Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
Instituto Smithsonian de Investigaciones Tropicales

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MEDIA CREWS

Thank you for your interest in documenting STRI's activities and projects.

We recommend a preliminary visit to STRI to become acquainted with the facilities and to determine logistical arrangements. We request that all crews fill out the enclosed questionnaire at least 3 months prior to initiating the project. The completion of this form will enable us to assess your needs. Please be specific when completing the form and outlining the content, including time requirements from STRI staff and consultants, segments to be documented with other institutions, and logistical requirements.

STRI will charge location fees, consultant fees, and administrative and logistical support fees, as applicable. Additional fees might apply in the case of commercial projects.

An agreement between STRI and the producer will be negotiated depending on the nature of the project. The agreement will outline each party's responsibilities and must be signed by both parties prior to initiating any activities at STRI.

The fees include:
Filming, photographing, videotaping or writing at requested STRI facilities
contribution to projects and scientists consulted and involved in production

The fees do not include:
Phone calls from facilities
Meals at facilities
Hotel reservations
Vehicles
Plane/helicopter reservations
Permits to fly over the Canal
Fixer contracted outside of STRI

The fees are revised once a year and subject to increase at the discretion of STRI. If you have any questions, please contact:

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