

# University of Hawaii: IACUC Policies & Guidelines

## Policy 1 – Field Studies (11/1996)

### 1.1.0 Statement

Field Studies which involve only observation, and do not harm or materially alter the behavior of the animals under study may be exempt from the formal UH IACUC protocol review and approval procedure.

### 1.2.0 Definition

Field study means any study conducted on free-living wild animals in their natural habitat, which does not involve animal manipulation, and which does not harm or materially alter the behavior of the animals under study {9 CFR Subchapter A — Animal Welfare, 2.31 (c)(2) and (d)(1) Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service, USDA, Animal Welfare Act}.

### 1.3.0 Guidelines

Investigators and/or advisors of students proposing to conduct field studies are required to submit an accurate written description of the research activity, and if applicable, any supporting references and documents (e.g. departmental, regulatory and/or funding agency) to the Chair and Compliance Office for review prior to conducting the research. The investigator and/or advisor will be notified in writing whether the proposed research is exempt from further review or will warrant formal UH IACUC review and approval prior to the research commencing.

### 1.4.0 Exemptions to Policy

1. Researchers conducting field studies that request formal UH IACUC review and approval.
2. Researchers conducting field studies that are required to undergo formal UH IACUC review and approval by regulatory and/or funding agencies.

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