

## **SITES AquaNet - User agreement**

SITES AquaNet is a distributed mesocosm infrastructure providing standardized experimental access across a regional scale. In order to keep up this standard the facilities need to be taken good care of. Providing an infrastructure requires gives and takes and this extended user agreement regulates user's responsibilities using and operating SITES AquaNet.

SITES AquaNet stations are responsible to instruct and teach users initially about the facility setup. The tutorial is mandatory for everyone involved in the project and accompanies the experiment.

Researches using SITES AquaNet are sole responsible for any potential damage that may be caused in SITES AquaNet equipment used during experiments, provided their actions did not follow best practices instructed by the SITES station's staff (see conditions below). If it occurs that an equipment is damaged because of bad practice, the researcher will assume the cost for repair. If the equipment is not possible to be repaired, the researcher will compensate the SITES AquaNet station/stations with 60% of the market price of the equipment (at the time when the instrument was broken) if this occurs within the first 3 years (from when the equipment was delivered by the supplier to SITES AquaNet), 40% of the market price if between 3-5 years and 20% of its market price if more than 5 years.

### **Conditions for using SITES AquaNet facilities**

If an equipment from the SITES AquaNet infrastructure is damaged by a researcher, this will be considered as bad practice when not following the following conditions:

- 1) Equipment implementation: The autonomous sensor system (sensors, datalogging, Internet and power), experimental enclosures and/or surveillance cameras will always be implemented and deployed in the lakes under the supervision of a SITES station's staff. If a researcher wants to change the functioning of any of this equipment on its own, they should always first consult the SITES AquaNet coordinator of the station and receive their approval to do so.
- 2) During and after experimental work: Use, maintenance and storage of the autonomous sensor system, experimental enclosures, surveillance cameras, handheld sensors, sampling equipment and/or laboratory material will always be done according to instructions given by a qualified SITES station's staff.

### **Regulations and safety conditions**

- 1) The researcher is sole responsible to obtain the necessary legal permits by the competent legal authority to carry out their activities and so for the legal consequences of those actions. SITES AquaNet is not responsible for compiling with any legal regulation specific to the experimental manipulations that the researcher conducts
- 2) The researcher is sole responsible to follow all safety regulations that apply to water activities and laboratory work and so of the risks associated to them.

### **Time of use**

Researchers are only allowed to use the infrastructure during agreed time period. SITES AquaNet accepts reasonable changes in schedule and experimental plans, provided this does not compromise other projects. If a project that had locked other projects from using the infrastructure cancels a booking entirely, the research team responsible will not be able to use SITES AquaNet for a period up to 3 years. Exceptions to these penalties can be made under special circumstances. Cancelations because of lack of funding will not be considered an exception.

**Applicant**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Participating SITES AquaNet Stations of the experiment**

Asa

\_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bolmen

\_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Erken

\_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Skogaryd

\_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Svartberget

\_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_