

Yuki Sugihara



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Subject: Filming permit-Surtsey

The Environment Agency has received a request from Yuki Sugihara on behalf of Shizuoka Television dated August 20th 2015, with a request about permissions to visit Surtsey October 3rd 2015.

Surtsey was declared a nature reserve in 1965. Since then human visits have been restricted to prevent biological contamination and to protect Surtsey's delicate environment. Written permission must be obtained from the Environment Agency of Iceland to visit the island Surtsey and dive inside the nature reserve.

The purpose of the visit is to film material for Special Program on Wonderful Earth. This is a travelogue program whose theme is earth's environment. In the program beautiful scenery is shown that is created by nature and living things, and also human behaviour living there. Questions explored in the program are such as: „How we can coexist with nature in today's world that problems of environment disruption have increased“. This special program is made once a year and the main target is family. In the program the plan is to tell what volcanoes bring earth and make people have a feeling that it is a familiar matter to them. In order to do that, the plan is to cover Surtsey since there is significant information provided only through the process of the creation of Surtsey and the present shape of the island. Surtsey is in advanced stages compared to Nishinoshima, a new island that was created by volcanic eruption in 2013. Therefore Surtsey is a place where it can be seen how the earth is created and a process that the shape of the island is formed after volcanic eruptions, bryophyte and microorganism occurred and animals build a nest. Surtsey is the only place to tell such story to people in Japan. The plan is to shoot a panoramic view of the island, and animals and plants there. The plan is to visit the island October 3rd (with October 4th as a back up plan) for 3-4 hours

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants the film crew of Special Program on Wonderful Earth permit to visit Surtsey. The permit is subjected to the following conditions:

- The permit only applies to the following participants
 - Takahisa Shinno
 - Yu Takahasi
 - Jin Sakurada
 - Yuki Sugihara
 - Arni Pall Einarsson

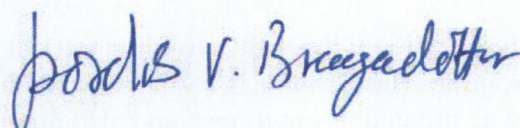


- All clothing, shoes, filming equipment and luggage must be cleaned before departure to Surtsey to ensure that no organisms, plant material, soil and other biological material is transported to the island so the ecosystem may develop without human interference.
- The length of stay is limited to 3-4 hours October 3rd with October 4th as backup plan in case of weather conditions.
- Special care must be taken not to disturb the sensitive nature of Surtsey. It is not allowed to spoil geological formation, vegetation or disturb wildlife.
- Anything that may threaten the unique value of World Heritage site is prohibited.
- It is not allowed to leave anything behind and all garbage and other waste must be removed from the island at departure.
- No drinking water is on the island and you will need to bring that with you. There are also no lavatory facilities.
- When the film will be published it must be stated that the island is protected for nature conservation and that ecological development, both biology and geology, is to take place without human interference. Also that no one is allowed to visit the island or dive inside the nature reserve without written permission from the Environment Agency of Iceland.
- Environment Agency of Iceland/ Surtsey Visitor Centre Office receives, free of charge, a copy of the final product to be used for educational purposes in Surtsey Visitor Centre.

The site manager for Surtsey will accompany you in this trip and will be your guide around the island and monitor the filming. You will need to pay a fee 11.900 isl kr. per hour for his service and all his expenses including travel and food during the stay in Surtsey. Please contact us in good advance to let us know when the expedition will take place so he can be available and meet you.

Sincerely


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