policies and guidelines, and some are inclined to withhold approval of a foreign research application which is perceived as being inconsistent with these policies. Some provinces also charge fees, over and above visa charges, and NRI's Research Facilitation and Management Fees.

Provincial governments also normally require, as a condition of their approval, that the researcher(s) should introduce themselves on arrival in the province, and should present a written report and/or seminar to relevant provincial agencies before their departure.

Technical Approval

Some categories of research projects may require technical approval from established academic committees before the recommendation for visa issuance is conveyed by NRI to the PNG ICA, and then subsequently to the relevant High Commission, Embassy, or Consulate.

The Marine Scientific Research (MSR) Committee has the technical role of reviewing and assessing marine scientific projects such as marine geological expeditions, as well as living and bio-technical marine resource research programs and cruises. This process is to ensure conformity with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) which is in force in PNG.

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is responsible for the technical review and assessment of biological projects, through the PNG Institute of Biodiversity (PINBIO) network, for commercial projects, and the Species Working Management Group for general academic biological research. This process is to ensure conformity with the Fauna (Protection and Control) Act, the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations, and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) of wild fauna and flora. DEC is responsible for the control and management of this legislation and provides the appropriate permits, as required. A duplicate set of voucher specimens must be deposited at the University of Papua New Guinea or the Natural History section of the PNG National Museum and Art Gallery.

The PNG Forest Research Institute is also responsible for the approval of flora specimens or export. Duplicate collections are required to be deposited at the PNG Forest Research Institute/National Herbarium.

Journalist visa approvals require sanctioning by the Prime Minister's Media Unit, together with the general logistical requirements for the issuance of research visas. Such visas are valid only for 60 days and require the holder to possess a return or ongoing ticket.

The NRI will advise researchers when these technical reviews are required, and will coordinate any dialogue from the MSR Committee, PINBIO, and DEC in the administrative process with the PNG ICA.

Visa Fees

The PNG embassy, high commission, or consulate which issues a multiple entry, Special Exemption: Researcher/Academic visa will levy a visa charge for doing so. The amount of this fee varies from time to time, and even between embassies, high commissions and consulates. The prescribed fee is approximately equivalent to K100 (≈US\$35).

Project Research Facilitation and Management Fees

Researchers are required to pay a separate Project Research Facilitation and Management Fee to the NRI for processing and managing the project and visa approvals.

- US\$120 (or equivalent) for a researcher who spends less than two months in the country;
- US\$180 (or equivalent) for a researcher who spends more than two months in the country; or
- US\$450 (or equivalent) for a research team to carry out any period of research.

A management fee of US\$20 (or equivalent) is due and payable to the NRI for facilitating research visa extensions.

Payment of Fees

Fees payable to the NRI must be paid prior to the commencement of research in PNG. **If it is not possible to arrange a cheque or bank draft in PNG kina, payment of the equivalent amount in US dollars or Australian dollars is preferred and acceptable. The Institute will not authorize an extension of any research visa beyond the initial two-month period until these fees have been paid.**

Researchers who make multiple visits to PNG in connection with a specific research project will not be required to pay more than one Project Research Facilitation and Management Fee to the NRI. However, where a researcher embarks on a new or separate research project, or on a project with a research team, and wishes to enter the country on a different research assignment, they will be required to pay a new Project Research Facilitation and Management Fee, as per the given schedule. The NRI reserves the right to decide what constitutes a 'single project'.

Some provincial governments also levy their own provincial research fees on foreign researchers, and have provincial research guidelines. These fees vary considerably, and there is no consistency in the level of charges imposed. NRI's Research Visa Liaison Section can provide up to-date information on the fees (if any) that are charged by most provincial governments. Researchers are advised to make any payment of such fees to the Provincial Administration on arrival in the relevant province. They should **not** include this payment with the payment of the Research Project Facilitation and Management Fees to the NRI. Researchers should be aware that some provincial and local authorities may also request some form of compensation for approving a project.

