
AATAMS Acoustic receiver loan

Terms and conditions

The long-term objective of AATAMS is to facilitate the development of a national acoustic tracking network, with AATAMS acting as a central coordinating facility in the same manner as the Australian Bird and Bat banding scheme (www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/science/abbbs). Ideally, all researchers acoustically tracking marine organisms will contribute to the network. Researchers who share information will benefit by being provided with detections of their tags by receivers other than their own. The principle upon which this is based is that receiver data collected by all members of the network is pooled (about 600 receivers), and AATAMS will facilitate this with provision of a National Coordinator, quality control of all data, and long-term protected data storage through eMII (see below).

All data obtained from the active tracking system on loan from AATAMS must be sent to the AATAMS Technical Officer (TO). The AATAMS TO will coordinate the storage of data within the electronic Marine Information Infrastructure (eMII), which is an IMOS Facility. Data within the eMII will be quality controlled, stored, and protected by eMII. All registered members of the acoustic tracking community will be able to search for detections of their tags from all receivers in the network. The AATAMS TO will keep a database of all tag IDs, receivers, projects, and investigators in the same manner as the Australian Bird and Bat banding scheme. Tag IDs will not be released to other groups or researchers. Ultimately, this will help to establish a national network of receivers throughout Australia, and provide access to this national network via eMII.

An active tracking system will be available for loan to investigators. This will further improve the development of the national network. An active tracking system will be available under the following conditions:

1. Tracking system (VR100 and VH110) remain the property of AATAMS/IMOS;
2. A complete set of the data must be sent to the AATAMS Technical Officer (TO);
3. All data will be quality-controlled, stored and accessible through IMOS' electronic Marine Information Infrastructure (eMII);
4. At the end of the proposed project, the tracking system will be returned to the AATAMS TO within two weeks of project completion at the applicants expense;
5. Successful applicants are required to produce a final report within three months at the end of the loan;

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6. AATAMS/IMOS must be acknowledged in all lectures, presentations, displays, and published material concerning the project;
7. AATAMS/IMOS must be notified in advance of all lectures, presentations, displays, and copies of all published material resulting from the project (electronic copies acceptable);
8. Successful applicants must agree to supply slides and information on request for AATAMS review presentations;
9. Successful applicants are liable for damages to the tracking system. Any damage will have to be repaired at applicant's expense. Successful applicants must guarantee that funds are available if required (tracking system costing about CA\$8,000);
10. Failure to comply with these terms and conditions will result in the termination of the loan;

Certification to be signed by applicant

I, _____, accept the terms and conditions associated with the use of AATAMS active tracking system.

Signature _____

Date ___/___/____

Certificate by Head of Institution

I certify that the project can be accommodated within the general facilities in my Institution, that sufficient working and office space is available for any proposed additional staff, I am prepared to have the project carried out in my Institution under the circumstances set out by the applicant(s);

I have noted the amount of time which the investigators will be devoting to the project and certify that it is appropriate to existing workloads.

Name _____

Position _____

Signature _____

Date ___/___/____