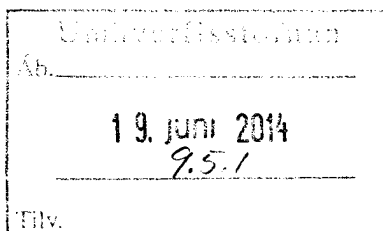


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Application for collection of plant material in Nature reserve Ingólfshöfði

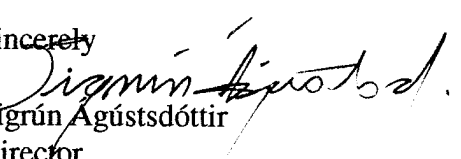
The Environmental Agency of Iceland has received a letter from the University of Oslo, dated May 22nd 2014, containing an application for permission to collect plant material in the Nature reserve Ingólfshöfði. The plant that is requested to collect is Cochlearia officinalis (Icelandic: Skarfakál) and the project includes collecting leaves from 10 plants, 5 flower buds, seeds if available from 10 plants and shoots of 3-5 plants to be pressed and kept in a herbarium. The planned period for collecting these samples is August 11th – 18th 2014.

In „Advertisement for the Nature reserve Ingólfshöfði“, published in Law and Ministerial Gazette B, nr. 388/1978, says i.a.: ...otherways it is not permitted to damage vegetation, harm or disturb wildlife nor harm geological features.

Cochlearia officinalis is a widespread plant in Iceland. The purpose of this particular project is to collect samples of more rare species of Cochlearia officinalis, which is known to grow in Ingólfshöfði among few other places in Iceland. This rare species is neither protected nor on the plant watchlist of endangered species. The Environment Agency places high emphasis on that disturbance in the area while the collection takes place will be kept minimal. The Agency does not presume that this project will have negative effect on the reserved area.

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants The University of Oslo a permission to collect above mentioned samples in the Nature reserve Ingólfshöfði. The Agency however points out that the University has to obtain a permission from the Insititue for Natural History to export any natural specimens.

Sincerely


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