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To Whom It May Concern

Consent is granted to Ms Nicole Edmison of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History and her team to carry out ecological research and collect research specimens in the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis and to export these specimens to the USA.

Specimens should only be collected from the Orders list below and will be deposited in the research collection of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History:

- Rodentia (rodents)
- Chiroptera (bats)

No more than 20 individuals of the same species will be taken per sampling site and no more than 200 total specimens will be collected.

Species protected by the US Endangered Species Act (ESA) and/or the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) will not be collected.

All exported specimens should be fixed in formalin and preserved in ethanol to mitigate the potential for pathogen transfer. Research may take place on both St Kitts and Nevis throughout 2018.

The research should be conducted in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture et al specifically the Department of Environment who in turn will provide a local counterpart team.

Ms Edmison and by extension the Smithsonian National Museum are reminded of the rules governing research according to the ABS protocol

Sincerely,

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E. Alistair Edwards (Mr)
Permanent Secretary