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Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Application Form

Return to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Management Authority (DMA)
Branch of Permits, MS: IA
5275 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22041-3803
1-800-358-2104 or 703-358-2104

Type of Activity:
EXPORT/RE-EXPORT/IMPORT/INTERSTATE AND
FOREIGN COMMERCE/TAKE OF ANIMALS
(LIVE/SAMPLES/PARTS/PRODUCTS) (CITES and/or ESA)
(circle/highlight proposed activity)
___ New Application
___ Requesting Re-issuance/Amendment of Permit#: _____

Complete Sections A or B, and C, D, and E of this application. U.S. address may be required in Section C, see instructions for details.
See attached instruction pages for information on how to make your application complete and help avoid unnecessary delays.

A. Complete if applying as an individual
1.a. Last name 1.b. First name 1.c. Middle name or initial 1.d. Suffix
2. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) 3. Telephone number 3.a. Alternate telephone number 4. E-mail address

B. Complete if applying on behalf of a business, corporation, public agency, Tribe, or institution
1.a. Name of business, agency, Tribe, or institution 1.b. Doing business as (dba)
2. Tax identification no. 3. Description of business, agency, Tribe, or institution
4.a. Principal officer Last name 4.b. Principal officer First name 4.c. Principal officer Middle name/ initial 4.d. Suffix
5. Principal officer title 6. Primary contact name
7.a. Business telephone number 7.b. Alternate telephone number 7.c. Business fax number 7.d. Business e-mail address

C. All applicants complete address information
1.a. Physical address (Street address; Apartment #, Suite #, or Room #; no P.O. Boxes)
1.b. City 1.c. State 1.d. Zip code/Postal code: 1.e. County/Province 1.f. Country
2.a. Mailing Address (include if different than physical address; include name of contact person if applicable)
2.b. City 2.c. State 2.d. Zip code/Postal code: 2.e. County/Province 2.f. Country

D. All applicants MUST complete
1. Attach check or money order payable to the U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE in the amount of \$100, nonrefundable processing fee. Federal, Tribal, State, and local government agencies, and those acting on behalf of such agencies, are exempt from the processing fee - attach documentation of fee exempt status as outlined in instructions. (50 CFR 13.11(d))
2. Certification: I hereby certify that I have read and am familiar with the regulations contained in Title 50, Part 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the other applicable parts in subchapter B of Chapter I of Title 50, and I certify that the information submitted in this application for a permit is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.
Signature of applicant/Principal Officer for permit (No photocopied or stamped signatures) Date of signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

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E. EXPORT/RE-EXPORT/IMPORT/INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE/TAKE OF NON-NATIVE ANIMALS (Live/samples/parts/products) (CITES and/or ESA)

Allow at least 90 days for the application to be processed. Applications for endangered species permits must be published in the Federal Register for a 30-day public comment period.

Complete all questions on the application. Mark questions that are not applicable with "N/A". If needed, use separate sheets of paper. On all attachments or separate sheets you submit, indicate the application question number you are addressing. If you are applying for multiple specimens, be sure to indicate which specimen you are addressing in each response.

NOTE: The import of live southern white rhinoceros from South Africa and Swaziland must meet specific CITES criteria for an import permit to be issued. If you are requesting authorization for the import of these species, please ensure that you respond to question 14 below.

Electronic submission of inventories, photographs, and receipts: Some applications contain extensive inventories and /or a large number of photographs or receipts. You may provide electronic versions of the documents. Such a submission will assist in expediting the processing of your application since it may reduce data entry by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. If you wish to provide information electronically, please either include a disk containing your information or, once you have received an application number via the e-mailed acknowledgement letter, e-mail your information to Permits@fws.gov. Be sure to include the application number provided in the acknowledgement e-mail that will be sent to you when we receive your application.

