

General agreement

This agreement serves as a memorandum of understanding, material transfer agreement as well as the access and benefit sharing protocol.

Hereby, we, Kai Ilves and Leho Tedersoo, leaders of the FunLeaf citizen science project from the University of Tartu, agree with the project participants in the following:

1. The dried scientific samples of leaflets contain no biological harm to humans, agriculture and the environment as secured by careful handling in the molecular laboratory in the University of Tartu
2. Shipping of these samples are in agreement with the Nagoya biodiversity protocol and other biodiversity treaties, as i) these contain no physiologically active / living organisms and hence no threat to local biodiversity; ii) these materials have no commercial value and these are not used for screening of any commercial applications; iii) the participants, project leaders and their institution receive no financial benefits; iv) participants and their countries benefit from the free availability of biodiversity data (provided over the PlutoF portal); v) subsequent to analysis, the materials are destroyed or sent back to participants.
3. The project participants own the material and data.

The participant agrees in the following:

1. Upon taking part in the project (by collecting and sending samples), the project leaders are allowed to perform molecular analyses of biodiversity for solely scientific and non-commercial purposes.
2. The provided metadata about sampling time, space and other supporting information are correct upon the best knowledge of the participant
3. The data are allowed to be made publicly available (or not, upon reasonable requests)
4. To follow the laws of the countries of material origin and place of shipping
5. The participant has a right to demand immediate destruction or return of samples at any time point
6. The participant has a right to remain anonymous to project leaders
7. The participant has a right to be acknowledged for their contribution

Signed by the leading party:



Date: 29.09.2018

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