

**GUIDELINES for handling of pre-1958 historic remains whose existence or present location is not known.**

1. These guidelines apply to pre-1958 historic artefacts/sites whose existence or location is not known.
2. These guidelines should be applied, as far as possible, to provide interim protection of pre-1958 historic artefacts/sites until the Parties have had due time to consider their inclusion into the protection system under Annex V to the Protocol on Environmental Protection. This interim protection should not extend beyond three years after the discovery of a new historic artefact/site has been brought to the attention of the Parties.
3. Historic artefacts/sites for the purpose of these Guidelines, include but are not necessarily limited to:
  - Artefacts with a particular association with a person who played an important role in the history of science or exploration of Antarctica;
  - Artefacts with a particular association with a notable feat of endurance achievement;
  - Artefacts representative of, or which form part of, some wide-ranging activity that has been important in the development of knowledge of Antarctica;
  - Artefacts with particular technical or architectural value in its materials, design or method of construction;
  - Artefacts with the potential, through study, to reveal information or which have the potential to educate people about significant human activities in Antarctica;
  - Artefacts with symbolic or commemorative value for people of many nations.
4. Any person/expedition who discovers pre-1958 historic remains should notify the appropriate authorities in their home country. The consequences of removing such remains should be duly considered. If items nonetheless are removed from Antarctica, they should be delivered to the appropriate authorities in the home country of the discoverer.
5. If historic artefacts/sites are discovered during construction activities, all construction should be discontinued to the greatest extent practical until the artefacts have been appropriately recorded and evaluated.
6. The Party whose nationals have discovered pre-1958 historic artefacts/sites should notify the other Treaty Parties about the discovery, indicating what remains have been found, and where and when.
7. If there is uncertainty as to the age of a newly discovered historic artefact/site it should be treated as a pre-1958 artefact/site until its age has been established.