

# GSGSSI Regulated Activity Permit (RAP) Categories

Please email all enquires and applications to: [permits@gov.gs](mailto: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 1m<sup>2</sup>
- Collection of biological material which may affect an area greater than 1m<sup>2</sup> 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 1m<sup>2</sup>
- Damage to vegetation invertebrate communities affect an area greater than 1m<sup>2</sup> 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 1m<sup>2</sup>
- Removal of small amounts of biological material which affects an area of less than 1m<sup>2</sup> 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**

NB – if operation of the drone is in conjunction with other science or media/film activities you should apply within a 'Category 2 RAP'

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

If you have a Category 2 RAP for a long-term project, providing you have met all permit conditions, you can use the RAP renewal form to renew this up to **THREE** times, after which you must submit a full application. If your work involves animal handling, as part of the renewal process you must submit up to date ethical approval **EVERY** year. Applicants should allow up to 60 days for a renewal to be processed. There is no renewal option for projects which work on the South Sandwich Islands.