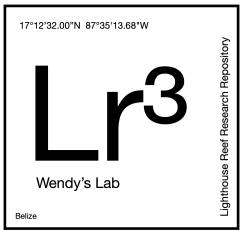

LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

Lighthouse Reef Research Repository (Lr³) Citizen Science Initiative (CSI) Program

Participant Information

Participant Name: _____
Date of Visit: _____
Date of Birth: _____ (If under 18, Parent/Guardian consent is required)

Emergency Contact Name: _____
Emergency Contact Phone: _____

1. VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

I acknowledge that my participation in the Lighthouse Reef Research Repository (Lr³) Citizen Science Initiative (CSI) program (the "Program") is voluntary. I understand that I may withdraw from participation at any time.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT AND APPLICABLE LAW

- **Lr³ Belize NGO:** All activities conducted in Belize, including fieldwork, citizen science, and onsite participation, are organized and governed under the laws of Belize.
- **Lr³ U.S. Fundraising Arm:** Fundraising activities, events, or participation organized by Lr³'s U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit are subject to applicable U.S. federal and state laws.

By signing this Agreement, I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the jurisdiction where the activity occurs and accept that any disputes will be governed as specified in Sections 11 and 12 below.

3. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

I understand and acknowledge the risks inherent in participating in the Program, which may include but are not limited to physical injury, drowning, exposure to weather and wildlife, use of boats and scientific equipment, and COVID-19 exposure. I voluntarily accept these risks and take full responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage arising from participation.

4. RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I release and discharge Lighthouse Reef Research Repository (Lr^3) in Belize, its U.S.-based nonprofit arm, their officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, and affiliates (collectively "Released Parties") from all liability for injury, death, loss, or damage sustained through my participation in the Program, whether caused by negligence or otherwise, to the fullest extent allowed by law.

5. INDEMNIFICATION

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses arising from my actions during participation in the Program.

6. MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

In the event of injury or illness, I authorize emergency medical treatment by Lr^3 staff or medical personnel. I understand I am responsible for any costs incurred.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

I agree to comply with all safety guidelines and instructions issued by Lr^3 representatives.

8. PHYSICAL FITNESS

I confirm I am physically fit for participation and have disclosed any medical conditions requiring accommodation.

9. COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge COVID-19 risks and agree to comply with all health protocols established by Lr³.

10. MEDIA RELEASE

I consent to use of my image and recordings by Lr³ for promotional or educational purposes.

11. GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- For activities **conducted in Belize**, this Agreement is governed by the laws of Belize, and disputes shall be resolved in Belize courts.
- For activities or events **organized by the U.S. fundraising arm**, this Agreement is governed by the laws of the U.S. state where the activity occurs, with disputes resolved in that jurisdiction.

12. SEVERABILITY

If any provision is found unenforceable, the rest remains valid.

13. PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT (if Participant is a Minor)

I am the parent/legal guardian of the minor named below, and I consent to their participation and agree to this Agreement on their behalf.

Minor's Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Date: _____

14. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I have read, understand, and agree to this entire Agreement freely and voluntarily.

Participant Signature: _____
Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Witness (optional): _____
Date: _____

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