

Applications instruction for specimen collection, Taroko National Park Headquarters, Construction and Planning Agency, Ministry of the Interior

1. Handling body, Conservation Research Section
2. Contact tel no:03-8621100-ext702, 701
3. Application qualification: School or related research institute
4. Charge: Free
5. Documents that should be provided:
 - (1) Standard application form
 - (2) Research plan or teaching practical explanation
 - (3) Name list of persons involved in collecting, copies, front and back, of their ID or passport, and one passport sized photo for each person.
 - (4) When individuals apply, a recommendation letter from a research institute or more than two professors in a related research field and letter of permission from the body where the professors work is required.
 - (5) Overseas private or public groups or individuals must also have a supporting letter from a Taiwan research body or proof of cooperation and also follow the application procedure for individuals from Taiwan.
 - (6) Work time: five days
 - (7) Related laws or work standards: Clause 2, Item 1, Article 17, National Park Law
 - (8) Other points for attention:

As in the “Main points for approving applications for specimen collection, Taroko National Park Headquarters, Construction and Planning Agency, Ministry of the Interior.”

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1. To protect the natural resources of this national park, Taroko National Park Headquarters (the Administration hereafter) has set these main points according to articles 14, 17, 18 and 21 of the National Park Law.
2. The specimens in these main points refer to animals, plants, minerals and rocks and soil and water needed for academic research.
3. Applicants for permission to collect should provide the following materials to the Administration:
 - (1) Application form.
 - (2) Research plan or teaching practical explanation
 - (3) Name list of collectors, front and back copies of their ID or passports and one passport sized photo for each.
 - (4) Individual should attach supporting documents from a related research institute or recommendation letter more than two professors in related fields.
 - (5) Overseas private or public groups or individuals also need to provide a letter from a domestic research institute or proof of cooperation
4. The research plan should clearly state the objective of the plan, the area specimens are to be collected in, the types of specimens to be taken, quantity, time, collecting methods and the expected results. Teaching practical explanations should provide a supporting letter from a public or private educational group and state the objective of teaching, collecting area, types of specimens to be taken, quantity, time, collecting methods and expected results.
5. Upon receipt of applications the Administration will check the following:
 - (1) Are the application materials complete?
 - (2) The contents of the research plan or teaching practical explanation
 - (3) Is the collecting method suitable?.
 - (4) Is the type of specimens, quantity, area and time period of collecting clear and necessary?
 - (5) Does the collector (or group) have a record of breaching Point 11 of these main points?

- (6) If clauses (3), (4) and (5) of Point 5 are breached this Administration will not approve collection application.
- (7) When necessary this Administration will entrust related research bodies to jointly carry out application examination.
6. For research plans the specimen collector is limited to the plan director and necessary researchers. In the case of teaching practical, the collector shall be the leading teacher.
 7. If commercial species trading or profit-making agency is discovered the Administration will not approve collection or will cancel approval and also act according to the law.
 8. If specimens are protected species under the ‘Wildlife Conservation Law’ or rare plants designated by the ‘Cultural Property Preservation Law’, applicants must first gain approval from the relevant managing authority before the Administration can approve collection of specimens.
 9. In accordance with Article 18, National Park Law, entry into Ecological Protection Areas in the park requires prior approval from the Ministry of the Interior.
 10. When collection is taking place, collectors should carry the collection approval document and their ID at all times in case of checking by Administration staff or park police.
 11. During the collection period, the main points for attention when collecting specimens and the National Park Law and related regulations should be followed. If breaches are found the Administration and the park police can confiscate the specimens collected and act according to the law.
 12. After collecting, collectors (or applying bodies) shall send one copy of a list of the specimens collected and research results (or report) to this Administration, for use as important documents in examining future specimen collection applications.
 13. These main points have been implemented after approval from the managing authority and the same will apply to revisions.