_____ I will be submitting documents electronically.

1. Name and address where you wish the permit to be mailed, **if different from page 1**. If you would like expedited shipping, please enclose a self-addressed, pre-paid, computer-generated, courier service airway bill. If unspecified, all documents will be mailed via regular mail through the U.S. Postal Service.
2. Whom should we contact if we have questions about the application (name, phone number, and e-mail)?
3. Have you or any of the owners of the business (if applying as a business, corporation, or institution), been assessed a civil penalty or convicted of any criminal provision of any statute or regulation relating to the activity for which the application is filed; been convicted, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for a felony violation of the Lacey Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, or the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; forfeited collateral; OR are currently under charges for any violation of the laws mentioned above?

No Yes

If you answered "Yes" to Question 3, provide: a) the individual's name; b) date of charge; c) charge(s); d) location of incident; e) court, and f) action taken for each violation. Please be aware that a "Yes" response does not automatically disqualify you from getting a permit.

4. What activity are you requesting authorization to carry out (Indicate appropriate activities):

_____ EXPORT _____ IMPORT _____ TAKE (e.g., cull, lethal harvest)
_____ INTERSTATE COMMERCE _____ FOREIGN COMMERCE

*Interstate Commerce permits authorize the sale of endangered and threatened species across State lines, but only for activities that will contribute to enhancing the propagation or survival of that species. Interstate commerce activities with wildlife require the buyer to obtain a permit prior to the sale.

5. For EACH animal/specimen involved in the proposed activity provide:

Scientific name (genus, species, and, if applicable, subspecies)	Common Name	Birth/Hatch Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Or Approximate date	Wild or Captive born	Quantity	Gender, if known	Permanent markings (e.g., tattoo, ID #, microchip #, scars), if alive	Type of Sample or product (e.g., blood, tissue, DNA)
EXAMPLE: <i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Chimpanzee						

6. The current location of the specimen(s) (address and country):

Name:
Address:
City:
State/Province:
County, Postal Code:

7. Recipient/Sender:

- If export, provide name and address of the recipient in the foreign country.
- If import, provide name and address of the exporter in the foreign country.
- If interstate or foreign commerce, provide name and address of recipient.

Name:
Address:
City:
State/Province:
County, Postal Code:

SOURCE OF SPECIMEN (answer question 8 or 9 for each animal/specimen involved, as appropriate).

- 8. For each animal or animal from which specimen are obtained that was captive-bred, provide a signed and dated statement from the breeder that includes the following:**
- Scientific name (genus, species, and, if applicable, subspecies) and common name;
 - Name and address of the facility where the animal was bred and born;
 - Birth/hatch date (mm/dd/yyyy), and, if applicable, identification information;
 - Location (name of facility, address, city, State, postal code) of parental stock; and
 - A statement that the animal was bred at the above facility.
 - In addition, provide documentation demonstrating the history of transactions (e.g., chain of custody or ownership of the animal).

9. For each animal/specimen **taken from the wild**, provide the following:
- a. Scientific name (genus, species, and, if applicable, subspecies) and common name;
 - b. Specific location of where, when, and by whom (name and address) the specimen was removed from the wild;
 - c. Purpose of removal and length or approximate length of time held in captivity. Discuss issues such as the method of collection, was collection do as part of a large study, were animals returned to the wild after sampling, and mortality rate or if animals were injury due to collection or holding;
 - d. Describe if and how any remuneration, either financial or in-kind, was provided for taking or capturing animals or for the collection of samples.
 - e. Describe your efforts to use captive specimens (e.g., captive-born, captive-held), or parts thereof, in lieu of taking animals from the wild.
 - f. Copies of your foreign or domestic collecting permit, license, contract or agreement;
 - g. Documentation showing that the specimen(s) was legally obtained by the applicant; and
 - h. Copies of any applicable State, Tribal, Federal, or Foreign government permits or licenses that authorized the removal of this animal from the wild.
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JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUESTED ACTIVITY.

