

Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT Permit Application

NOTE: *This Permit Application (and associated Instructions) are to propose activities to be conducted in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. The Co-Trustees are required to determine that issuing the requested permit is compatible with the findings of Presidential Proclamation 8031. Within this Application, provide all information that you believe will assist the Co-Trustees in determining how your proposed activities are compatible with the conservation and management of the natural, historic, and cultural resources of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Monument).*

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Any or all of the information within this application may be posted to the Monument website informing the public on projects proposed to occur in the Monument.
- In addition to the permit application, the Applicant must either download the Monument Compliance Information Sheet from the Monument website OR request a hard copy from the Monument Permit Coordinator (contact information below). The Monument Compliance Information Sheet must be submitted to the Monument Permit Coordinator after initial application consultation.
- Issuance of a Monument permit is dependent upon the completion and review of the application and Compliance Information Sheet.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Send Permit Applications to:

NOAA/Inouye Regional Center

NOS/ONMS/PMNM/Attn: Permit Coordinator

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Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Permit Application Cover Sheet

This Permit Application Cover Sheet is intended to provide summary information and status to the public on permit applications for activities proposed to be conducted in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. While a permit application has been received, it has not been fully reviewed nor approved by the Monument Management Board to date. The Monument permit process also ensures that all environmental reviews are conducted prior to the issuance of a Monument permit.

Summary Information

Applicant Name: Richard Xie
Affiliation: Hawaiian Sealife Inc.

Permit Category: Conservation and Management
Proposed Activity Dates: 10 December thru 24 December 2016
Proposed Method of Entry (Vessel/Plane): Vessel
Proposed Locations: Twin Banks to Maro Reef

Estimated number of individuals (including Applicant) to be covered under this permit:
4+

Estimated number of days in the Monument: 14

Description of proposed activities: (complete these sentences):

a.) The proposed activity would...
Consist of traveling into the monument visiting emergent land masses (from small craft) of Mokumanamana, French Frigate Shoals and Gardner Pinnacles in search of evidence for Mr. Chuan Guo. As the vessel visits each land area, a small craft will navigate in shallow water around the island in search of any evidence of Mr. Guo. There will be NO landing on shore.

b.) To accomplish this activity we would
Charter a vessel, either the Pacific Relection or the Stardust to conduct search activities using a small craft to navigate near/around the islands of Mokumanamana, French Frigate Shoals and Gardner Pinnacle in search of evidence of Mr. Guo.

c.) This activity would help the Monument by ...
Ensuring that there isn't a stranded sailor within the Monument. Confirmation of presence or absence of Mr. Chuan Guo. Working with partners on an international stage.

Other information or background:

Mr. Chuan Guo, a Chinese mariner who was on his way to challenge a world record of solo non-stop navigation from San Francisco to Shanghai, China, went missing on 25th October and was confirmed having fallen into the water at 26d32N/166d11W.

Coast guard and Navy went to the area and searched 48 hours till October 27th and ceased further action. The family and local donors have been trying different ways to search the sailor. November 5th to 6th, the family chartered a G-3 private jet to search the area again without any new evidence. They hired a local boat to tow the trimarian back to Honolulu on November 20th.

Mr. Chuan Guo is a very famous and experienced solo sailor in China. His family still strongly believes he might have been able to survive since he was extremely well trained and experienced in global sailing. The route from San Francisco to Shanghai is his most easiest route. Therefore, his family members think he might have swam to some of the uninhabited islands or atolls. In the worst circumstance, the family members would like to find his body or relics so that he can be legally announced dead. In Chinese law, family needs to wait seven years to declare his property and insurance right if his remains can't be found. It would be a very difficult situation for the wife and his four years old son if he is only considered missing legally. Therefore, they ask my company's help to act as the local representative to charter a vessel to get into the Papahānaumokuākea monument area to search Mr. Guo, his body, or his relics again.