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Subject: innflutningur á maurum

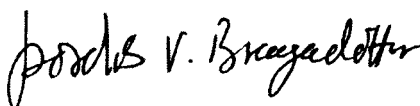
The Environment Agency of Iceland has, in accordance with Article 63(1) of the Nature Conservation Act No 60/2013, processed your application dated April 11th 2017, for a permit to import a colony of leaf cutting ant (*Atta chephalotes*) from Scotland to to Iceland to use in a educational display at Fjölskyldu- og Húsdýragarðinum.

According to Article 63(3) of the Nature Conservation Act No 60/2013 your applicaton was sent to an expert committe for review. The committe came to the conclusion that it is unlikely that this species can thrive in Iceland since it is tropical. The ant colony and the fungi they live on will be kept in a closed environment where heat and humidity will be controled to their special needs.

The Environment Agency agrees with the expert comittee and authorizes the import of the leaf cutting ant colony to be used in a educational display at Fjölskyldu- og Húsdýragarðinum.

Sincerely


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