
AATAMS Acoustic receiver loan

Terms and conditions

The long-term objective of AATAMS is to facilitate the development of a national acoustic tracking network, with AATAMS acting as a central coordinating facility in the same manner as the Australian Bird and Bat banding scheme (www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/science/abbbs). Ideally, all researchers acoustically tracking marine organisms will contribute to the network. Researchers who share information will benefit by being provided with detections of their tags by receivers other than their own. The principle upon which this is based is that receiver data collected by all members of the network is pooled (about 900-1200 receivers), and AATAMS will facilitate this with provision of a National Coordinator, quality control of all data, and long-term protected data storage through eMII (see below).

All data downloaded from the receivers on loan from AATAMS must be sent to the AATAMS national coordinator. The AATAMS national coordinator will manage the storage of data within the electronic Marine Information Infrastructure (eMII), which is an IMOS Facility. Data within the eMII will be quality controlled, stored, and protected by eMII. All registered members of the acoustic tracking community will be able to search for detections of their tags from all receivers in the network. The AATAMS national coordinator will keep a database of all tag IDs, receivers, projects, and investigators in the same manner as the Australian Bird and Bat banding scheme. Tag IDs will not be released to other groups or researchers. Ultimately, this will help to establish a national network of receivers throughout Australia, and provide access to this national network via eMII.

A pool of AATAMS receivers will be available for loan to investigators. This will further improve the development of the national network. Pool receivers will be available under the following conditions:

1. Receivers (Vemco VR2W) remain the property of AATAMS/IMOS;
2. A complete set of the data collected by all receivers must be sent to the AATAMS Technical Officer (TO) at agreed intervals (6 monthly if possible);
3. All data will be quality-controlled, stored and accessible through IMOS' electronic Marine Information Infrastructure (eMII);
4. At the end of the proposed project, AATAMS receivers will be returned to the AATAMS by the due date at the applicants expense;

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5. Successful applicants are required to provide 6-monthly reports on the progress of the project, and produce a final report within three months of project completion;
6. AATAMS/IMOS must be acknowledged in all lectures, presentations, displays, and published material concerning the project;
7. AATAMS/IMOS must be notified in advance of all lectures, presentations, displays, and copies of all published material resulting from the project (electronic copies acceptable);
8. Successful applicants must agree to supply slides and information on request for AATAMS review presentations;
9. Successful applicants are liable for damage to or loss of receivers. All damaged or lost receivers and will have to be repaired and/or replace at applicant's expense. Successful applicants must guarantee that funds are available if required (receiver costs being at least \$1,410 each);
10. An acknowledgment form of receipt of receivers in working condition will be supplied at the start of the project, and both parties will sign before deployment of equipment; and,
11. Failure to comply with these terms and conditions will result in the termination of the loan;

Certification to be signed by applicant

I understand and agree that:

- research which involves animal experimentation must be carried out in accordance with the guidelines provided in the NHMRC code of practice;
- a certificate of compliance with the appropriate guidelines must be received by the committee from a recognised Ethics, or Safety Committee before loan of receivers;
- the Institution and/or individual/s receiving the grant is/are responsible for all vehicles of transport, including vessels, to be used in this project, and must come under the Department of Transport registration and carry appropriate third party insurance. All vessels must be covered by the required survey certificates and under the command of an appropriate qualified person under the Department of Transport Act;
- the institution and/or individual/s receiving the grant is/are under a duty of care to provide appropriate training and education in respect of workplace health and safety for all personnel.

I, _____, accept the terms and conditions associated with the use of AATAMS receivers.

Signature _____



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Date ____/____/____

Certificate by Head of Institution

I certify that the project can be accommodated within the general facilities in my Institution, that sufficient working and office space is available for any proposed additional staff, I am prepared to have the project carried out in my Institution under the circumstances set out by the applicant(s);

I have noted the amount of time which the investigators will be devoting to the project and certify that it is appropriate to existing workloads.

Name _____

Position _____

Signature _____

Date ____/____/____