

GSGSSI Regulated Activity Permit (RAP) Categories

Please email all enquires and applications to: permits@gov.gs

Does your project involve *:

- A non-BAS project, spending a night ashore outside of KEP/Bird Island research stations and/or
- Installing equipment which will be in situ for longer than 5 years and/or
- An element of animal husbandry/captive breeding and/or
- Working in an area that is newly uncovered from glacial retreat
- Undertaking an activity that may have greater than minor and transitory impact on the environment**

YES

RAP Category 3

- Project subject to external review process
- Cost: £1000
- Time: 2 -12 months depending on complexity of the project



- Complete an Expedition Application for the overnight element of the work (if applicable)
- Complete a 'Project Overview' form, email for advice on appropriate format of application for the other elements of the project

NO

Does your project involve:

- Taking samples or handling wild birds or mammals or approaching them closer than 10 m and/or
- Installing marker posts or equipment that will be removed within 5 years and/or
- Taking samples of macroscopic marine organisms or samples from sea bed habitats and/or
- Operation of a UAV over concentrations of wildlife or buildings and/or
- Taking samples from the terrestrial environment where the total area impacted will be greater than 1 m² and where the impact will take longer than 1 year to recover and/or
- Working on land more than 2 km from a recognized visitor landing beach/research station or transit across glaciers or mountainous terrain
- The project would be supported from a vessel where the primary purpose was to support media/science work and there was a request to go to a non-visitor landing site and/or is an approved project based at a BAS station but where there was a request to work beyond the agreed travel limits

YES

RAP Category 2

- Project reviewed internally by GSGSSI
- Cost: No charge
- Time: 1 - 3 months



- Read the guide for applicants and complete 'Category 2 RAP application form'***
- If your project involves use of a UAV contact enquiries@airsafety.aero for an AN(OT) application form

NO

Does your project involve:

- Hand collection of plants, invertebrates or marine biota and/or
- Collection of microscopic marine biota (phytoplankton, zooplankton, etc.) and/or
- Collection of soil, rock or ice with a total area impacted of less than 1m² and/or
- Use of a UAV that does not involve flights over wildlife
- Use of Amateur Radio

YES

RAP Category 1

- Project reviewed internally by GSGSSI
- Cost: No charge
- Time: 1 month



- Read the guide for applicants and complete 'Category 1 RAP application form'***
- If your project involves use of a UAV contact enquiries@airsafety.aero for an AN(OT) application form

NO

A RAP permit may not be required but if you are unsure, complete a 'Project Overview' form and we can confirm.

**if your project involves handling a species listed as IUCN as Threatened or seismic survey/high energy profiling and it has NOT already been subject to external review at the funding stage, it would be classed as a category 3 permit*

*** GSGSSI reserves the right to re-classify any project as RAP Category 3 if it deems additional information is needed in order to make an effective environmental assessment*

****If your project is part of a long term study, providing all permit conditions have been met, you may renew your RAP for up to 3 years and should complete a 'RAP renewal' form*