

## Ultuna Metabarcoding Laboratory

# Policy for the Ultuna Metabarcoding Laboratory

## 1. Description of the Metabarcoding laboratory

The Ultuna Metabarcoding Laboratory at SLU is a research infrastructure providing expertise as well as laboratory and bioinformatics services to researchers working at SLU. The Ultuna Metabarcoding Laboratory at SLU is financed by the SLU research infrastructure grant.

## 2. Confidentiality

The Ultuna Metabarcoding Laboratory at SLU will maintain full confidentiality towards third parties regarding the purpose of a service project until this connection is made known by the investigators through publication of the results or other public communications. The Ultuna Metabarcoding Laboratory at SLU will maintain full confidentiality regarding possible results from a project that may become known to the Ultuna Metabarcoding Laboratory at SLU during the course of a project prior publication.

## 3. DNA Samples

The identity of the sites or individuals from whom the DNA samples originate will remain unknown to the Ultuna Metabarcoding Laboratory at SLU. The DNA samples will remain the property of the project investigator and remaining DNA samples will be returned to the project investigator after completion of the project unless otherwise agreed.

## 4. Storage of Data

The Ultuna Metabarcoding Laboratory will store data for 12 month after completion of the project.

## 5. Ethical consent

It is the responsibility of the principle investigator of the project that appropriate ethical consent from an ethics committee has been obtained.

## 6. Publication

The assistance by the Ultuna Metabarcoding Laboratory at SLU should be acknowledged in publications that include or are based on results produced by the Ultuna Metabarcoding Laboratory at SLU. Representatives of the infrastructure should be included as co-authors on possible publications arising from projects if the service provided is expected to involve, or has involved a major intellectual, unique or unusually large contribution by the Ultuna Metabarcoding Laboratory at SLU. This should be discussed when the project is initiated.