

General agreement

This agreement serves as a memorandum of understanding and material transfer agreement.

Hereby, we, Jane Oja and Leho Tedersoo, leaders of the FunHome citizen science project from the University of Tartu, agree with the project participants in the following:

1. The samples of dust shall contain no biological harm to humans 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.

The participant agrees on 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 and other supporting information are correct upon the best knowledge of the participant
3. The dust 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 remain anonymous to project leaders
6. The participant has a right to be acknowledged for their contribution

Signed by the leading party:



Jane Oja,
Project coordinator,
University of Tartu, Estonia

Date: 02.10.18



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Leho Tedersoo,
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