



## Sample and Data Ownership, Access, and Dissemination Agreement

As the intention of the Rory Hensman Conservation and Research Unit (RHCRU) is to promote the potential benefits of elephants to human society, wildlife, and conservation efforts, it is their policy to widely disseminate the results of any research using biomaterials or data provided by RHCRU, performed at RHCRU, or conducted by RHCRU staff.

All data and biological samples collected at or provided by RHCRU must only be used for the research designated within the approved project application and proposal. Data are defined as any information obtained from biological samples, observations and measurements, and animal records (including management, medical, and nutritional records).

### Access

RHCRU maintains the right to request the return of any data and results collected at RHCRU by approved, independent researchers not funded by RHCRU if the project is not conducted in a manner reflective of the proposal, is not completed within the specified timeframe, nor any progress reported, or if results are not disseminated within 5 years of completion of the project. RHCRU reserves the right to access the data at any time and to use the findings (with the proper acknowledgements) for scientific studies and management decisions if the data is not disseminated within 5 years of completion.

### Ownership

Biological samples will remain the property of RHCRU and may not be further transferred without written permission from the RHCRU Managing Director. Biological samples, or products derived from them (such as extracted DNA, cultures, cell lines, etc.) will be returned at RHCRU's request if RHCRU feels the samples are not being used in accordance with these guidelines, the approved project proposal, the ethical policies provided by the institution granting ethical clearance, or any specific requirements accompanying provision of the samples.

### Acknowledgement

Any dissemination of results (written or otherwise) shall acknowledge RHCRU as the source of the data. Publications should acknowledge RHCRU staff involved in the collection of data or samples where otherwise not included as a co-author.

### Costs/Expenses

All costs and expenses incurred during the implementation of the research are the responsibility of the researcher, unless otherwise agreed upon in advance. Costs and expenses include, but are not limited to, permits, shipping and handling fees, supplies needed to collect biological samples, equipment to store or package samples, testing of samples, etc.

### Reporting

An electronic copy of publications resulting from data collected at or materials provided by RHCRU must be sent to \_\_\_\_\_.

I AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED ABOVE.

Name of Principal Investigator:

Signature:

Date:

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