

Appendix 1**SCAR BIOPROSPECTING QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ATCM
(for completion by December 20 2009)**

Please fill out your name, your country name, then answer questions 1 through 5 and return your completed questionnaire to Colin Summerhayes (Executive Director, SCAR) at cps32@cam.ac.uk.

Your name:.....

Your country name:.....

Preamble:

Whilst the definition of bioprospecting is a matter for discussion in various forums globally, it can be thought of in the following ways:

Bioprospecting is:-

The collection of biological material and the analysis of its material properties, or its molecular, biochemical or genetic content, for the purpose of developing a commercial product.

or

The search for valuable chemical compounds and genetic material from plants, animals and microorganisms.

Questions:

Given those general definitions, please answer the following questions:

1. Within the current (last 5 years) activities of the National Antarctic Programme (logistics, or direct funding support, or both), is any research being carried out that is considered bioprospecting, in the sense of the term as provided above, or given your country's classification of its research? The activity may well be a small component of a larger project. In that case, the answer would still be yes.

Yes/No

(Delete whichever is not applicable)

2. If the answer to Question 1 is Yes, please provide the project title or titles. If these are not available to you, could you provide a contact name and e-mail address for a source (or sources) who would be able to supply the project titles?

Insert details here or on a supplementary sheet.

3. If the answer to Question 1 is No, do you think that any projects currently being supported could result in information that could later be used for bioprospecting purposes? The outcomes of taxonomic/systematic research or biodiversity surveys could, for example, be used later for bioprospecting research, though this might never be realized. Even so, the answer here would still be Yes.

Yes/No

(Delete whichever is not applicable)

4. If the answer to Question 3 is Yes, please provide the project title or titles. If these are not available to you, could you provide a contact name and e-mail address for a source (or sources) who would be able to supply them?

Insert details here or on a supplementary sheet.

5. List publications or patent applications from your country from the last 5 years that could be classified, under any definition, as the outcome of bioprospecting activities. If none are available to you, for any reason, then simply write 'None available'!

Insert details here or on a supplementary sheet, or write None Available.