

## HOW TO APPLY FOR MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PERMISSION

The following steps provide general guidelines for obtaining a license from the **Competent Authority (Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment)**, to conduct marine scientific research in the Exclusive Economic Zone and / or the Continental Shelf of the Republic of Cyprus, in accordance with the Marine Scientific Research Regulations of 2014 (Reg. 577/2014):

- i. The applicant shall submit an application to the **Competent Authority**, with a copy to the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research, in a special form ([application form](#)), which is defined in Annex I of the Regulations N. 577/2014 and pay the fee of one thousand five hundred euro (€1500) for the processing of the application, at least six (6) months before the proposed initial date of the marine scientific research
  - The application should be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, with a copy to the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research at the following addresses:

Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, 6 Amphipoleos street, 2025 Strovolos, Nicosia, Cyprus, Fax 0035722781240,

Department of Fisheries & Marine Research (DFMR)  
1416 Nicosia, Cyprus  
Fax: 0035722775955, E-mail: [margyrou@dfmr.moa.gov.cy](mailto:margyrou@dfmr.moa.gov.cy)
  - The fee of one thousand five hundred euro (€1500) should be paid to the Governmental General Account (please contact [margyrou@dfmr.moa.gov.cy](mailto:margyrou@dfmr.moa.gov.cy) for Bank details). Please note that a copy of the bank transfer should also be submitted with the application.
- ii. The Competent Authority may, considering the unpredictable and urgent nature of the circumstances, and acting in accordance with the principles of transparency and equal treatment, accept an application that is submitted at any time prior to the proposed date of the marine scientific research,
- iii. If the applicant is a natural person who does not hold Cypriot citizenship or a legal person, which does not maintain its headquarters or registered office in the Republic of Cyprus, the application is submitted to the **Minister of Foreign Affairs** of the Republic of Cyprus, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or through the diplomatic mission of the State of nationality or of the State that has its headquarters or registered office, as appropriate. The Minister of Foreign Affairs forwards the application to the Competent Authority.
- iv. The application must contain a full description of the following:
  - (a) the name, address and nationality of the person who will carry out the research, and
  - (b) the name, address and nationality of the person who has the scientific responsibility for conducting the research,

- v. If the person conducting the research and / or responsible for the survey is a legal person the following must be provided:
- (a) the name
  - (b) the state registration and the state where it has a registered office or headquarters and address of
  - (c) details of the structure and ownership of capital, and
  - (d) the names, addresses and nationalities of the directors.
- vi. Upon receiving the application, the Competent Authority shall transmit copies to the members of the Marine Scientific Research Committee (MSRC) for its examination.  
The MSRC consists of the following members:
- Representative of the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development & Environment (Chair of the Committee)
  - Representative of the Minister of Defense
  - Representative of the Minister of Energy, Commerce, Industry & Tourism
  - Representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
  - Representative of the Minister of Communication and Works
  - Representative of the Minister of Education & Culture
- ~~vii.~~ The MSRC shall advise the Competent Authority and the Ministers represented in the MSRC with regards to the issue of permission / authorization or not, and propose terms and conditions for the marine scientific research in question.
- ~~vii.~~~~viii.~~ The Competent Authority issuing the permit to conduct marine scientific research, having received the written agreement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Defense, the Minister of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism, and the Minister of Communications and Works.
- ~~viii.~~~~ix.~~ If the proposed marine scientific research has a direct or indirect commercial purpose, the MSRC negotiates with the applicant, for the best possible service to public interest, the conclusion of a contract between the Republic of Cyprus and the applicant, which defines the terms and conditions for commercialization and compensation or profit share for the Republic.
- ~~ix.~~~~x.~~ In case that renewal of the permit, that was issued under the Marine Scientific Research Regulations of 2014 (Reg. 577/2014), is required, the licensee may apply to the Competent Authority for renewal of the permit, for continuation of marine scientific research, at least one (1) month before the expiration date of the issued permit.

### **Important Notice**

***Information provided in this document comprises general guidelines to facilitate application procedures and does not substitute in any circumstances the provisions of the Marine Scientific Research Regulations of 2014 (Reg. 577/2014)***