

Guidelines for researchers working in island communities

Before making a research proposal, have you:

- Engaged in self-reflection about your own personal interests and motivations behind the project you wish to propose and considered how it connects with the interests of island communities themselves?
- Visited the island(s) you intend to research at least once?
- Identified previous relevant research conducted in the islands by asking relevant community partners (as well as conducting searches of academic databases)?
- Reflected on and /or checked any assumptions you are making about the islands, including your interpretation of national data sets?

Constructing your research proposal, have you:

- Supplied a basic project plan to, and sought feedback from, relevant community stakeholders?
- Identified appropriate methodology including sampling techniques to ensure that you are reaching diverse island populations?
- Identified potential community resources that can be used to support the project, and arranged or planned for any remuneration if necessary?

Planning your project, have you:

- Confirmed timelines and resourcing plans with the community?
- Considered the ethical dimensions of your project, including the specific considerations for working in a small island?
- Piloted your data collection methods (or at a minimum, talked it through with) representatives from the community?

Conducting your project, have you:

- Ensured that all parties are up to date with the research process and understand how it is progressing?
- Taken care of confidentiality including in how data is being shared formally and informally?

Finalising your project, have you:

- Discussed with island community stakeholders what outputs would be of most benefit?
- Circulated research outputs to island communities?
- Debriefed with island stakeholders about the implications and next steps for the research topic and / or for generating impact and / or further research?
- Considered authorship and acknowledgements for your report and other outputs?