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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) DOCUMENT

Data Access and authentication procedures

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1. PURPOSE

To establish secure, role-based access and authentication protocols for all DS&AS-managed data, ensuring that sensitive biomedical, ecological, and primatological data are protected from unauthorized use.

2. SCOPE

Covers all internal and external users accessing DS&AS databases, repositories, or analytic platforms.

3. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- **Head of DS&AS:** Oversees access governance.
- **Data Engineer / ICT Officer:** Implements authentication controls.
- **Data Protection Officer (DPO):** Ensures compliance with the Data Protection Act (2019).

4. FREQUENCY

- Access rights reviewed quarterly.
- Immediate review upon staff role changes or project completion.

5. MATERIALS

- Institutional Access Control Policy.
- Authentication software (MFA, VPN, LDAP/Active Directory).
- Data classification register.

6. PROCEDURE

- 1. **Request Submission:** User submits access request form.
- 2. **Review:** DS&AS reviews request against data classification (Open, Restricted, Confidential).
- 3. **Authentication:** ICT enables access via multi-factor authentication (MFA) and VPN.
- 4. **Logging:** All data access automatically logged and monitored.
- 5. **Review:** Access rights reviewed quarterly; revoked when no longer needed.

7. REFERENCES

Appendix A

Request form (s)