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Subject: permit to fly a drone within Hornstrandir Nature reserve

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Tobias, dated April 15th 2021, for a filming permit within Hornstrandir nature reserve.

Hornstrandir is protected as a nature reserve by act no 60/2013 on nature conservation, cf. Regulation no 332/1985. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited. According to the management plan for Hornstrandir, filming and photography that can affect wildlife and visitor experience and flying an unmanned aircraft/drone within the boundaries of the protected site is subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency.

Description of the project:

Purpose of the filming is to follow Ester Rut on her research trip to Hornstrandir for making a documentary film about her and her research. Filming will take place June 21st – July 5th and August 10th – August 19th 2021. Part of the documentary will be filmed with a drone.

Planned drone flights are:

Between June 21 and July 9

1. Circling around the location waterfall/lava stacks at mouth of bay: 66.429989, -22.443343, flight height 10-100m

Between August 10 and August 29

2. Circling around the location waterfall/lava stacks at mouth of bay: 66.429989, -22.443343, flight height 10-100m
3. 66.453743,-22.429507 following Ester walking on the path NE, height 10-50m

Impact assessment:

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have negative effect on the area if conditions of the permit are followed. Purpose of the filming is to film a scientist at work and no droneflight will take place near birdcliffs.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Environment Agency hereby grants Tobias Mennle permission on its behalf to film within Hornstrandir nature reserve and fly a drone as described above on June 21st – July 9th and August 10th – August 19th 2021 on following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project.
- If the dates of the project or project description changes the Environment Agency shall be notified as soon as possible.
- The applicant shall inform rangers 48 hours before arriving in the area.
- Fauna, geological formations and landscape should not be disturbed in any way.
- All disturbance to animals and wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- Always stay on authorized paths/tracks when possible.
- Use of generator at Horn in Hornvík should be limited to timing when other visitors are not around and with permit from landowner.. At the campsite in Höfn use of generator is only allowed between 11 am and 3 pm when no other visitors are in the area.
- Be conscious of other guests on the sites and make sure that drone flight causes as little disturbance as possible to other visitors.
- If the drone flight causes disturbance to birds or other animals in the area the applicant shall cease the flight at once.
- An unmanned aircraft should never be flown near people. Please take precaution not to disturb people's experience, their safety or personal privacy nor the general peace of the protected areas 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.
- The conductor of the unmanned aircraft is responsible for the aircraft within the protected area. This includes responsibility so that people, fauna and nature is unharmed because of the aircraft's use and that no permanent mark be left on the site in question. Should the aircraft crash, all components from it must be collected and removed from the area.
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Environment Agency of Iceland, tel. +354 591 2000.

If the developer 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.

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 is 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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