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**BIOINFORMATICS ETHICS NOTIFICATION FORM FOR PROJECTS USING PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DATA FROM ONLINE SOURCES FOR RESEARCH**

The post-genomic era has seen the development of massive online molecular data repositories which are free for public use. Although an ethics application is not necessary for the download and use of such data for research purposes, the Animal Environmental and Biosafety Research Ethics Committee (AEBREC) needs to be notified of any studies involving publicly available data sets. Therefore, this is not an application for ethics approval but a notification and recognition of your project using previously published data.

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| It must be signed by the Principal Investigator (the applicant) and other persons who are vouching for specialised aspects of the experimental  **INSTRUCTIONS**   * The application must be typed * The following documents must be attached: * Proof of Registration (If applicable) * Registration of the Project * FHDC Recommendation letter (If applicable) * Conflict of interest form (Appendix C) * Project Proposal * Abstract * Tools (e.g. Questionnaire, Consent Form) (If applicable) |

**INITIATING DEPARTMENT:**

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| **Authorized by: Head of Department** | | | |
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1. **TITLE OF PROJECT** (Max. 50 characters including spaces)

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1. **DETAILS OF APPLICANT**

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| **Title (e.g. Dr)** |  |
| **Surname and full name** |  |
| **Student / Staff Number** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Cell No** |  |

1. **SUPERVISOR’S DETAILS (if applicable)**

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1. **PROJECT**

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| **Start date and anticipated completion date** | |
| **Start:** | **Completion:** |
| 1. **Identity or general classification of the data to be used** | |
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| 1. **Conservation status of the targeted species** | |
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| 1. **Are the proposed data already published? List the publication(s).** | |
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| 1. **Does accessing the proposed data require special permission(s) from the data owners? Specify, and if so, provide evidence that permissions have been obtained.** | |
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| 1. **Were the original data collected ethically? Provide evidence.** | |
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| 1. **Human genetic data: have the data been anonymised? How?** | |
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| 1. **Rationale and objectives:** Briefly explain why the study will be conducted and which kind of scientific question(s) will be addressed. Argue why the proposed data are relevant to these questions. Who will benefit from the results of this project? *Suggested length: 200 words* | |
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| 1. **Explain briefly which methods will be used for your study.** | |
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1. **SIGNATURES**

I have considered the design of this project, and in my opinion, this is the most effective and feasible protocol that has the lowest impact on the animals and the environment. This work is being conducted according to the ethical standards accepted in this field of research.

**Project Leader**

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Name and Surname Signature Date

**Other researchers involved in this project:**

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**Project supervisor** *(Applicable for Student Projects)*

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**Research Ethics Committee resolution:**

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Chairperson, REC