

The Icelandic Museum of Natural History Act

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Any reference in this Act to “the Minister” or “the Ministry” not accompanied by express mention of or reference to a specific field of responsibility shall be understood as being a reference to the **Minister of Education, Science and Culture** or to the **Ministry of Education, Science and Culture** as responsible for the implementation of this Act.

Section I Objective and role

■ **Article 1** The Icelandic Museum of Natural History is in the ownership of the Icelandic state. It is the designated central museum in the field of natural history. The running costs of the Museum shall be borne by the Treasury as further stipulated in the annual Budget Act.

■ **Article 2** The role of the Icelandic Museum of Natural History is to shed light on Iceland’s natural environment, the use of natural resources and nature conservation, and to elucidate the interaction between humans and nature and the country’s natural environment in a local and global context.

□ The Museum of Natural History shall collect, catalogue and preserve items of interest for its operations. The Museum shall compile information providing an overview of Iceland’s natural environment and the use of natural resources within and outside the country, and present this material by means of exhibitions and other educational activities with a view to providing the most comprehensive survey possible of Icelandic nature. The Museum shall communicate information about Icelandic nature to schools, the media and the general public. The Museum shall conduct research in its area of responsibility.

□ The Museum of Natural History shall provide advice to other museums of natural history, promote the cooperation of such museums in Iceland, and develop a coordinated museum policy in the field of natural history.

□ The Museum of Natural History shall enter into cooperation with scientific and research institutions in the field of natural history, whether publicly or privately operated.

■ **Article 3** The Icelandic Institute of Natural History shall provide scientific and academic backing for the work of the Museum of Natural History. The two institutions shall cooperate closely on the basis of a special agreement entered into between them.

□ The collection of the Museum of Natural History, together with the scientific collections of the Institute of Natural History, is the basis on which the Museum’s educational activities and its exhibitions and research are based.

Section II Organisation and general administration

■ **Article 4** [The Minister]⁽¹⁾ shall assume responsibility for the general administration of the Icelandic Museum of Natural History.

⁽¹⁾Act No 126/2011, Article 449.