

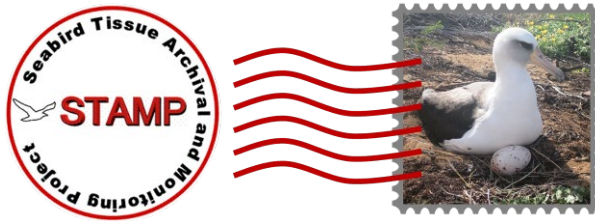


Seabird Tissue Archival and Monitoring Project (STAMP): Access Policy

Researchers not associated with STAMP can request aliquots of banked specimens; however, release of these materials to outside investigators requires approval from the project managers of the collaborating agencies and is contingent upon the determination that enough material will be left in the NIST Biorepository to allow STAMP to conduct retrospective analyses and monitor long-term trends. Requests for specimens must include clear, concise descriptions of the proposed work and coincide with STAMP's long-term goals. The following information must be supplied with the specimen requests:

1. The name(s) of the principal investigator(s) and affiliated research or academic institutions.
2. The specific specimen material requested and quantity desired.
3. A brief description of the proposed research and its funding source.
4. A brief justification for use of the banked specimens.
5. The name of the research facility where the analytical work will be conducted.
6. A brief description of the analytical quality control procedures that will be used and a signed agreement stating that the research facility will participate in NIST directed interlaboratory comparison exercises for quality assurance (QA) purposes.
7. The estimated date for completion of research, and preparing/submitting subsequent reports and publications.
8. A signed agreement stating that copies of all results and findings, including analytical data, will be provided to the collaborators of STAMP, along with a data submission schedule.
9. A signed agreement stating that credit and acknowledgment will be given to USGS, USFWS, NIST Biorepository, BIA-ARSB, AMNWR and STAMP for collecting and processing seabird eggs.

The requesting parties will be responsible for all shipping charges. Additional charges may also be required to cover the costs of retrieving, documenting, and packaging the specimens for shipment.



SEABIRD TISSUE ARCHIVAL AND MONITORING PROJECT (STAMP) SPECIMEN REQUEST FORM

Principle Investigator(s): _____

Investigator Title(s): _____

Affiliated Institution(s): _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Specimen Request - Research Project Requirements:

Total Number of Specimen(s) Requested: _____

Total Number of Egg Contents Requested: _____

Total Number of Eggshells Requested: _____

Title of Project: _____

Research Location: _____

Type of Research: _____

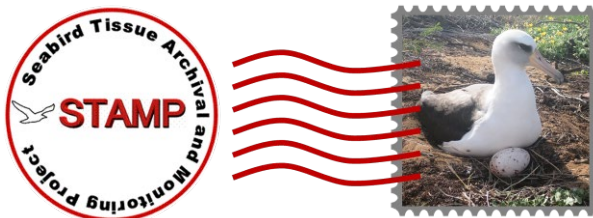
Estimated date of completion, including preparation/submission of subsequent reports/publications: _____

Provide the following items with this Specimen Request Form:

1. Brief description of the proposed research including a justification for use of the specimen(s)
2. Verification that funding is available to conduct the research
3. Copy of a scientific research permit, if applicable
4. Table 1 - completed
5. Specimen Agreement Form - signed copy

Table 1. Metadata for Specimen(s) Requested from the STAMP

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SEABIRD TISSUE ARCHIVAL AND MONITORING PROJECT (STAMP) SPECIMEN AGREEMENT FORM

I, as a representative of the recipient institution authorized to sign agreements, agree to the following conditions upon acceptance of my proposed research on specimens received from the Seabird Tissue Archival and Monitoring Project:

- 1) Copies of all results and research findings, including analytical data, will be reported and provided to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), along with a data submission schedule.
- 2) Compliance with all rules and regulations applicable to the research and the handling of the specimen(s).
- 3) No further distribution of the specimen(s) to third parties. Any remaining specimen(s) after the research is complete will be properly disposed of unless the requester submits another request for research and receives approval in accordance with the specimen access policy. The request must be submitted within three months after the original project has been completed.
- 4) Credit and acknowledgment will be given to NIST and any additional organizations (e.g., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)) that contributed specimens to the STAMP. I shall insert the following acknowledgment in all publications, abstracts and/or presentations based on research using the banked specimens:

The specimen(s) used in this study were collected by [NIST will provide the contributing organization] and provided by the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Seabird Tissue Archival and Monitoring Project (STAMP), which is maintained at the NIST Biorepository at the Hollings Marine Laboratory, Charleston, SC and in collaboration with the [NIST will provide a list of additional organizations (e.g., USFWS)].

- 5) No claim, inference, or implied endorsement by the U.S. Government of the research, personnel conducting the research or any resulting commercial product(s).

Acknowledged By:

PI's Printed Name/Signature

Date

Institutional Affiliation

Signatory Official:

Printed Name/Signature

Date

Title