

GSGSSI Regulated Activity Permit (RAP) Categories

Please email all enquires and applications to: permits@gov.gs

Does your project involve *:

Wildlife disturbance/handling

- An element of animal husbandry/captive breeding
- An activity which may cause significant disturbance or mortality to wild birds or mammals
- Geophysical marine surveys

Sampling / removal of material

- Removal of significant quantities of soil, peat or minerals which is likely to have permanent change to appearance or ecology of site

Equipment/Structures

- Installing equipment or building a structure which there are no specific plans for removal
- Use of manned aircraft including helicopters
- Demolition movement or alteration to a historic structure or material changes to a heritage site

Waste / hazardous materials

- Generating waste that is not dealt with under existing management procedures
- Bringing any radioactive material into the Territory

Site / location

- Work at a site which has been identified as highly sensitive under the Terrestrial Protected Areas framework

Any other activities that would otherwise breach the Wildlife and Protected Areas Ordinance or subsidiary legislation

YES



Comprehensive RAP application

- Projects classified as having potential for high risk to the environment
- Usually a bespoke application process and tailored mitigation measures
- A two phase application process may be used for large projects.
- Public consultation may be required
- Project may subject to external review process
- Time frame to assess and process applications is dependent on complexity of project but advisable to allow 12 months or more

Does your project involve:

Wildlife disturbance/handling

- Working in close proximity to wildlife (see RAP guidelines)
- Handling wild birds or mammals or entering into a breeding site / colony during the breeding season

Sampling / removal of material

- Removal of soil, peat or mineral materials (soil, shale, sand, rock) which may affect an area of greater than 1m²
- Collection of biological material which may affect an area greater than 1m² or take longer than 1 year to recover

Equipment / structures

- Installing/deploying temporary marker posts, equipment or structure
- Operation of a drone within 12nm of SGSSI if unable to comply with ALL standing conditions
- Use of vehicles (other than wheelchairs for those with impaired mobility) on land
- Active acoustics in the marine environment outside those used as part of normal navigation or in licenced fisheries

Waste / hazardous material

- Generating any waste which will not be removed from the territory and that will be disposed of via incineration, burial or landfill
- Bringing hazardous materials to the Territory which will be used outside of a vessel/ station building

Site/location

- Work at the non-visitor landing sites / sites with no established scientific study areas
- Work on the South Sandwich Islands
- Overnights stays in field huts or tents at coastal locations associated with a recognized science or media project***

No other activities that would otherwise breach the Wildlife and Protected Areas Ordinance or subsidiary legislation

YES



Category 2 - RAP application

- Projects with medium-low environmental risk
- Online application form tailored to individual project needs
- Project ordinarily reviewed internally by GSGSSI.
- Applicants should allow up to 90 days for their application to be assessed and processed

Does your project involve:

Wildlife disturbance/handling

- GSGSSI animal welfare and movement guidance followed

Sampling/removal of material

- Removal of soil, peat or mineral materials (soil, shale, sand, rock) which may affect an area of greater than 1m²
- Damage to vegetation invertebrate communities affect an area greater than 1m² or take longer than 1 year to recover

Equipment/structures

- Repair, maintenance and affixing structures to existing buildings
- Use of heavy plant machinery or other other than wheelchairs for those with impaired mobility) on land
- No new structures constructed

Waste / hazardous material

- Generating any waste which will not be removed from the territory and that will be disposed of via incineration, burial or landfill

Site/location

- Building and maintenance work within the footprint of King Edward Point, Grytviken, Bird Island or existing field huts

No other activities that would otherwise breach the Wildlife and Protected Areas Ordinance or subsidiary legislation

YES



Construction and maintenance - RAP application

- Projects with medium-low environmental risk
- EIA matrix detailing activities, impact and mitigation
- Project ordinarily reviewed internally by GSGSSI.
- Applicants should allow up to 90 days for their application to be assessed and processed

Does your project involve:

Wildlife disturbance/handling

- All IAATO wildlife approach guidelines followed / NO working in close proximity to wildlife (see RAP guidelines)

Sampling / removal of material

- Removal of soil, peat or mineral materials (soil, shale, sand, rock) which affects an area less than 1m²
- Removal of small amounts of biological material which affects an area of less than 1m² and/or will recover in less than 1 year

Equipment / structures

- No equipment is left in situ

Waste / hazardous materials

- Hazardous materials not brought ashore
- All waste removed from Territory

Site / location

- All work done at recognized visitor sites as part of a permitted visitor landing

No other activities that would otherwise breach the Wildlife and Protected Areas Ordinance or subsidiary legislation

YES



Category 1 - Citizen Science RAP

- Projects with low environmental risk undertaken in association with permitted tourism
- Standard mitigation measures can be used
- Project reviewed internally by GSGSSI
- Applicants should allow up to 60 days for their application to be assessed and processed

Does your project involve:

Equipment / structures

- Operation of a drone within 12nm of SGSSI if complying with ALL standing conditions

Site / location

- All work done at recognized visitor sites as part of a permitted visitor landing

No other activities that would otherwise breach the Wildlife and Protected Areas Ordinance or subsidiary legislation

YES



Category 1- Drone RAP

- For projects where only activity is drone flight
- Standard mitigation measures can be used
- Project reviewed internally by GSGSSI
- Applicants should allow up to 60 days for their application to be assessed and processed

***overnight stays related to an adventurous activity should apply through the adventurous activity application system

** GSGSSI reserves the right to re-classify any project as a Comprehensive RAP or require additional information on intended activities if it deems additional information is needed in order to make an effective environmental assessment