

Species at Risk Data Sensitivity Waiver for Volunteers

The Couchiching Conservancy

This waiver is designed to inform and protect the integrity of data collected during your volunteer activities with The Couchiching Conservancy in relation to the identification and conservation of species at risk in Ontario.

By signing this waiver, you acknowledge and agree to the following terms regarding the sensitive nature of the data collected during your volunteer activities.

1. Confidentiality of Data

You acknowledge that during your involvement with The Couchiching Conservancy, you may have access to sensitive information regarding species at risk, including but not limited to:

- Geographic locations of endangered species.
- Specific environmental conditions or sensitive habitats.
- Species identification and behavior data.

You agree to maintain the confidentiality of any sensitive information obtained during the course of your volunteer work. You will not share or disclose such information to unauthorized individuals or entities without prior written consent from The Couchiching Conservancy.

2. Restricted Use of Data

You agree that all data collected during your volunteer activities is to be used exclusively for the purposes of research, conservation, and education, in line with the objectives of The Couchiching Conservancy. Data should not be used for commercial, personal, or unrelated purposes.

3. Prohibition on Sharing Sensitive Data

You agree that you will not share, disclose, or disseminate any sensitive data, including but not limited to species location data, habitat details, or other related information, to any unauthorized individuals, organizations, or platforms. This prohibition includes sharing such data via social media, websites, or any public forum. All sensitive data must be handled securely and only shared with The Couchiching Conservancy or other approved parties as explicitly authorized.

4. Data Security

You agree to take all reasonable steps to protect the data, whether in paper or electronic form, from unauthorized access, loss, or destruction. This includes using secure methods to store, transmit, or share data.

5. Compliance with Legal and Ethical Standards

You agree to comply with all applicable laws and regulations related to the protection of species at risk in Ontario, Canada, including but not limited to the **Endangered Species Act (ESA)** and any other relevant provincial and federal regulations regarding the conservation of wildlife and their habitats.

6. Return of Data

Upon completion of your volunteer work, you agree to return or delete all sensitive data in your possession as requested by The Couchiching Conservancy, ensuring that no sensitive information remains in your personal files or records.

7. Acknowledgment of Risks

You acknowledge that improper handling, sharing, or publication of sensitive data could result in harm to species at risk, their habitats, and the credibility of conservation efforts. You agree to act responsibly and in the best interest of conservation throughout your volunteer activities.

8. Indemnification

You agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Couchiching Conservancy, its employees, and volunteers from any claims, damages, or liabilities resulting from your violation of this Data Sensitivity Waiver.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to the terms and conditions of this Data Sensitivity Waiver.

Volunteer Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____