

Toast Production SÁrl
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Permit to fly a drone at Dyrhólaey and Skógafoss

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Toast Production SÁrl, dated April 21st 2021, for permit to fly a drone within Dyrhólaey and Skógafoss.

Dyrhólaey is protected as a nature reserve, cf. regulation no.101/1978. Construction work and disturbance to geological formations and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited. A permit from the Environment Agency is needed for camping inside the nature reserve. This includes tents, motorhomes and campers.

Skógafoss is protected as a natural monument, cf. regulation no. 477/1987. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited. Camping overnight is only allowed in a designated campsite. This includes tents, motorhomes and campers. Photography, cinemaphotography and events that can affect visitors experience in the area are subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland.

Description of the project:

Purpose of the filming is to follow two motorcycles and their drivers driving through the south coast of Iceland. Filming will take place in various places including Dyrhólaey and Skógafoss. The main subject of the story are the motorcycles. Drones will be used for the filming and a map with information about flight area were attached to the application. Crew consists of 8 employes in 2 4x4 vehicles and filming will take place in the period from the 3rd of June to 13th of June 2021.

Impact assessment:

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project likely to have negative impact on birdlife in the areas. The drone flight will take place during nesting season. The Environment Agency considers that negative impact can be reduced if conditions of the permit are fulfilled for Skógafoss but not for Dyrhólaey. Access to Dyrhólaey is limited from May 1st to June 25th 2021 due to nesting season.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby declines Toast Productions SÁrl request to fly a drone within Dyrhólaey nature reserve. The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants

Toast production Sárll permission on its behalf to fly a drone at Skógafoss as described above on in the period from the 3rd of June to 13th of June 2021 on the following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project. The permit conditions should be introduced to the staff of the project before work begins.
- The applicant shall inform rangers in the area about their arrival and departure. This is to be done 24 hours before entering the area and again before leaving it.
- If the project dates or description changes the Environment Agency shall be notified as soon as possible.
- Crew members should always stay on authorized paths/tracks/roads.
- The crew must follow rules of conduct that apply to the area.
- Visitors should be informed that a permit to fly the drone has been obtained from the Environment Agency.
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Environment Agency of Iceland, tel. +354 591 2000.
- All traces of the project must be removed when the project is over.
- The crew should be conscious of other guests on the sites and make sure that filming causes as little disturbance as possible to other visitors. If the material is meant for public viewing it must be noted in the video/subtext that permission from the Environment Agency was obtained for the filming/photography.
- All disturbance to animals and wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- **Off-road driving in Iceland is strictly prohibited.**
- The project's staff is required to prevent all disturbance to the environment and make sure that all litter is removed from the sites.
- An unmanned aircraft should never be flown in close proximity to people. Please take precaution not to disturb people's experience, their safety or personal privacy nor the general peace of the protected areas being filmed.
- According to Icelandic law it is forbidden to fly close to cliffs where birds nest. An unmanned aircraft should never be flown near animals or birds, neither in nesting areas nor during nesting season or any other seasonal time when animals or bird habitats are considered vulnerable.
- Flight time should be kept to a minimum and flight should be avoided during the area's busiest times of the day and when birds are very active.
- If the use of unmanned aircraft causes disturbance to wildlife in the area, its use should be ceased at once.
- The conductor of the unmanned aircraft is responsible for the aircraft within the protected area. This includes taking responsibility of any possible risk of harm to people, fauna and nature and leaving no permanent marks on the site in question. Should the aircraft crash, all components from it must be collected and removed from the area.
- For safety reasons, the pilot of an unmanned aerial vehicle must wear marked clothing so that the person can be identified.
- **It is forbidden to fly drones in the canyon in front of the waterfall at Skógafoss.**
- It is forbidden to fly drones next to bird cliffs in a closer proximity than 200 meters during nesting season.

The decision may be appealed to the Ministry for the Environment and Natural Resources according to art. 26 of Act no. 37/1993 on Administrative Procedures, based on Art. 91 of Act no. 60/2013 on Nature Conservation within three months from the date of this letter.

If the film crew causes damage to nature, according to art. 87 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013, the Environment Agency of Iceland can, according to the Nature Conservation Act, f.e. order the licensee to fix damage to nature and vegetation and/or stop the project.

The Environment Agency of Iceland can according to art. 89 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 change conditions of the permit, add new conditions or withdraw the permit in order to prevent damage to nature if environmental conditions change.

According to art 89. in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 the Environment Agency can withdraw the permit if conditions of the permit are not complied to.

Unmanned aircraft should take off and land in a safe distance from other visitors according to regulation 990/2017 on unmanned aircrafts.

The usage of a drone shall be according to regulation no. 990/2017 on the operation of remotely piloted aircraft (<https://www.icetra.is/aviation/drones/>).

Please note that according to the regulation all drones used for commercial flight need to be registered at the Icelandic Transport Authority.

Please note that when the drone flight will take place Dyrhólaey is closed for all traffic from 7:00 pm and 9:00 am.

The Environment Agency wants to draw attention to art. 6 on the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 which states that everyone is obliged to take good care of Icelandic nature and show extreme caution so that it is not spoiled. Every measure that can prevent damage to nature should therefore be taken in construction projects and other activities in nature. That includes drone flight outside protected areas which birds occupy.

A permission from the landowners and/or the municipality might be needed for the project.

Permission fee:

Environment Agency of Iceland charges a fee for processing applications for permits in protected areas based on Article 92 of Act no. 61/2013 on Nature Conservation. The fee for cinematography and/or photography 52.600 ISK according to art. 24. b. in the agency's tariff no. 535/2015.

Supervision:

The Environment Agency will supervise the project. The supervisor will be a ranger from the Environment Agency.

Sincerely

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