Under no circumstances should Project Research Facilitation and Management Fees be paid to any other affiliating institution, except in the case of medical research for medical and human biology research projects. Only the NRI has the authority to levy such fees. The NRI will not recognise other such payments as a substitute for its own facilitation and management fees.

Research Findings

Two copies of all publications containing the results of research conducted using visas authorised by the NRI and approved by the PNG ICA should be sent to the Institute, where they will be recorded as 'Publications Received'. They will be deposited in the Institute's research library, and a copy forwarded to the New Guinea Collection in the Michael Somare Library at the University of PNG. Researchers who are affiliated to institutions other than the NRI should forward additional copies to those institutions as a condition of their affiliation. Provincial governments should also be sent copies of publications arising from research conducted in their respective provinces.

Two copies of CD-ROMs, films and/or tapes made by researchers affiliated to the NRI should also be forwarded direct to NRI. The NRI will retain a copy of such material, and make arrangements to forward the second copy of the material to the appropriate holding institutions. Should any work be deposited with another institution, and not initially with NRI, evidence of such a deposit should be sent to NRI.

Researchers who fail to send copies of their publications, tapes, or films to the NRI will have breached one of the agreed conditions of the research visa approval process. The Institute will not authorise the issue of any further visas to researchers who breach any of the conditions of the signed research agreement.

Cultural Property

The National Cultural Property (Preservation) Ordinance (amended 1967) of PNG is designed to preserve the cultural heritage of the country for future generations. Physical locations which are protected by the Ordinance include:

- caves or other places in which ancient remains — human or other — are to be found;
- carvings, paintings, or other representations on rocks or in caves;
- deposits of ancient pottery or historical remains; and
- places used in former times as ceremonial or burial grounds.

A person shall not disturb or otherwise interfere with a place or an object referred to in this list. There are severe penalties for violation of this section of the Ordinance.

Any person who is planning to investigate or work on a site of this nature should obtain written permission from the PNG National Museum and Art Gallery prior to the initiation of their activities. A written request outlining the proposed project should be sent to the Museum Director, P.O. Box 5560, Boroko NCD 111, Papua New Guinea to obtain affiliation (Tel: 675) 325 2458/5364; Fax: (675) 325 1779).

Permits that allow the export of items which are protected by the Ordinance can only be issued by the PNG National Museum and Art Gallery. Letters of request for such permits should be addressed to the Museum Director, indicating the nature of the material for which an export permit is sought. In the case of items being exported on a temporary basis, the request should additionally indicate the name and address of the Institution, as well as the person who will be responsible for the return of the material to Papua New Guinea, and the date by which the material will be returned.

Biological Specimens

Researchers wishing to export dead animals, animal parts, or marine biological specimens also need to obtain official permits for this purpose. Requests for such permits should be sent to the Director, Resource Inventory Branch, Department of Environment and Conservation, Box 6601, Boroko, NCD, 111, Papua New Guinea (Tel: (675) 325 0195; Fax: (675) 325 0182).

Plant Specimens

Researchers who wish to export any species of flora and other plant species need to obtain official permission from the PNG Forest Research Institute, P.O. Box 314, Lae, Morobe Province (Tel: (675) 472 4188; Fax: (675) 4724357). Specimens to be exported should be duplicated and deposited with the PNG Forest Research Institute.

Intellectual Property Rights

Researchers shall include with their research proposal a full disclosure of all field and research work to be carried out on samples and specimens of flora and fauna collected, including marine biota, the objectives of such work, and any intention, needs, or potential requirements to patent, or otherwise formally or generally establish exclusivity of usage of any material, discoveries, or by-products derived therefrom. Copies of Memoranda of Understanding or Agreement through PINBIO, and with other PNG organisations, in respect of such activities and any patent rights or gains, shall be included as part of the application.

It is emphasised that ignorance of PNG policies, laws, and legislation is no legal plea.