

# Marine Reserve Application Form 11b Scientific Research in a Marine Reserve



Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*  
New Zealand Government

The Department recommends that you contact the [appropriate Department of Conservation Office](#) to discuss your application prior to completing the application form.

Please provide all information requested in as much detail as possible. Applicants will be advised if further information is required before this application can be processed by the Department.

Please complete and email to [permissions@doc.govt.nz](mailto:permissions@doc.govt.nz).

- This **activity application form**,
- **Applicant Information Form 1a** notified or non-notified process
- Any other attachments

The Department will then assess and process the application and issue an authorisation if it is satisfied that the application meets all the requirements under the Marine Reserves Act 1971.

If you require extra space for answering, please attach additional documents and label according to the relevant section.

This application will be assessed in accordance with the Marine Reserves Act 1971 and the Marine Reserves Regulations 1993. Please consider other authorisations that may be required to conduct your proposed activity under other legislation, in particular Resource Management Act if structures will be fixed to the seabed.

More information about the cost of processing an application to undertake research within a Marine Reserve can be [found on the DOC website](#). The processing fee is likely to be higher if the application is assessed as complex. The Department will send an estimate of costs to the Applicant once the application has been assessed.

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## A. Location

Marine Reserve Name(s)

Please describe, in as much detail as possible, the areas of the marine reserve for your proposed activity, please use NZTM GPS coordinates where possible, and attach a map labelled 11b:A:

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## B. Activity

Describe, in as much detail as possible, the activity you wish to undertake in the marine reserve, and attach any plans, or details as required labelled 11b:B:

Study title (this should be descriptive and express intent: aim for no more than 70 characters)

Briefly summarise the research and describe the methods (identify only key aspects of field experimental design, append a full research proposal of detail if appropriate but summarise below.

Note: alternative methods which may be employed and details of any structures used in-situ.

Purpose of collecting/research

Research

Educational

Commercial Use

List material and quantity of material to be collected /removed

How many people are involved in the research activity? (please provide names of the field staff or assistants involved in the research)

List any Department facilities that may be used

List other related projects on which this research depends or is directly linked

Please provide scientific justification of the proposed research (refer to previous/related work, and the ability to achieve a better understanding of marine processes or the scientific discipline appropriate to the study)

Explain why the research must be conducted in a marine reserve

List all collections likely to be utilised and the nature of any likely to be created; if samples are to be taken from the marine reserve, detail their proposed disposal.

## C. Environmental Impact Assessment

This section is one of the most important factors that will determine the Department’s decision on the application. Please answer in detail.

In column 1 list any potential adverse effects that your activity may have on the natural values or features of the Marine Reserve. In column 2 list the ways you intend to mitigate, remedy or avoid any adverse effects noted in column 1.

Potential adverse effects of your activity on the natural features or values	Methods to remedy, mitigate or avoid any adverse effects identified
<i>EG: Likely effect of activity on the target species.</i>	<i>Use best practice methods to ensure minimal disruption to marine plants during construction and use – see attached plans for attaching mooring</i>
<i>EG: Undaria spores may be introduced on dive gloves.</i>	<i>Proposed action to avoid this: dive equipment rinsed in trygene before use in marine reserve.</i>
<i>EG: Effect of activity on incidental species (invertebrates, vertebrates, macroalgae).</i>	
<i>EG: Disturbance to the environment, the nature of the disturbance, and the time it is likely to overcome the disturbance. Include details of any chemicals used and structures on the seafloor</i>	
<i>EG: Limitations to public access or navigation.</i>	
<i>EG: Potential that activity will introduce or translocate species into the marine reserve.</i>	
<i>EG: Potential effects your research may have on taonga species or plants, animals or sites of traditional importance to Maori and who have you consulted over this matter.</i>	
<i>Will your activity promote understanding of marine conservation (please explain).</i>	

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## **D. Term**

Please supply the proposed research dates and any alternative dates (i.e. number of years or months) and why.

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## **E. Other**

Is there any further information you wish to supply in support of your application? Please attach if necessary and label Attachment 11b:E.