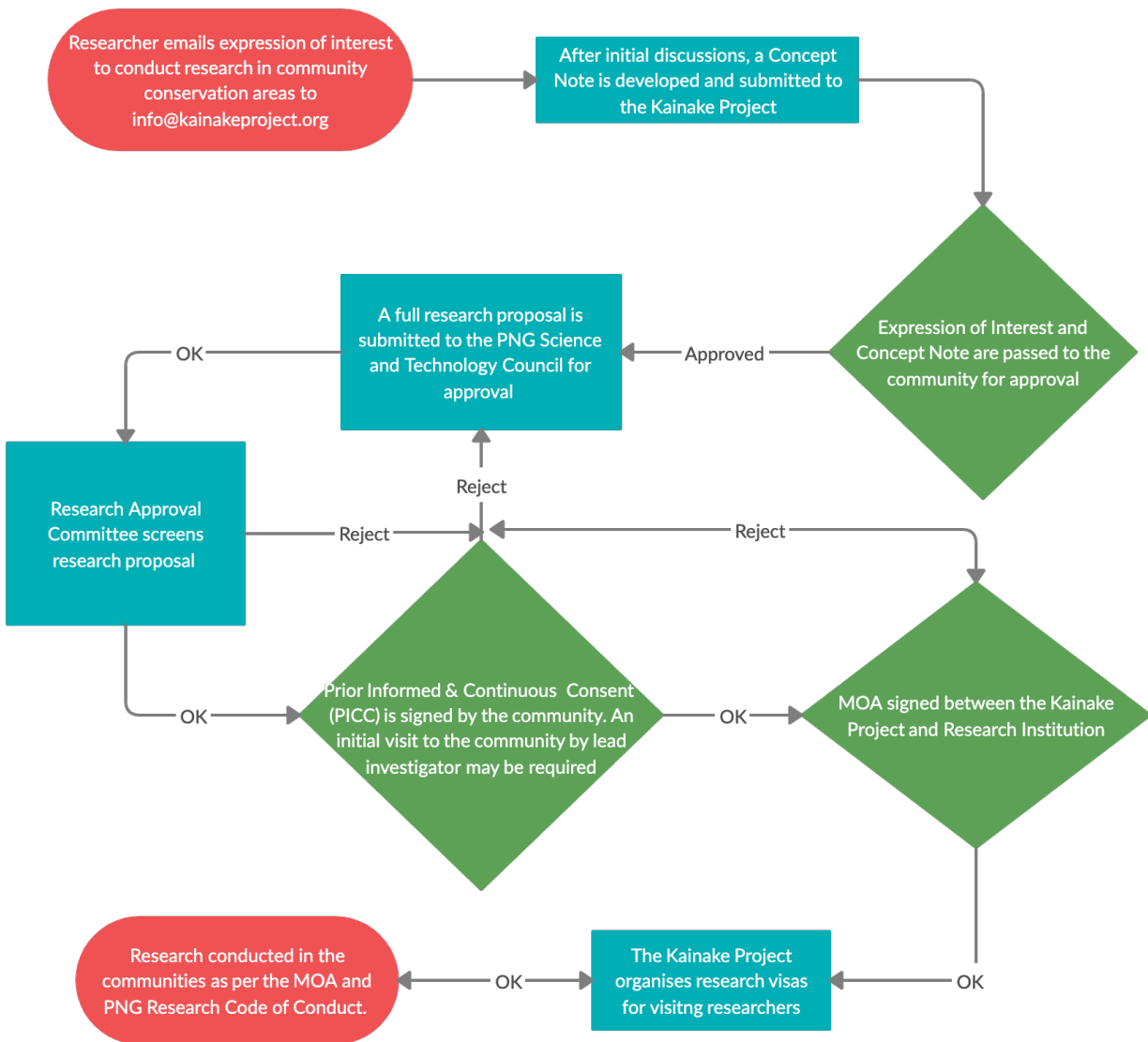


STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH PERMIT IN COMMUNITY CONSERVATION AREAS

1. Researcher to email expression of interest to conduct research in community conservation areas that are affiliated to the Kainake Project. Email can be sent to info@kainakeproject.org
2. The researcher has an initial discussion on the purpose of the research. A concept note is developed and submitted to TKP following the discussions.
3. The concept note is passed to respective communities for consultation and approval. The community through their Village Assembly or the Community Government will give approval for research to be conducted on their land.
4. Once approved, the researcher may submit the full research proposal to the Papua New Guinea Science and Technology Council as the mandated research office for Papua New Guinea (PNG).
5. The Research Approval Committee of the Council meets and approves the proposal to conduct research in PNG and provides visa permits for international researchers.
6. A Prior Informed and Continuous Consent (PICC) is signed. It is a requirement that even though a PIC is signed, there must be continuous consultation in the communities. The reason for this is that many communities may sign agreements without fully understanding the research activities. Continuous dialogues ensures that mutual benefits (Access Benefit Sharing) are consistently negotiated and that communities do not feel that they are exploited.
7. A Memorandum of Agreement is signed between researcher or institution and the Kainake Project as the PNG organization.
8. Kainake Project organizes research visa for researchers to travel to PNG.
9. Research is conducted in communities as per the terms of the MOA. The PNG Research Code of Conduct and the TKP Ethics and Governance Policy will apply. The researchers may be required to share data with community or government depending on conditions for Intellectual Property outlined in the MOA.



Scheme 1: Standard Operating Procedure for applying for community approval to conduct research.