



Seabird Tissue Archival and Monitoring Project (STAMP): Access Policy

Researchers not associated with STAMP can request aliquots of banked specimens; however, release of these materials to outside investigators requires approval from the project managers of the collaborating agencies and is contingent upon the determination that enough material will be left in the NIST Biorepository to allow STAMP to conduct retrospective analyses and monitor long-term trends. Requests for samples must include clear, concise descriptions of the proposed work and coincide with STAMP's long-term goals. The following information must be supplied with the sample requests:

1. The name(s) of the principal investigator(s) and affiliated research or academic institutions.
2. The specific sample material requested and quantity desired.
3. A brief description of the proposed research and its funding source.
4. A brief justification for use of the banked tissues.
5. The name of the research facility where the analytical work will be conducted.
6. A brief description of the analytical quality control procedures that will be used and a signed agreement stating that the research facility will participate in NIST directed interlaboratory comparison exercises for quality assurance (QA) purposes.
7. The estimated date for completion of research, and preparing/submitting subsequent reports and publications.
8. A signed agreement stating that copies of all results and findings, including analytical data, will be provided to the collaborators of STAMP, along with a data submission schedule.
9. A signed agreement stating that credit and acknowledgment will be given to USGS, USFWS, NIST Biorepository, BIA-ARSB, AMNWR and STAMP for collecting and processing seabird eggs.

The requesting parties will be responsible for all shipping charges. Additional charges may also be required to cover the costs of retrieving, documenting, and packaging the samples for shipment.