10. Provide a full statement justifying the proposed activity, particularly the following:
- a. Describe the purpose of your proposed activity. For example, if the purpose is scientific research, attach a copy of your research proposal outlining the purpose, objectives, methods (e.g., specific information on survey/collection methods, sampling regime, equipment to be used), and whether similar work has already been done or is currently being done. If the purpose includes conservation education, provide copies of educational materials (e.g., handouts, text of signage or public presentations), and include the purpose and objectives of the proposed activity. If the purpose is for propagation for conservation purposes (including culling as part of herd management), provide a description of how the species will be propagated and disposition of progeny, as well as long-term goals of the breeding program, how the breeding program is managed to maintain genetic vitality, and information on any cooperative breeding programs or agreements that are/will be established, including any future plans for re-introduction.
 - b. Description of the technical expertise of each person (please include CV or resume), as it relates to the proposed activities. If the proposed activity involves the import of live animals, include the experience of each animal caretaker working with the species.
 - c. Copies of contracts, agreements or other documents that identify persons involved and dates of activities for which authorization is being requested.
11. A statement on how the activities will **enhance or benefit the wild population** (e.g., in-situ and ex-situ projects).
12. If live specimens are to be held in captivity as part of the proposed activity:
- a. Provide a detailed description (e.g., size, construction materials, protection from the elements) and photographs or diagrams (no blueprints, please) clearly depicting the existing facilities **where the wildlife will be maintained**. If the specimens will be housed at multiple facilities, either immediately or within the next year, provide a full description of each facility. If you are unsure of which facilities may be receiving specimens (e.g., SSP has not made final decision), please indicate likely candidates and the mechanism that will be used to determine recipient facilities.
 - b. A statement of the specific technical experience of CV or resume available to the recipient(s) for maintaining and propagating live specimens of the same or similar species.
 - c. The number of years each species has been maintained at the facility;
 - d. The number of births by year for each species for the last 5 years; and
 - e. Mortalities at the facility with these or similar species in the last 5 years, causes of such mortalities, and steps taken to avoid or decrease such mortalities.
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IMPORTS, EXPORTS, OR RE-EXPORTS.

13. For shipment of LIVE specimens, the transport conditions for animals must comply with the CITES Guidelines for Transport of Live Animals or, in the case of air transport, with the [International Air Transport Association \(IATA\)](#) live animal regulations (contact airline for information). As such, describe:
 - i. The type, size, and construction of any shipping container; and
 - ii. The arrangements for watering or otherwise caring for the wildlife during transport.
14. For import of live southern white rhinoceroses from South Africa and Swaziland, a determination that the importing facility meets the CITES “appropriate and acceptable destination” annotation must be made. Therefore, provide written documentation demonstrating that the proposed activity would promote *in situ* conservation of the species. **NOTE: For any permit authorizing trade of live rhinoceroses under an “appropriate and acceptable destination” annotation, the rhinoceros horn from these animals may not enter commercial trade and the animal may not be sport hunted.**
15. For import of LIVE CITES Appendix-I marine mammal specimens, provide a copy of your FWS or NOAA Fisheries permit or authorization.
16. For import of CITES Appendix-I listed species, provide information to show the import is not for primarily commercial purposes as outlined in [Resolution Conf. 5.10 \(www.cites.org\)](#).
17. For export of CITES Appendix-I species, provide a copy of the CITES import permit, or evidence one will be issued by the Management Authority of the country to which you plan to export the specimen(s). In accordance with Article III of the CITES treaty, it is required that import permits are issued before the corresponding export permit.
18. If the specimen is being **re-exported** (e.g., exporting a specimen that was previously imported into the United States), provide:
 - a. A copy of the canceled CITES export or re-export document issued by the appropriate CITES office in the country from which the wildlife was imported (if applicable); and
 - b. A cleared copy of Form 3-177, wildlife Declaration for Import (hard copy or electronic release); **or**
 - c. If you did not make the original import, provide a copy of the importer's documents outlined above and the invoice or other documentation that shows you acquired the wildlife from the original importer or history of transactions which demonstrate chain of ownership.

All international shipment(s) must be through a designated port. A list of designated ports (where an inspector is posted) is available from <http://www.fws.gov/le/designated-ports.html>. If you wish to use a port not listed, please contact the Office of Law Enforcement for a Designated Port Exemption Permit (form 3-200-2).

APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions pertain to an U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) permit applications. The General Permit Procedures in [50 CFR 13](#) address the permitting process. For simplicity, all licenses, permits, registrations, and certificates are referred to as a permit.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete all relevant questions in Sections A or B, C, D, and E.
- **An incomplete application may cause delays in processing or may be returned to the applicant. Be sure you are filling in the appropriate application form for the proposed activity.**
- Print clearly or type in the information. Illegible applications may cause delays.
- Sign the application. Faxes or copies of the original signature will not be accepted.
- Mail the original application to the address at the top of page one of the application or, if applicable, on the attached address list.
- **Keep a copy of your completed application.**
- **Please plan ahead. Allow at least 60 days for your application to be processed, however, some applications may take longer than 90 days to process (50 CFR 13.11).**
- Applications are processed in the order they are received.

SECTION A OR SECTION B:

Section A. **Complete if applying as an individual [do not complete this section if applying for Import/Export License (3-200-3)]:**

- Enter the complete name of the responsible individual who will be the permittee if a permit is issued. Enter personal information that identifies the applicant. **Fax and e-mail, while helpful in processing, are not required.**
- If you are applying on behalf of a client, the personal information must pertain to the client, and a document evidencing **power of attorney** must be included with the application.
- **Affiliation/ Doing business as (dba):** business, agency, Tribe, organizational, or institutional affiliation *directly* related to the activity requested in the application (e.g., a taxidermist is an individual whose business can *directly* relate to the requested activity). The Division of Management Authority (DMA) and the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) do **not** accept *doing business as* affiliations for individuals (complete Section B)..

Section B. **Complete if applying as a business, corporation, public agency, Tribe, or institution:**

- Enter the complete name of the business, agency, or institution that will be the permittee if a permit is issued. Give a brief description of the type of business the applicant is engaged in. Provide contact phone number(s) of the business. If you are applying on behalf of a client, a document evidencing power of attorney must be included with the application.
- **Principal Officer** is the person in charge of the listed business, corporation, public agency, Tribe, or institution. The principal officer is the person responsible for the application and any permitted activities. Often the principal officer is a Director or President. **Primary Contact** is the person at the business, corporation, public agency, or institution who will be available to answer questions about the application or permitted activities. Often this is the preparer of the application.

ALL APPLICANTS COMPLETE SECTION C:

- For all applications submitted to the Division of Management Authority (DMA), a physical U.S. address is **required**.
- **Mailing address** is the address to which communications from USFWS should be mailed if different from applicant's physical address.

ALL APPLICANTS COMPLETE SECTION D:

Section D.1 **Application processing fee:**

- An application processing fee is required at the time of application, unless exempted under 50 CFR13. The application processing fee is assessed to partially cover the cost of processing a request. **The fee does not guarantee the issuance of a permit, nor will fees be refunded for applications for which processing has begun.**
- **Documentation of fee exempt status is not required for applications submitted by Federal, Tribal, State, or local government agencies; but must be supplied by those applicants acting on behalf of such agencies.** Such applications must include a letter on agency letterhead and signed by the head of the unit of government for which the applicant is acting on behalf, confirming that the applicant will be carrying out the permitted activity for the agency.

Section D.2 **Federal Fish and Wildlife permits:**

- List the number(s) of your most recent issued USFWS permit. If applying for re-issuance of a CITES permit, the original permit must be returned with this application.

Section D.3 **CERTIFICATION:**

- **The individual identified in Section A, the principal officer named in Section B, or person with a valid power of attorney (documentation must be included in the application) must sign and date the application.** This signature legally binds the applicant to the statement of certification. You are certifying that you have read and understand the regulations that apply to the permit. You are also certifying that all information included in the application is true to the best of your knowledge. Be sure to read the statement and re-read the application and your answers before signing.

