**REGISTRATION FORM**

**SCIENCE & TECHNICAL EXPERT**

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| OFFICE USE ONLY |  |
| Application Reference Number: | Date received: |
| NES Contact: | Date of Assessment: |

The National Environment Service (NES) requires all Science & Technical Experts involved with NES’s application and permitting process, to be registered with NES for approval.

The purpose of this registration process is to create a directory of approved science and technical advisers and experts that provide advice to NES in these two stages – application and assessment:

* In the application stage, to register any persons who will prepare environmental impact assessments, engineering reports or other related reports, in a project application to NES;
* In the assessment stage, to register any persons who will provide science and technical advice, including conditions of approval and monitoring activities to NES as part of its assessment of a project application

The information collected will be used to register Science & Technical Experts with NES and update its Directory of Science & Technical Experts. All registered experts will provide independent and expert advice as requested from time to time by NES or the Permitting Authority.

NES will manage any potential, actual or perceived conflicts of interest that may arise and will ensure proper declaration of any conflict of interest is maintained in a Conflict of Interest Register. For example, a technical expert who wrote an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for an application cannot be a part of the assessment process for the same project application.

Part I: Application Details

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| Name of Company (if registering as a company):  Name of Person (if registering as an individual): | |
| Full name of Person/Expert (one per application): | Job Title: |
| Business Registration or Tax (RMD) Number: | |
| Physical Address: | |
| Phone: | |
| Website: | Email: |

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| Are you a Cook Islander or Non-Cook Islander? | State (Y) for Yes and (N) for No | State (R) for Resident and (N) for Non-Resident in the Cook Islands |
| Cook Islander |  |  |
| Non-Cook Islander |  |  |

Part II: Area of Science or Technical Expertise

**Provide information on your area of science or technical expertise.**

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| Category of Area of Expertise (Science or Technical) | If the area is relevant to your field, state (Y) for YES | Any other additional information |
| A1. Air quality and pollution |  |  |
| A2. Benthic habitats (seabed and subsoil) |  |  |
| A3. Biodiversity (flora and fauna) |  |  |
| A4. Chemical waste |  |  |
| A5. Climate change adaptation |  |  |
| A6. Climate change mitigation |  |  |
| A7. Deep ocean vertical zones & oceanography |  |  |
| A8. Deep sea habitats & biodiversity |  |  |
| A9. Deep sea minerals activities |  |  |
| A10. Energy management |  |  |
| A11. Engineering (specify which type) |  |  |
| A12. Environmental noise |  |  |
| A13. Freshwater ecology |  |  |
| A14. Hazard assessment |  |  |
| A15. Laboratory services |  |  |
| A16. Landscape and visual assessment |  |  |
| A17. Liquid waste |  |  |
| A18. Marine biology |  |  |
| A19. Marine conservation and ecosystem management, including marine water quality |  |  |
| A20. Nature based solutions (NbS) and/or ecosystem based assessments |  |  |
| A21. Soil resources |  |  |
| A22. Solid & hazardous waste |  |  |
| A23. Terrestrial and coastal development |  |  |
| A24. Urban & regional planning and design |  |  |
| A25. Waste water & sewage |  |  |
| A26. Water management |  |  |
| A27. Other services related to environmental impacts (Please list)  (a)  (b)  (c)  (add as necessary) |  |  |

Part III: Brief description of services available

1. For each category of services ticked as available, please provide a brief description (150 words maximum) of the consulting services offered and areas of expertise available. Reference to specific projects or commissions relevant to the application is useful.

b. MANDATORY: Please attach your Curriculum Vitae to accompany your registration. The National Environment Service may request for any supporting evidence when appropriate.

Part IV: Consent to release of information

I, as the registered expert, give consent to the National Environment Service to use the information provided in this form to:

1. Assess and identify suitably qualified and experienced experts to include in the Directory of Science & Technical Experts
2. Update the Directory of Science & Technical Experts registered with NES on its website
3. Identify any potential, actual or perceived conflicts of interest with applications lodged with NES.

Name and Position

Signature Date

*Email the signed form to* [*nes@cookislands.gov.ck*](mailto:nes@cookislands.gov.ck)*, or deliver to the NES Office, Rarotonga, Cook Islands.*