



The Department recommends that you contact the Department of Conservation permissions office listed below to discuss your application prior to completing the application forms.

This form is to be used when applying for a new permit or the renewal of an existing permit, and where the proposed activity involves shore-based marine mammal viewing. This form is to be completed in conjunction with Applicant Information Form 8.

**Note:**

- If your application also involves marine mammal viewing which is vessel-based please also fill in Form 8a.
- If your application also involves marine mammal viewing which is aircraft-based please also fill in Form 8c.
- If your application also involves swimming with marine mammals please also fill in Form 8e.
- If you seek a minor amendment to a current permit (i.e. a new vehicle or a new staff member) please fill in the application Form 8f. If you seek an amendment that is more than minor please contact the office below.

Please complete this application form, providing all information requested in as much detail as possible. Attach **Form 8** and any other applicable forms and information, and send to [permissions@doc.govt.nz](mailto:permissions@doc.govt.nz).

**Note:**

- Under regulation 10 of the Marine Mammals Protection Regulations 1992, the Department must determine whether or not the application is acceptable and may require the application to be amended. The Department will advise applicants if, and what, amendments are required before this application can be processed by the Department.
- If the application is approved, it is deemed to form part of the permit which is issued and must be complied with accordingly. Your application, therefore, must be clear, complete and accurate.

The Department will process the application and issue a permit if it is satisfied that the application meets all the requirements for granting a permit under the Marine Mammals Protection Regulations 1992.

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## A. Applicant name (as per Form 8)

Antipodes Travel Ltd

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## B. Proposed Operation

### Species

Tick which species you are applying to view:

- ✓ New Zealand fur seal
- ✓ New Zealand sea lion
- ✓ Elephant seal
- ✓ Leopard seal

☐ Other please list:

\* Please inform yourself as to the current list of moratoria and species or locations of concern prior to making your application.

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## Location information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Base of operation:

Dunedin

Proposed area of operation:

Otago Peninsula, Aramoana and the Catlins

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed:

Allans Beach, Victory Beach and Sandfly Bay (Otago Peninsula); The spit (Aramoana); Cannibal Bay (The Catlins); Surat Bay (The Catlins); Jacks Bay (The Catlins)

Proposed route to, along and across the shore:

See maps attached

**You must attach a map** of the proposed area of operation; it must clearly show the boundaries of the area, any specific locations where contact with marine mammals is likely, and expected routes.

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## Trip details (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Frequency - proposed months of operation:

All year round

Frequency - number of trips per annum:

Up to 50

Frequency - number of trips per day:

Up to 2

Duration of trips:

From carpark and return about 2 hours

Maximum number of vehicles operating at any one time:

1

Maximum number of passengers:

11 per trip

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## Vehicle Information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

### Vehicle 1. description:

Registration: GYU986

Make: Hyundai

Model: i-Max

2WD

Carrying Capacity: up to 8 including driver

Colour: grey

### Vehicle 2. description:

Registration: hired vehicle

Make:

Model:

4WD/2WD

Carrying Capacity:

Colour:

### Vehicle 3. description:

Registration:

Make:

Model:

4WD/2WD

Carrying Capacity:

Colour:

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## Drivers, guides and other relevant staff (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Please fill in for every staff member who may come into contact with marine mammals throughout the course of the proposed operation.

Full Name: Yoann Feillet

Job Title: Director, Tour Guide, Nature Photographer

Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

If "yes", please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals: As a tour guide with 15+ year experience, Yoann Feillet has accompanied many groups with Marine Mammals Permit Holders (Elm Wildlife Tours, Whale Watch Kaikoura, Black Cat Cruises...). Yoann is also a wildlife photographer and has been in contact with

marine mammals many times, he is familiar with their behaviours and needs and always treats them respectfully. As a keen conservationist he is a member of Forest & Bird Conservation organisation and a member of NZ Sea Lion Trust. Yoann has a Two-year university degree in Biology.

Full Name: David Grace

Job Title: Tour guide

Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

If "yes", please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals: Experienced tour guide with good knowledge on wildlife.

