

PROTECTION OF WRECKS AND WAR RELICS ACT

(Cap. 150)

LICENCE TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES

I, Hon. Bartholomew Parapolo, Minister for Culture and Tourism, under section 4(2) of the *Protection of Wrecks and War Relics Act* (Cap. 150), grant this licence to Kurt Markwarth (“the licensee”), who appears to me to have a legitimate reason to carry out activities mentioned in section 4(1) of the Act in the areas specified in Schedule 1 (“licensed area”), subject to the conditions and restrictions specified in Schedule 2.

SCHEDULE 1

LICENSED AREA

The Global Positioning System coordinates is strictly in the following sites:

- (a) areas within the provincial waters of Guadalcanal Province (including foreshores but excluding underwater restricted areas), 9° 37' South - 160° 11' East;
- (b) areas within the official boundary of Munda, Western Province (including foreshores but excluding underwater restricted areas), 8° 15' South - 157° 30' East;
- (c) areas within the official boundary of Ballalai Islands in Shortlands, Western Province (including foreshores but excluding underwater restricted areas), 006° 59' - 20 South, 155° 52' - 53° East.

SCHEDULE 2

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF LICENCE

1. The licence is granted for the purpose of removing and collecting war relics, for 2 years commencing from the date of my signature.
2. The licence is granted exclusively for the licensed areas and must not be used to carry out activities in any area other restricted area.
3. The licensee must provide a storage building to store recovered war relics for the purpose of public display.

4. The licensee is responsible for meeting the relevant costs of activities conducted under this licence including the recovery and transportation of human remains, the incidental hiring of local workers to assist in carrying out the activities under section 4(1) of the Act and the payment of fees to landowners before entering any customary area.
5. The licensee must provide the Solomon Islands National Museum and Royal Solomon Islands Police Force with an audit record or report of all human remains recovered within the licensed area before exporting the remains out of Solomon Islands.
6. The licensee, if the licensed area comprises of customary land or part of customary land, whether or not the customary land or a part thereof includes foreshores or reefs, must ensure that customary protocols or courtesies relevant to customary land owners of that customary land must be complied with in good faith.
7. The licensee must comply with relevant laws and ordinances in respect of the appropriate Province having jurisdiction over the licenced area and must liaise in good faith with the appropriate authority in the Provincial Executive.
8. The licensee must at all times ensure that appropriate safety precautionary measures are followed to avoid loss of human life in carrying out activities under this license. If necessary, the Licensee is solely responsible for engaging the Explosive Unit of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force to scan the licensed area for potential risks of poisonous gases and live ammunition from World War II unexploded devices.
9. The licence immediately becomes null and void if the licensee breaches any of the conditions and restrictions of this licence or any provision of the Protection of Wrecks and War Relics Act (Cap. 150). On the occurrence of any serious breach, the licensee must forfeit all privileges and will not be issued any such licence for similar activities in the future.

Dated on this fourth-day of April 2023

HON. BARTHOLOMEW PARAPOLO
MINISTER FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM