



PART ONE

This Risk Assessment has been designed to help us and our volunteers stay safe. Please follow the requirements listed below to complete this Risk Assessment:

- ALL overseas Volunteers **MUST** complete this Travel Safety & Security Risk Assessment and send it to us.
- Upon completion, please print, sign, scan and email an electronic copy of the Risk Assessment to **info@ecoswell.org**
- If you are in need of any further advice contact any member of the EcoSwell team or email us at **info@ecoswell.org**
- On completion, ensure that you carry a hard copy of this Risk Assessment during your trip in case of emergency.
- If you choose to ignore the current recommended security and travel health advice for Peru, you will be traveling at your own risk

Name:

Details of Proposed Travel/Risk Assessment Checklist	
List cities & locations to be visited?	
Date of Travel?	
Date of Return?	
Purpose of Travel? (Briefly state project details/activities you will be doing)	
Have you traveled to Peru before? If Yes, provide details.	
Where will you be staying in the cities you will be visiting? (List the address and a link to Google Maps if possible)	
Provide details of overland/marine travel that you will undertake during this trip?	
Who will be your point of contact during your travels?	



Traveler Name: Signature:	EcoSwell Contact Name: Signature: Approved YES ☐ NO ☐
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PART TWO

- **ALL** overseas travelers must fill in the sections below and **MUST** read the typical risks and mitigations shown at Appendix A.

Source	Travel Advice
<u>Foreign & Commonwealth Office</u> What are the current risks identified by FCO for Peru? <i>Copy and paste the travel summary from the FCO webpage for Peru:</i> • Go to www.fco.gov.uk • Click on 'Travel Advice' • Select Peru	

Threats Identified	Details	Probability: Low, Medium, High, Extreme? (select one of the three)	Mitigations (describe what you will do to reduce the likelihood of these threats from occurring)
General Risks			
Crime	Street crime, local scams, theft, hotel room security		
Conflict	Localized tensions, demonstrations or fighting that could result in outbreak of hostilities		

Political	Civil unrest, strikes, riots, political demonstrations, upcoming elections or other significant events		
Kidnap	Abduction, kidnapping		
Transportation	Airport collection, local driving standards, hazardous terrain, vehicle roadworthiness, safety belts available		
Medical capabilities	Hospital proximity and standards, methods of payment for treatment, access to local doctor		
Food contamination	Allergies, Hepatitis A, dysentery/diarrhea, severe stomach upset		
Water & drinking water contamination	Dysentery/diarrhea, legionella, leptospirosis, polio, cholera, typhoid		
Utilities	Compatibility of equipment, voltage, safety standards, power cuts		
Climate conditions	Extreme heat or cold, high humidity, monsoon/storms, altitude		
Natural disasters	Typhoon, tornado, tsunamis, avalanche, earthquake, flood		
Contact - with insects	Bites/stings, Lyme's disease, malaria, yellow fever		
Contact - with animals	Allergies, asthma, bird flu, bites, dermatitis, rabies, stings		
Local Culture	Customs, dress, religion, behaviour		
Legal differences	Local codes/guidance, local statute		
Activities	Working at height, over or near water, adjacent highways, railways		
Hazardous substances/chemicals	Material Safety Data Sheets not available, available antidotes, transport requirements, spillage controls		



Field work/research	Permits to work, safe systems of work, tides/water conditions, medical back-up, remoteness of work site		
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Your EcoSwell Contact: Enter the telephone number and name of your EcoSwell contact: Name: Position: Tel No.:	Embassy in-Country: Enter details of your Embassy in Peru (search using google): Nationality of Embassy: Address: Tel No. :	Emergency Contact List the name and contact details of the person EcoSwell should contact in the event of an emergency: Name: Tel No.: Relationship:	Insurance Emergency Number Add the name, website and telephone number of your insurance company (paid by you or your institution for this trip): Name of Insurance: Tel No.: Website:
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Appendix A

Threats and Mitigations / Controls	
Threat	Typical Control Measures
Crime	• Be aware of credit card fraud – do not allow waiters/shop assistants to take the card out of your sight • Never resist a mugger, hand over what they want Do not wear and display expensive watches or jewelry • Ensure that your emergency contact person have copies of your itinerary and passport/visa Make yourself aware of any common scams and think about how to react if you are approached • Use the safe in your hotel room and use the security chain while you are in your room Ensure you have the numbers required to cancel credit cards and travelers cheques • Carry a dummy wallet to hand over to assailants
Terrorism	• Be fully aware of the current security situation in the cities or locations that you are visiting • Ensure you follow the recommendations for local transport (below) Check dates of trips against public holidays or days of special recognition • Avoid foreign Embassies and hotels next door/nearby
Conflict	• Be fully aware of the current security situation in the cities and locations you are visiting
Political	• Avoid all demonstrations/large gatherings • Prepare an alternate travel plan if strikes are anticipated • Check dates of trip against local elections, major sporting events and public holidays
Kidnap	• Maintain a low public profile • Do not publicize your itinerary, notify your family and colleagues of your movements as much as possible • Follow the EcoSwell's team advise • Be alert to suspicious persons, vehicles and activity, particularly in the vicinity of your accommodation
Infrastructure	

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Transportation	• If you're staying elsewhere before joining us, arrange a hotel transfer or reliable local contact to collect you from the airport on arrival and return you on departure • Use hotel cars or recommended taxi companies, wear your seat belt, even if the locals do not • Be aware of road conditions, especially when traveling outside of main cities • If driving yourself, ensure that you have the correct insurance, driving license and permits and are fully aware of local driving regulations • If using rickshaws, choose carefully and always agree a price before getting in • If using local buses, be wary of the roadworthiness of the vehicle and safeguard your belongings.
Medical	• Ensure you pack a sufficient amount of any prescribed medication for your trip plus 7 days extra and carry copies of any prescriptions • Do not engage in unsafe sexual activities or drug-taking • Take a First Aid Kit • Make sure you adapt to COVID19 requirements relevant at the time (washing hands, potential social distancing, etc) • Reminder: medical facilities in Lobitos are limited and representative of a rural area in a developing country.
Food contamination	• Eat only recently prepared food that has been thoroughly cooked • Drink sufficient liquids to prevent dehydration • Busier restaurants may be safer as they are more likely to serve freshly cooked food • Be cautious with pork products, fish/seafood and dairy products • Be cautious of buffets (is the food properly covered & how long has it been standing?)
Water & drinking water contamination	• Drink bottled water only • Use bottled water to brush your teeth • Avoid ice in drinks • Check beaches/rivers for warning signs
Utilities	• Check compatibility of all electrical equipment being taken • Pack sufficient torches, batteries and travel plugs • If a wall socket looks damaged or there is water damage nearby, <u>DO NOT USE IT</u> • Charge your mobile phone <u>DAILY</u>
Natural Risks	

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Climate conditions	- Be aware of the weather forecasts for the dates of your trip and pack appropriate clothing - Use high-factor sunscreen (SPF50 is recommend for Lobitos) and carry a bottle of water in hot conditions - Avoid strenuous activity during the hottest part of the day
Natural disasters	- Ask your hotel reception for emergency procedures if staying elsewhere on your way to joining us - Make a note of the contact details for your own Embassy - Ensure that your emergency contact person have copies of your itinerary & passport copy
Contact with insects	- Ensure that you have the required vaccinations before traveling and tetanus & polio are up-to-date - Use insect repellents safely - Be aware of hotel medical provisions and check
Contact with animals	- Do not approach street/wild animals, even if they appear domesticated - Avoid markets where live animals and poultry are sold
Cultural Risks	
Local culture	- Ensure that you are aware of and respect local religious restrictions and festivals - Dress appropriately at all times - Be aware of causing offense when taking photographs of local people and DO NOT take photographs near police or military establishments
Legal differences	- Be aware of any local laws that are different to those in your country (See Local Culture section on FCO country page) - Ensure that you have all the required up-to-date permits
Hazardous Activities	
Hazardous substances / chemicals	- Check all safety procedures with us before doing any hazardous labor - Wear appropriate protective clothing when relevant

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Site / field visits	• Ensure a Site induction is given by the person you will be working with, including information on identified hazards risks and control measures • Personal protective equipment will be provided when relevant. Make sure you wear it. • Check all safety procedures and legislation with the Client or contractors in-country • Be aware of the location of any man-made hazards (holes etc.) • Make yourself aware of local animal/reptile species and the level of threat • Ensure that work sites have appropriate first-aid provision and evacuation procedures • Be aware of medical provision on site