Full Name: Sandrine Feillet

Job Title: Director and casual tour guide

Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

If "yes", please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals: Good knowledge

Full Name: potential new employees

Job Title:

Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?

☐ Yes  
☐ No

If "yes", please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals:

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## Proposed Term

You can apply for up to 10 years. However, in some situations a permit may be restricted to a shorter term for the purposes of the conservation, protection or management of marine mammals.

10 years.

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## C. Additional information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Maximum time to be spent with marine mammals per individual encounter:

Up to 1 hour.

Maximum cumulative time for all encounters with marine mammals during trip:

Up to 2 hours

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

✓ Primary purpose : This applies to our Wildlife Watching tours, where our main focus is on wildlife watching (sea lions, seals, birds)

✓ Secondary purpose : This applies to our Walking tours, where the possibility of marine mammals may be encountered.

Vehicle approach route and orientation of approach relative to seals or sea lions:

No vehicle approach this is for walking trip only. Mammals will be approached on foot, at slow pace (no

running).

Position of vehicles relative to seals or sea lions, the shore and the sea while viewing:

N/A

Distances to each species:

Sea lions and fur seals at least 10m. More space if they are active and/or if there are pups.

How groups of people will be managed in the vicinity of seals or sea lions in particular to manage noise and behaviour:

- All customers are briefed on behaviour around mammals if they are encountered.
- No loud or disturbing noises will be allowed.
- Avoid coming between fur seals and the sea.
- Never attempt to touch seals or sea lions and never feed them.

Behaviour around breeding colonies, nurseries and pups:

- Extra care is taken not to disturb seals and sea lions on land when they have pups.
- Greater distance between observers and mammals
- Recognize distress or other signs (get up, growl) that show the mammals are not interested or disturbed, in which case the encounter will be aborted

What other actions you will take to minimise disturbance of the marine mammals:

Never proceed through a colony, use all available means to not disturb the mammals in their path or actions.

**How will you depart from the marine mammals?**

Vehicle departure route and orientation of departure relative to seals or sea lions:

N/A

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## **D. Educational material (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)**

Education is verbal through the tour guide before any mammal is encountered. We speak about their behaviours and explain what species they are. Also, the following copies are available for reference for the customers: "Field Guide To New Zealand Wildlife", "A Field Guide to the Marine Mammals of the World" and also DOC brochures found here <https://www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/conservation/native-animals/marine-mammals/nz-sea-lions.pdf> and here <https://www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/conservation/native-animals/marine-mammals/seal-deal.pdf>

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## **APPENDIX 1**

### **GUIDANCE INFORMATION FOR FILLING IN THE FORM**

#### **Location information**

“Base of operation” -specify the location where passengers board the vehicle.

“Proposed area of operation” -provide a written description of the general extent of the operation where you will be likely to have contact with marine mammals – please specify the boundaries (e.g. key landmarks) and the location as it is generally known; e.g. Wellington coast or Wairarapa coast.

“Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed” - you need to list any particular sites you will visit where marine mammals are known or expected to be encountered; e.g. Red Rocks, Ohau Stream waterfall, Point Kean, Barney’s Island, Adele Island.

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#### **Trip details**

Clearly identify where there are seasonal differences in the trip details

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#### **Type and number of vehicles to be used**

If you have more vehicles than the spaces provided please copy the fields and paste to the bottom of the table in the section.

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#### **Drivers, guides and other relevant staff**

If you have more staff members than the spaces provided please copy the fields and paste to the bottom of the table in the section.

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#### **Additional information**

**Please be specific for each class of marine mammal or for individual species.**

**Maximum time spent with marine mammals per individual encounter:**

“Encounter” means being less than 100 metres from a seal or sea lion.

**Nature of the contact with marine mammals:**

“Primary purpose” means the operation’s main focus is to seek out and encounter seals or sea lions e.g. seal encounter tours and trips to known seal colonies.

“Secondary purpose” means that viewing seals or sea lions is not the operation’s main focus but will still be viewed if encountered; e.g. certain scenic cruises, tourist bus trips.

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#### **Educational Material**

Please briefly describe the educational aspects of the proposed operation and supply any proposed educational material, copies of brochures or information booklets as an attachment (note, these may be returned if requested).