ALL APPLICANTS COMPLETE SECTION E

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APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMIT
Paperwork Reduction Act, Privacy Act, and Freedom of Information Act – Notices

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), please be advised:

1. The gathering of information on fish and wildlife is authorized by:
(Authorizing statutes can be found at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html> and <http://www.fws.gov/permits/ltr/ltr.html>)
 - a. Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), 50 CFR 22;
 - b. Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), 50 CFR 17;
 - c. Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), 50 CFR 21;
 - d. Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361, *et seq.*), 50 CFR 18;
 - e. Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), 50 CFR 15;
 - f. Lacey Act: Injurious Wildlife (18 U.S.C. 42), 50 CFR 16;
 - g. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (TIAS 8249), <http://www.cites.org/>, 50 CFR 23;
 - h. General Provisions, 50 CFR 10;
 - i. General Permit Procedures, 50 CFR 13; and
 - j. Wildlife Provisions (Import/export/transport), 50 CFR 14.
2. Information requested in this form is purely voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required in order to process applications for permits authorized under the above laws. Failure to provide all requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny the request. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.
3. Certain applications for permits authorized under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374) will be published in the **Federal Register** as required by the two laws.
4. Disclosures outside the Department of the Interior may be made without the consent of an individual under the routine uses listed below, if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. (Ref. 68 FR 52611, September 4, 2003)
 - a. Routine disclosure to subject matter experts, and Federal, Tribal, State, local, and foreign agencies, for the purpose of obtaining advice relevant to making a decision on an application for a permit or when necessary to accomplish a FWS function related to this system of records.
 - b. Routine disclosure to the public as a result of publishing **Federal Register** notices announcing the receipt of permit applications for public comment or notice of the decision on a permit application.
 - c. Routine disclosure to Federal, Tribal, State, local, or foreign wildlife and plant agencies for the exchange of information on permits granted or denied to assure compliance with all applicable permitting requirements.
 - d. Routine disclosure to Captive-bred Wildlife registrants under the Endangered Species Act for the exchange of authorized species, and to share information on the captive breeding of these species.
 - e. Routine disclosure to Federal, Tribal, State, and local authorities who need to know who is permitted to receive and rehabilitate sick, orphaned, and injured birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; federally permitted rehabilitators; individuals seeking a permitted rehabilitator with whom to place a bird in need of care; and licensed veterinarians who receive, treat, or diagnose sick, orphaned, and injured birds.
 - f. Routine disclosure to the Department of Justice, or a court, adjudicative, or other administrative body or to a party in litigation before a court or adjudicative or administrative body, under certain circumstances.
 - g. Routine disclosure to the appropriate Federal, Tribal, State, local, or foreign governmental agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing statutes, rules, or licenses, when we become aware of a violation or potential violation of such statutes, rules, or licenses, or when we need to monitor activities associated with a permit or regulated use.
 - h. Routine disclosure to a congressional office in response to an inquiry to the office by the individual to whom the record pertains.
 - i. Routine disclosure to the Government Accountability Office or Congress when the information is required for the evaluation of the permit programs.
 - j. Routine disclosure to provide addresses obtained from the Internal Revenue Service to debt collection agencies for purposes of locating a debtor to collect or compromise a Federal claim against the debtor or to consumer reporting agencies to prepare a commercial credit report for use by the FWS.
5. For individuals, personal information such as home address and telephone number, financial data, and personal identifiers (social security number, birth date, etc.) will be removed prior to any release of the application.
6. The public reporting burden on the applicant for information collection varies depending on the activity for which a permit is requested. The relevant burden for an Export/Import/Interstate and Foreign Commerce/Take of animals (Live/Samples/Parts/Products) (CITES and/or ESA) application is 2 hours. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

Freedom of Information Act – Notice

For organizations, businesses, or individuals operating as a business (i.e., permittees not covered by the Privacy Act), we request that you identify any information that should be considered privileged and confidential business information to allow the Service to meet its responsibilities under FOIA. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "Business Confidential" at the top of the letter or page and each succeeding page and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. The non-confidential summary and remaining documents may be made available to the public under FOIA [43 CFR 2.13(c)(4), 43 CFR 2.15(d)(1)(i)].

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