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St Andrews

Consent Form

Ecological Consequences of Orca Predation on Seals (ECOPredS):

a citizen science approach

The University of St Andrews attaches high priority to the ethical conduct of research. We therefore ask you to consider the following points before signing this form.

If you are submitting sightings, images or footage, please confirm via email to ecopreds@st-andrews.ac.uk that you are happy with each point in the sections below (A-C) that are relevant for your submission. Clicking “submit” on the online sighting form confirms that you are willing to participate in this study (as per Section A).

A. All participants (whether submitting sightings, images, or footage)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I understand the contents of the Participant Information Sheet and that I can contact the researchers if I have any questions (<i>ECOPredS-participant-info</i>) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I understand that my participation is entirely voluntary and that I can withdraw from the study at any time without giving an explanation. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I understand who will have access to my data, how it will be stored and shared. I understand that I will be able to withdraw my data within a week of submitting the record, and that if my data has been anonymised, it cannot be withdrawn after that point. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I agree to minimize disturbance to wildlife and never intentionally or recklessly harass wildlife 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I agree to take part in the above study 	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Photo/videographers (submitting any video/footage)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any past drone footage or images (shot prior to 1st April 2021) submitted to the project adhere to the ECOPredS guidelines for retrospective data (<i>ECOPredS-retrospective-footage</i>) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I understand that any submitted photographs and/or footage may be shared privately with other researchers for data validation purposes. Any image/footage shared in this way will be water-stamped as “data validation only – do not share or publish” to ensure artistic rights remain with the photo/videographer. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional: the photographs and video that I have submitted, along with my full name as the photographer, may be used in project-related publications (website, social media, scientific articles, presentations). I would like to be notified by project researchers if my images are being used. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I know how I can fly my drone legally and confirm that any footage submitted to the project was obtained following civil aviation laws 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am an adult or young person aged 16 or over 	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Qualified volunteer pilots (submitting video/footage that was shot 1 st April 2021 or later)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have read and agree to adhere to the ECOPredS standard operating procedure (SOP) for drone flights contributing to research (<i>ECOPredS-prospective-flights</i>) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have submitted evidence of my Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) qualification (such as A2CofC) to the project 	<input type="checkbox"/>