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Bangladesh Forest Department
Wildlife and Nature Conservation Circle
Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka.

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Date: 21/09/2023.

Sub: No Objection Certificate (NOC) for sending rectal swabs and roost fecal samples collected from Non-CITES bats species to the 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 Nathan Boggs, Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory, Bldg 33, 11100 Johns Hopkins Rd, Laurel, MD 20723-6099, USA, Phone: 240-228-5480, Email: Nathan.boggs@jhuapl.edu

Quantity of sample	Species	Country of Origin	Destination	Purpose
300 tubes rectal swabs 1100 tubes pooled roost feces	Non-CITES bats (<i>Rhinolophus sp.</i>)	Bangladesh	USA	Scientific Research
Total: 1400 tubes (One thousand four hundred)				

This is to inform you that the above-mentioned samples will be solely used for research purposes of the project "Monitoring of the circulation of SARS-CoV-2 in Bats in Bangladesh and generation of cell models for in vitro studies (SARS-RhinCell)". It would be highly appreciated if icddr,b shares the research findings, after completion of testing, with Bangladesh Forest Department.

Conditions:

1. Validity period up to December 20, 2023.
2. This Permit is valid for one consignment only.
3. This Permit is not transferable.

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21. September 2023

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

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. Nathan Boggs, Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory, Bldg 33, 11100 Johns Hopkins Rd, Laurel, MD 20723-6099, USA.