

**Code of Ethics Agreement for Foreign Researchers undertaking Researches
within the Flora and Fauna of Vanuatu.**

Description: The document outlined the terms and conditions for agreement between any Researcher (s)¹ and the Vanuatu Government prior to undertake any related researches for scientific purposes within Vanuatu.

I (Name) _____ of

(Institution/Company)_____

Agree to the following terms and conditions while collecting and working in Vanuatu:

- 1. Arrange to work with a local recognised researcher/organisation in Vanuatu.**
- 2. Respect regulations of Vanuatu, e.g., enter on a research visitor visa; obtain permit from Director of Agriculture where necessary required for birds especially closing season for capturing and killing of birds; observe regulations for export of plants and animals/parts of plants and animals-Quarantine, CITES etc.**
- 3. Obtain permission from National and Provincial authorities and landowners in the areas you want to research.**
- 4. When apply for a travel/study grant, include additional amount to cover the cost of research permit of 50,000 Vatu and refundable information bond fees of 100,000 vatu; of processing your specimens or other costs of your visit to the collaborating organisation may incur and equal travel expenses and per diems for your local counterpart.**
- 5. Leave a good and complete set of duplicates, most preferably with labels with the curator of the Herbarium or museum / in the care of your collaborators.**
- 6. Ensure that types of species you describe are deposited for Vanuatu in the department of Forest Herbarium/museum/in the care of your collaborators.**
- 7. Inform local herbarium and museum curators/your collaborators where the other duplicates are to be deposited.**
- 8. Where outside of Vanuatu, the duplicates be deposited, they will remain properties of Vanuatu.**

¹ Researchers may mean foreign individual or company or an academic institute and others. It may also refer to local researcher or researchers that affiliates with foreign institution(s) or organisation(s).

- 9. Do not exploit Vanuatu's natural resources by removing large quantities of wild plants and/or animals that have cultural, medicinal, horticultural, and other economic values.**
- 10. Obtained a list of Vanuatu rare and endangered species - plants from the Department of Forest or animals from the Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation. Rare and endangered species shall not be collected without permission.**
- 11. Life endemic species or propagated part of the species shall not be collected for any means, at all, otherwise shall be subject to further agreements with the Vanuatu Government.**
- 12. Collect no more specimens than is strictly necessary.**
- 13. Leave copies of photographs/slides from the research for Vanuatu in the care of your collaborators.**
- 14. Inform the Department of Forest, Department of Fisheries, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Quarantine and Inspection Services, Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation of new locality of rare species/ endangered species/ species of economical potential/ species of potential threats to the Vanuatu flora and fauna you find.**
- 15. Provide a report of preliminary findings to collaborator(s) prior to leaving Vanuatu.**
- 16. Ensure that collaborator(s) are consulted with the draft of the research reports prior to publishing of the actual document.**
- 17. Your collaborator (s) Department of Forests/ Department of Fisheries/ Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Biosecurity Vanuatu/ Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation must have copies of the reprints research reports.**
- 18. Acknowledge collaborators in reports, publications, etc.
Dates working in Vanuatu: _____**
- 19. Any breaching of the agreement may result in the following conditions:**
 - i) The Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation and other concerned government departments will investigate the whole process involved in the organisation and arrangement of the research.**

- ii) **The Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation and other concerned government departments may cease all data and information collected in any form.**

Name of External Organization: _____

Address (overseas): _____

Tel: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Name of individual represented: _____

Signed _____ Date: _____

Witnessed and approved by:

Name: _____

Signed _____ Date: _____

Director

Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation