

**Reference: FOI 25004**

**Details of the request:**

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act') to request information from your institution regarding the use of decapod crustaceans in scientific experiments.

Please respond to the following question:

Q1: Has your institution used any decapod crustaceans in scientific, experimental or educational purposes, at any life stage in a) 2023 or b) 2024?

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, please supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement, as information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

**Summary**

LSBU is able to supply <b>all</b> of the information request.	<b>x</b>
The information (or links to the information if it is already published) set out below.	
LSBU is able to supply <b>part</b> of the information requested.	
The information (or links to the information if it is already published) set out below, together with the reason for the partial response.	
LSBU is unable to supply any of the information requests. Reasons set out below.	

**Details of our response:**

**Exemption:**

Exemption	Applied?	Rationale
Section 21 – information already reasonably accessible		
Section 22 – information intended for future publication		
Section 22A – research information		
Sections 30 and 31 – investigations and prejudice to law enforcement		
Section 40(2) – personal information		
Section 43 – trade secrets and prejudice to commercial interests		

**Response:**

Please note that we have not used any decapod crustaceans for research or teaching purposes in 2023 or 2024.

If you wish to request a review, please set out in writing your reasons and send it within 2 months of the date of this letter to the Group Chief People and Legal Officer, London South Bank University, 103 Borough Road, London, SE1 0AA. We will aim to carry out the review within 20 working days, or in exceptional circumstances within 40 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the review decision, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner whose contact details can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>