

## Scientific and/or Technical Expeditions

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Scientific and technical expeditions need to coordinate with other institutions associated with the protection of the environment and the natural, archeological, and cultural heritage, such as the National Forestry Corporation (Corporación Nacional Forestal, [www.conaf.cl](http://www.conaf.cl)), the Agriculture and Livestock Service (Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero, [www.sag.gob.cl](http://www.sag.gob.cl)); or the National Museum of Natural History (Museo Nacional de Historia Natural, [www.mnhn.cl](http://www.mnhn.cl)).

In the case of such expeditions, researchers must in their application inform DIFROL, the Chilean counterpart available for their realization. It is necessary for the individuals participating in the expedition to directly contact the related Chilean entities that shall serve as national counterpart, and share the expedition findings with said entities. It is advisable for researchers to provide full and timely information about the expedition objectives, the places into which they shall venture, and the type of activities to be carried out in each case: this will make the pertinent queries easier, where appropriate.

According to the regulations in force, in the case of scientific research expeditions, DIFROL may request the inclusion of one or two Chilean participants, which would be notified to the Applicants in a timely fashion. It is mandatory for scientific expeditions that shall be conducted in Chile to have a national counterpart.

Researchers commit to providing DIFROL – when said service requires it or indicates – a copy of the expedition findings, so that it can be sent to the proper Chilean organizations. Biological research (holotypes) is within the competence of the National Museum of Natural History. Expeditions relating to national, historical or archeological monuments also need the authorization from the Council for National Monuments (Consejo de Monumentos Nacionales). If the project is authorized, researchers must comply with all requirements of the Regulations of said Council. Further information and contact data at [www.monumentos.cl](http://www.monumentos.cl)

Regarding the carrying samples in and out of the country, Customs formalities – among other – in connection with the material gathered during the research are the direct responsibility of the persons concerned. They must strictly conform to the provisions made by the Chilean legislation. Please refer to [www.aduana.cl](http://www.aduana.cl).

Furthermore, when dealing with professional filming made in the referred units of the National System of Protected State Wildlife Areas (SNASPE, by its Spanish acronym), the persons concerned must effect the same coordination, enclosing full background information of the individuals who shall perform the activity, as well as a detailed list of the technical equipment that will temporarily be brought into Chile so as to facilitate their Customs admission.

### Expeditions to Campos de Hielo Norte and Campos de Hielo Sur, and the Darwin Mountains

Given the natural characteristics of these ice fields and mountain range, expeditioners must inform about their prior experience in zones covered by glaciers. At least two experienced persons must participate for a crossing or climb to be authorized.

The persons concerned must accredit that they have an emergency plan for their evacuation in case of an emergency, and that they have insurance to cover the costs of possible rescue operations.

In particular, they shall be required to inform the communication system that will be used, in order for the entities to take note thereof and to ensure the safety of the participants. They must have an emergency communication system should an unforeseen situation arise.

As to COMMUNICATIONS, at least one of the following elements must be available:

1. Satellite Telephone
2. HF Communications (SAR Frequency. International 13286 MHz)
3. VHF/AM Communications (SAR Frequency. International 123.1)

In case of EMERGENCIAS, a personal locator beacon (PLB) should be available, having frequencies 121.5 - 243 or 406 MHz and the Base Camp location in latitude and longitude. (Communication equipment must consider long-lasting batteries).

As per Central Level ONEMI instructions, expeditioners are requested to make a first contact with the Regional Director of Emergencies (at the Regional Emergency Office, OREMI, Oficina Regional de Emergencias), in order to ask for more information about the actions that will be conducted during the

expedition and thus be able to notify the Emergency Office at communal and provincial levels with respect thereto.

Expeditioners must wear thermal clothing that tolerate extreme temperatures, and have top physical capacities in keeping with the demands of the sector.

It is necessary for the individuals participating in this activity to have insurance to face any emergency and possible rescue (hospitalization, ambulance transportation, etc.).

They must also maintain permanent communication with Carabineros of the sector, to anticipate situations that might arise before and after the expedition.

#### Unauthorized Crossing Point

Expeditions of any kind that consider entry into or exit from the national territory through unauthorized border crossing points need special coordination with the neighboring country, as well as the habilitation through a bilateral agreement.

The corresponding application must be filed with the authorities of the country from which entry into Chile is being considered.

For example, if an expedition originates in Chile and has a neighboring country as its destination, Applicants must direct the application to DIFROL who shall handle proceedings on their behalf and later indicate the outcome of said proceeding, along with the requirements that are made by the border control agencies, both the national ones and those of the neighboring country.

If the expedition has its starting point in a neighboring country and its destination is Chilean territory, the person responsible for the journey must go to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of said neighboring country to present their application and request the formalization of its handling, if there is no initial inconvenience, before the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and appropriate authorities.

Internally, DIFROL will consult the border control entities and, should there be a favorable response and should a bilateral agreement be achieved, proceed to give authorization for the passage of the individuals and vehicles.

As a general rule, expeditioners who wish to transit towards neighboring countries are advised to use officially authorized border crossing points. (See list of authorized border crossing points).

The proceeding and consultation for the special habilitation (authorization) of an unauthorized border crossing point is done through bilateral efforts. Therefore the inter- and intra-consultation procedure takes at least 30 working days from the moment when the Applicant files the first application.

#### Press and/or Professional Filming

To make press and/or professional films in Chile, inside or outside the border area, the persons concerned must take the necessary steps directly to obtain the corresponding profession work credentials at the Chilean Ministry General of Government (Tel.: 56 2 2690 4909, e-mail: [inter@segegob.cl](mailto:inter@segegob.cl)) and at the Directorate for Press and Communication under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ([prensa@minrel.gov.cl](mailto:prensa@minrel.gov.cl)). The editor in charge of the group must send a letter, with logo and signature, including the reason for the filming and a list of the professionals who will participate in it, with their passport number, country of origin, as well as the film locations in Chile, the dates during which the activity shall be carried out, the dates of entry to and exit from Chile. Regarding equipment that will temporarily be brought into Chile, it must have the ATA carnet ([www.atacarnet.com](http://www.atacarnet.com)) or, if they are not part of the agreement, please enclose a list of the press material, indicating brand, model, serial number, and approximate value in US dollars. No special admission is required for personal equipment, such as notebooks, personal camera, etc.

#### Ship Expeditions

These are subject to the knowledge and approval of the Maritime Authority. The following information is required: the navigation route, the type of vessel, the personal safety measured adopted by the expeditioners, and compliance with the other requirements established in the "Nautical sports Regulations" (Reglamento de Deportes Náuticos), available for consultation at [www.directemar.cl](http://www.directemar.cl) ("Regulations and Publications", Reglamentos y Publicaciones). The publication TM - 002 contains the background information and conditions that all sailors moving about the inland waters of Chile must comply with. Such expeditions do not require authorization from DIFROL.