

AUTHORIZATION FOR COMPLEX EXPEDITIONS

Complex expeditions, or expeditions requiring inter-institutional coordination, are understood to be all scientific expeditions carried out in Chile's Border Zone, including State-protected wilderness areas (national parks, national reserves, and natural monuments).

Scientific expeditions require coordination with other institutions involved in the protection of the environment and the natural, archaeological, and cultural heritage, such as the National Forestry Corporation (www.conaf.cl); the Agricultural and Livestock Service (www.sag.gob.cl); or the National Museum of Natural History (www.mnhn.gob.cl), among others.

For these expeditions, the researcher must identify in the application to DIFROL the Chilean counterpart involved in carrying out the expedition. Expedition participants must contact directly the relevant Chilean organizations that will act as the national counterpart and share the expedition results with them. Researchers are advised to provide complete and timely information on the expedition's objectives, the places to be visited, and the activities to be carried out in each case; this will facilitate any necessary consultations.

Under current regulations, in the case of scientific research expeditions, DIFROL may require the inclusion of one or two Chilean participants, which will be communicated to applicants in due course. Scientific expeditions carried out in Chile are required to have a national counterpart.

Researchers undertake to provide DIFROL, when requested by this Service, with a copy of the expedition results so that they may be forwarded to the competent Chilean organizations. In the case of biological research involving holotypes, the competent institution is the National Museum of Natural History. Expeditions associated with national monuments, historical monuments, or archaeological sites also require prior authorization from the National Monuments Council.

If the project is authorized, researchers must comply with all the requirements of that Council's regulations (information and contacts at www.monumentos.cl).

Entry and removal of species and samples: Customs formalities and other procedures relating to material collected during the research are the direct responsibility of the interested parties and must fully comply with Chilean legislation (see www.aduana.cl).

Likewise, when professional filming is carried out in units of the National System of State-Protected Wilderness Areas - SNASPE - under the administration of the National Forestry Corporation - CONAF (national parks and reserves, as well as natural monuments), the interested parties must carry out the same coordination, attaching full details of the persons who will undertake the activity, together with a detailed list of the technical equipment that will temporarily enter Chile, in order to facilitate its customs admission. Without prejudice to the foregoing, any permits required by the National Forestry Corporation must also be obtained.

The mandatory information and personal data requested by DIFROL are safeguarded in accordance with current regulations. This information is used solely to allow Chilean authorities to quickly identify the user in the event of an accident or emergency, organize a rescue, and contact family members or close contacts in the user's country of origin.

EXPEDITIONS TO THE NORTHERN ICE FIELD, SOUTHERN ICE FIELD, AND DARWIN RANGE

Due to the natural characteristics of these areas, expedition participants must report their previous experience in glaciated zones. At least two people are required for a traverse or climb to be authorized. Interested parties must demonstrate that they have an evacuation plan for emergencies and that they have obtained insurance to cover the costs of possible rescue operations.

In particular, information must be provided on the communication system that will be used, so that the relevant organizations can communicate with expedition members if necessary and to help safeguard their safety. Expedition participants must have an emergency communication system for use in the event of an unforeseen incident.

COMMUNICATIONS: at least one of the following must be available:

1. Satellite telephone.
2. HF communications (International SAR frequency 13286 MHz).
3. VHF/AM communications (International SAR frequency 123.1).

In addition, a personal emergency radio beacon (PLB), frequency 121.5-243 or 406 MHz, must always be available for use in EMERGENCIES.

The communication equipment indicated above must include long-life batteries.

The location of the Base Camp and temporary camps must be reported, including latitude and longitude to the nearest second and the reference system used.

Following instructions from the National Service for Disaster Prevention and Response - SENAPRED, at the central level, expedition members are requested to make initial contact with the Regional Director of SENAPRED (Regional SENAPRED Office) in order to provide further information about the activities they will carry out during the expedition, so that the municipal and provincial emergency levels can be informed accordingly.

Participants must wear thermal clothing suitable for extreme temperatures and be in optimal physical condition consistent with the demands of the area.

Persons participating in this activity must have insurance to cover any emergency and possible rescue operations (hospitalization, ambulance transport, air transport, etc.).

They must also maintain ongoing communication with the local Carabineros unit, reporting their arrival in the expedition area and their subsequent return.

CROSSING THE BORDER AT UNAUTHORIZED LOCATIONS

Expeditions of any kind entering or leaving the country must travel exclusively through border crossings authorized for the movement of persons, vehicles, and cargo, where the respective immigration, customs, and animal and plant health authorities are present (see www.pasosfronterizos.gob.cl).

Any entry into or departure from national territory through any other point on the border with neighboring countries, other than the point previously reported or identified, will be considered illegal transit through an unauthorized location.

PRESS AND/OR PROFESSIONAL FILMING

To carry out press and/or professional filming in Chile, whether inside or outside the Border Zone - activities that are not within DIFROL's jurisdiction - the interested party must obtain the corresponding professional accreditation directly from the Ministry General Secretariat of Government of Chile (tel. +56 2 2690 4909, email: inter@segegob.cl), as well as from the Press and Communications Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (prensa@minrel.gob.cl).

The editor responsible for the group must submit a letter bearing the organization's logo and signature, stating the purpose of the filming and listing the professionals who will participate, together with their passport number or personal identification document, country of origin, the filming locations in Chile, the dates on which the activity will take place, and the dates of entry into and departure from Chile.

For the temporary importation of equipment, an ATA Carnet (www.atacarnet.com) must be held or, if the country is not a member of that convention, a list of the press equipment must be attached, indicating brand, model, serial number, and approximate value in US dollars. Personal equipment, notebooks, personal cameras, etc. do not require special temporary import procedures.

NAVIGATION EXPEDITIONS

Expeditions on rivers, lakes, channels, and territorial waters are subject to the knowledge and approval of the National Maritime Authority. Information is required on the navigation route, the type of vessel, the personal safety measures adopted by the expedition member, and compliance with the other requirements established in the Nautical Sports Regulations, available for consultation at www.directemar.cl (Regulations and Publications).

Publication TM - 002 contains the requirements and conditions that must be met by all persons navigating Chilean inland waters. These expeditions do not require authorization from DIFROL; they fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the National Maritime Authority (Chilean Navy).