

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Conservator of Forests
Bangladesh Forest Department
Wildlife and Nature Conservation Circle
Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka.

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Date: 31/10/2022.

Sub: No Objection Certificate (NOC) for sending rectal swabs and roost fecal samples collected from Non-CITES bats species to USA.

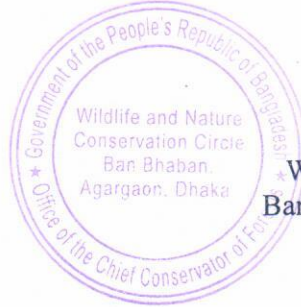
With reference to the subject mentioned above, this is to inform you that Bangladesh Forest Department doesn't have any objection to send following samples to Dr. Nicholas Bergman, Battelle National Biodefense Institute, LLC (BNBI), operation and managing the National Biodefense Analysis & Countermeasures Center (NBACC), USA, Phone: 301-619-5556, Email: Nicholas.Bergman@st.dhs.gov.

Quantity of sample	Species	Country of Origin	Destination	Purpose
80 tubes rectal swabs 100 tubes roost fecal Total: 180 tubes	Non-CITES pygmy horseshoe bats (<i>Rhinolophus pusillus</i>)	Bangladesh	USA	Scientific Research

It is to inform you that the above mentioned samples will not be used for any other purpose other than the research "Monitoring of the circulation of SARS-CoV-2 in Bats in Bangladesh and generation of cell models for in vitro studies (SARSrhinCell)". It would be highly appreciated if icddr,b shares the research findings with the Bangladesh Forest Department.

Conditions:

1. Validity period up to January 29, 2023.
2. This Permit is valid for one consignment only.
3. This Permit is not transferable.




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1. Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, RIMS Unit, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka. Please publish this NOC in Forest Department's website.
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Division, Dhaka.
4. Dr. Nicholas Bergman, Battelle National Biodefense Institute, LLC (BNBI), operation and managing the National Biodefense Analysis & Countermeasure Center (NBACC), USA.