

## **Access to The Sifaka Database, Yale Peabody Museum (YPM) and Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Agronomiques, (ESSA) Université d'Antananarivo: Procedures and Conditions**

### **Procedures**

The following procedures govern access to the Sifaka Database:

1. Applications can be made by sending a written proposal to any steering committee member (see below).

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 Database Manual](#).

Student applications must be endorsed by their primary supervisor.

2. The proposal is circulated to all steering committee members 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 steering committee member, 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 Supérieure des Sciences Agronomiques, Université d'Antananarivo (2013). *The Sifaka Database, Bezà Mahafaly sifaka*.  
<https://peabody.yale.edu/explore/collections/mammalogy/madagascar-lemurs-sifaka-database>

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, listed below, that includes researchers in Madagascar and the US who have contributed to the Database, and YPM professional management staff. A YPM Curator chairs the Committee.

1. [Eric Sargis](#): Chair, YPM and Anthropology, Yale University.
2. [Diane Brockman](#): Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
3. [Susan Butts](#): YPM.
4. [Richard Lawler](#): Department of Sociology and Anthropology, James Madison University.
5. [Jeannin Ranaiwonasy](#): Forestry Department, ESSA, University of Antananarivo.
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7. [Alison Richard](#): Anthropology, Yale University.