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| **Please complete this form in type script or BLOCK LETTERS** This proposal is the first step in the process of applying for a licence to introduce a new biological control agent to St Helena. Failure to provide information as requested may result in delays in processing and/or your proposal may be declined. |

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| IMPORTER NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS |
| OBJECTIVE |
| SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSAL |
| **INFORMATION ON THE TARGET PEST** |
| * Accurate identification of the target pest to at least species level, and information regarding any known related St Helenian native and endemic species. |
| * World distribution and probable origin. |
| * Outline of its known biology and ecology. |
| * Justification for the use of biological control, including available information on its economic importance and environmental impact. |
| * Possible benefits and any conflicting interests surrounding its management. |
| * Known natural enemies, antagonists and other biological control agents or competitors of the target pest already present or used. |
| **INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AGENT** |
| * Sufficient characterization of the biological control agent or other beneficial organism to allow for its accurate identification, in general to the species level at minimum. |
| * Summary of all available information on its origin, world distribution, biology, natural enemies, hyperparasites, and impact in its area of distribution. |
| * Available information on host specificity (in particular, a list of confirmed hosts) of the biological control agent or beneficial organism and any potential hazards posed to non-target hosts. |
| * Assessment of the risks posed to St Helena’s native and endemic species |
| * Description of natural enemies and contaminants of the agent and procedures required for their elimination from laboratory colonies. |
| * Information on any phytosanitary measures taken prior to shipment should also be provided. |
| * Identification of potential health hazards and analysis of the risks posed to staff operatives exposed when handling biological control agents under laboratory, production and application conditions. |
| * Details of appropriate emergency action plans, should the biological control agent display unexpected adverse properties. |
| **INFORMATION ON THE MATERIAL TO BE IMPORTED** |
| * Source of the organism, with accurate information on locations of field sites, where appropriate. |
| * Nature of material and how it will be packaged and transported. |
| * Procedure, where appropriate, to identify accurately and, if necessary, eliminate from the culture the host upon which the biological control agent or beneficial organism was cultured. |
| * Procedure, where appropriate, to identify accurately and, if necessary, eliminate from the culture parasitoids, hyperparasitoids, pathogens and other contaminants. |
| * Procedure to release the biological control agent |
| **INFORMATION ON CAPACITY** |
| * Who will carry out the work (mass rearing, release, monitoring, etc)? Provide details of their qualifications in this area. |
| * Where will the work be done? Give details of the facilities and equipment available. |
| * How will the work be funded? |
| **INFORMATION ON THE POST-RELEASE MONITORING PROGRAMME** |
| * Plan for monitoring the target pest and biological control agent post-release, including for how long this will continue. |
| References and sources of information |

**PROPOSER’S DECLARATION**

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Printed name

Date

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