

Disclaimers

1. Participation & Program Terms

Participation in BugQuest activities is voluntary. While guidance and materials are provided, participants assume responsibility for their involvement in sample collection and related activities.

Participants are responsible for ensuring that any BugQuest trap is installed, maintained, and operated only at locations where they have the necessary permission or authority to do so. This includes obtaining approval from landowners, property managers, schools, municipalities, or any other relevant authority. The Centre for Biodiversity Genomics accepts no responsibility or liability for trap placement at any site where such permission has not been obtained.

The Centre for Biodiversity Genomics reserves the right to modify or cancel the program or its components at any time.

2. Safety, Supervision & Field Risks

Participating organizations are responsible for ensuring appropriate supervision, risk assessment, and adherence to their own institutional safety policies during all BugQuest activities. The Centre for Biodiversity Genomics does not supervise field activities and is not responsible for on-site safety.

Participants acknowledge that setting up, using, and moving sampling equipment (e.g., traps, support lines, stakes) may present risks such as tripping, falling, or minor injury. Participants are responsible for deploying equipment safely and taking appropriate precautions to minimize risks— flagging tape and signage provided.

Activities should be conducted in safe, accessible environments with appropriate precautions for weather, terrain, and wildlife.

3. Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Centre for Biodiversity Genomics shall not be liable for any injury, loss, or damage arising from participation in BugQuest activities.

4. Specimen Collection & Handling

Participants agree to follow all provided guidelines for ethical and legal specimen collection. The Centre for Biodiversity Genomics is not responsible for improper handling, misuse of materials, or collection outside permitted guidelines.

5. Data Use & Accuracy

While BugQuest aims to support high-quality biodiversity data collection, the Centre for Biodiversity Genomics does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of submitted data and is not liable for its use or interpretation.