



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: 21/09/2023.

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

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. Cyrille Mathieu, CRCN CNRS, HDR, group leader, CIRI – Centre International de Recherche en Infectiologie, CNRS UMR5308, INSERM U1111, Universite Lyon 1, ENS de Lyon, 21 Avenue Tony Garnier, 69007 Lyon, France, Phone: +33 (0)437282390, Email: cyrille.mathieu@inserm.fr.

Quantity of sample	Species	Country of Origin	Destination	Purpose
278 tubes throat swabs 278 tubes rectal swabs 278 tubes urine 273 tubes Serum 27 tubes Wing punch in Cryo SFM 27 tubes Wing punch in Lysis_Buffer Total: 1161 tubes	Non-CITES bats (<i>Rhinolophus</i> <i>sp.</i>)	Bangladesh	France	Scientific Research
101 tubes throat swabs 101 tubes rectal swabs 101 tubes urine 98 tubes Serum 17 tubes WBC in FCS+DMSO 30 tubes Wing punch in Cryo SFM 30 tubes Wing punch in Lysis_Buffer Total: 478 tubes	Non-CITES bats (<i>Rousettus</i> <i>sp.</i>)	Bangladesh	France	Scientific Research
97 tubes throat swabs 97 tubes rectal swabs 97 tubes urine 91 tubes Serum 13 tubes Wing punch in Cryo SFM 13 tubes Wing punch in Lysis_Buffer Total: 408 tubes	Non-CITES bats (<i>Pipistrellus</i> <i>sp.</i>)	Bangladesh	France	Scientific Research
97 tubes throat swabs 97 tubes rectal swabs 97 tubes urine 95 tubes Serum 09 tubes Wing punch in Cryo SFM 09 tubes Wing punch in Lysis-Buffer Total: 404 tubes	Non-CITES bats (<i>Cynopterus</i> <i>sp.</i>)	Bangladesh	France	Scientific Research
G. Total: 2451 Tubes (Two thousand four hundred fifty one)				

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 (SARSrhinCell)". It would be highly appreciated if icddr,b shares the research findings, after completion of testing, with Bangladesh Forest Department.

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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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1. Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, HazratShahjalal 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. Cyrille Mathieu, CRCN CNRS, HDR, group leader, CIRI-Centre International de Recherche en Infectiologie, CNRS UMR5308, INSERM U1111, Universite Lyon 1, ENS de Lyon, 21 Avenue Tony Garnier, 69007 Lyon, Franc.