

## **Access to the Sifaka Database, Yale Peabody Museum and Ecole des Sciences Supérieures Agronomiques, Université d'Antananarivo: Procedures and Conditions**

### **Procedures**

The following procedures govern access to the Sifaka Database:

1. The applicant sends a short written proposal to one of the primary contributors to the Database and to Gregory Watkins-Colwell (Yale Peabody Museum - YPM) or Jeannin Ranaivonasy (Ecole des Sciences Supérieures Agronomiques [ESSA], Université d'Antananarivo). Primary contributors are: Diane Brockman (Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte), Richard Lawler (Anthropology, James Mason University), Jeannin Ranaivonasy (Eaux et Forêts, ESSA, Université d'Antananarivo), Joelisoa Ratsirarson (Eaux et Forêts, ESSA, Université d'Antananarivo), Alison Richard (Anthropology, Yale University), Marion Schwartz (Anthropology, Yale University).

The proposal should describe the proposed research, and specify the component(s) of the Database to which the applicant would like access. The Database can be provided in two formats: the full Access Database, and one or more of the tables in an Excel spreadsheet. Further information about the Database and each table is provided in the [Sifaka Data Manual](#).

Student applications must be endorsed by their primary supervisor.

2. The proposal is circulated to all primary contributors for comment. Normal response time is one week, and certainly no longer than one month (to allow for times when people are in the field without access to email). On recommendation of the primary contributors, the proposal may be declined, accepted, or accepted subject to modification (for example, co-authorship of resulting publications or full collaboration). The Chair of the Database Steering Committee (see below) will coordinate responses and report the decision to the applicant.

3. Once the proposal has been approved in principle, an agreement form (modified to reflect any specific conditions) must be signed by the applicant and received by the Chair of the Database Steering Committee before access is given. The form is held on file at YPM.

### **Conditions**

*i)* No 3<sup>rd</sup> party sharing of data or materials is allowed without explicit written permission; if 3<sup>rd</sup> party sharing is approved, there must be a comparable, direct agreement with the next party about items below.

*ii)* No use of the data or materials other than that specified in the original agreement is allowed without explicit written permission.

*iii)* The user must provide a brief written update to the Steering Committee Chair one year after approval and thereafter until closure.

*iv)* The user must include the following citation in any publication making use of the Database:

Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University & Ecole des Sciences Supérieures Agronomiques, Université d'Antananarivo (2013). Schwartz Database, Bezà Mahafaly sifaka. <http://peabody.yale.edu/collections/vertebrate-zoology/madagascar.htm> (access: mth/day/yr)

Users are also encouraged to take note of the list of contributors and include recognition, as appropriate, in their Acknowledgments.

*v)* The user must provide one copy of each resulting publication to the Steering Committee Chair, to be archived at YPM, and one copy to ESSA.

### **Database Steering Committee**

The Database Steering Committee provides general oversight; approves the addition of supplementary notes; and recommends to YPM the accession of further materials or information relating to the Database. The Committee may also recommend changes in policies governing access, although such changes can only be made with the agreement of the primary contributors. The Committee has seven members, including researchers in Madagascar and the US who have contributed to the Database, and YPM professional management staff. A YPM Curator chairs the Committee.

### **Disclaimer**

Complete accuracy of data and metadata are not guaranteed. All data and metadata are made available “as is”.