

[Legal Notice No. 134]

**PROTECTION OF WRECKS AND WAR RELICS ACT**  
(Cap. 150)

**LICENCE TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES IN RESTRICTED AREAS**

I. Hon. Choylin Douglas, Minister for Culture and Tourism, under section 4(2) of the *Protection of Wrecks and War Relics Act* (Cap. 150) (“Act”), grant this licence to Stephen Liu, team leader of Defence (Prisoners of War/ Missing In Action) Accounting Agency Team (“the licensee”), who appears to me to have a legitimate reason to carry out activities provided in section 4(1) of the Act, in the areas specified in Schedule I (“licensed areas”), subject to the conditions and restrictions specified in Schedule 2 (“conditions and restriction of licence”)

**SCHEDULE I**  
**LICENSED AREAS**

The table in this Schedule lists the licensed areas in column 1 and Global Positioning Systems Coordinates for each licensed area in column 2:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Column 1 Licensed area</b>	<b>Column 2 Global Positioning Systems Coordinates</b>
1	Gilbert Camp	8° 52'37"S 160° 01'16"E
2	Guadalcanal Province	9° 37'27"S 159° 41'51"E
3	Makira-Ulawa Province	10° 51'04"S 162°27'5"E
4	Munda	8° 42'50"S 157° 31'33"E

**SCHEDULE 2**  
**CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF LICENCE**

1. This licence is granted only for the purpose of survey and recovery of World War II (WWII) human remains in the licensed areas in Schedule 1.
2. This licence applies only to the licensed areas and must not be used to carry out activities in any other restricted area.
3. This licence is valid on and from 2 July 2025 to 30 August 2025.
4. The licensee is responsible for all costs related to activities under this licence, including recovering and recovering and transporting human remains, hiring local workers to help with activities under section 4(1) of the Act, and paying landowners before entering customary land.

5. The licensee must submit an audit record or report of all human remains recovered from the licensed areas to the Solomon Islands National Museum before exporting any human remains from Solomon Islands.
6. The licensee may export personal materials related to the human remains for forensic and scientific examination purposes.
7. The licensee must work with Honiara City Council, and the Governments of Guadalcanal, Western and Makira-Ulawa Provinces, including the WWII division of the Solomon Islands National Museum, to ensure that WWII wrecks and relics in the licensed area are not removed or relocated.
8. A National Museum officer and police officers with authority over the licensed area, must accompany the licensee at all times to carry out a neutral data inventory of any human remains, material evidence and any necessary forensic examination of the human remains.
9. If the licensed areas include any customary land, whether or not it covers foreshores or reefs, the licensee must respect and comply with customary protocols or courtesies, and engage with the customary landowners in good faith.
10. The licensee must comply with all applicable laws and Ordinances of Honiara City, Guadalcanal Province, Western Province or Makira-Ulawa Province for the licensed areas, and must work in good faith with the appropriate officer of the relevant provincial government or Honiara City Council when carrying out activities under this licence.
11. The licensee must always ensure proper safety measures are in place to prevent any loss of life while carrying out activities under this licence and is solely responsible, where necessary, for engaging the Explosive Unit of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force to inspect the licensed areas for poisonous gases or unexploded WWII ammunition.
12. This licence is immediately cancelled, if the licensee breaches any condition or restriction of the licence, or any provision of the Act.
13. If a serious breach occurs, the licensee must forfeit all privileges and will be barred from receiving a licence for similar activities in the future.

Dated this third-day of July 2025.

HON. CHOYLIN DOUGLAS  
MINISTER FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

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