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Chief, LPPD-WRPS

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Dear Ms. Tubal:

Greetings!

I would like to express my intent to apply for a gratuitous permit for the collection of spiders in Romblon. Our group at the University of Santo Tomas, in collaboration with the Romblon State University (RSU), are doing a study on the bioactivity of Philippine spider venom and its potential therapeutic use. Previously, we have done the same research in Mindanao which was funded by the Commission on Higher Education.

With the success of our previous government supported project, we opted to explore other sites. We have considered working in Romblon as our collaborators from RSU have reported presence of tarantula species in certain barangays of the province. In fact, in our proposal submitted to and approved by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), we have included Romblon as one of the sampling sites.

Your approval and support in this research endeavor will benefit the students, researchers, and faculty of UST and RSU. Thank you very much and God bless!

Sincerely yours,



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