



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:

**Approval of a Foreign Breeding Facility
Under the Wild Bird Conservation Act (WBCA)**

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) (If Broker or Taxidermist is applying on behalf of a foreign national, provide Broker or Taxidermist's name and address in this block; U.S. hunters must provide their U.S. address)				
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 \$250, 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. APPROVAL OF A FOREIGN BREEDING FACILITY UNDER WBCA

This application is to be completed by a non-US breeding facility currently breeding CITES-listed bird species that would like to export live birds to the United States. All imports of live CITES-listed birds from non-approved facilities must be accompanied by a U.S. Wild Bird Conservation Act (WBCA) import permit. Breeding facilities that have been approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can export birds into the United States with only the required CITES documents.

Complete all questions on the application. Mark questions that are not applicable with "N/A". Given the length of many of your responses, please use separate sheets of paper. On all attachments or separate sheets you are submitting, indicate the number of the application question you are addressing.

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.

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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.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. List of bird species being bred at the breeding facility, including the common and scientific names of the species.
5. The name and address of the foreign breeding facility.
6. A summary of the legislation implementing the Convention in the country in which the facility is located.

BREEDING FACILITY – Please provide the following:

7. A statement of the facility's capability of producing captive-bred birds of the species identified in question 1 and in the numbers they anticipate exporting to the United States on an annual basis.
 8. Relevant experience of persons involved in the operation of the facility.
 9. Current stock of the facility, including total number, ages, sexes, and numbers of breeding pairs.
 10. Production levels that have been achieved at the facility, at least for the past two complete calendar years, including numbers of eggs produced, chicks hatched, and chicks reared to independence.
 11. Anticipated future production.
 12. A breeding protocol, including a genetic management plan and a description of breeding methods. Breeding methods should include whether breeding is continuous or seasonal (including descriptions of photoperiod manipulations used to stimulate or control breeding, if any) and whether breeding birds are induced to produce multiple clutches by the removal of eggs for artificial incubation.
 13. Descriptions of incubation and rearing methods, as well as any other methods used to enhance production, including artificial insemination when applicable.
 14. A statement describing the facility and demonstrating that it is operated in a humane and healthful manner, including:
 - a. Diagrams and photographs of the facility;
 - b. Descriptions of enclosures, including dimensions, construction materials, substrates, availability of water, lighting, ventilation, the need for supplemental heat or cooling and how these are provided, and shading (for outdoor enclosures);
 - c. Densities of birds in enclosures;
 - d. Internal features of enclosures, including perches, nest boxes, and plantings; and
 - e. A description of any facility features designed to satisfy unique requirements of the particular species.
 15. A description of the care and maintenance practices of the facility, including:
 - a. Husbandry practices, feeding regimes (number of feedings per day), and diet;
 - b. Hygienic practices, including methods and frequency of cleaning and disinfection of equipment and facilities;
 - c. A statement as to the availability of routine professional veterinary care, including annual flock inspection or examination, and medication/vaccination schedules;
 - d. Records of mortality and disease outbreaks for both adults and chicks for at least the past two years. Episodes of high mortality or disease should be explained, and measures taken to prevent similar mortality or disease outbreaks in the future should be described; and
 - e. Qualifications and experience of the personnel who will be responsible for the care of the exotic birds.
 16. A statement that all birds exported or to be exported from the facility are bred at the facility and are marked with closed leg bands or an electronic marking system.
 17. Details on the system of record keeping and tracking of birds and their progeny hatched at the facility, including:
 - a. Documentation that the facility maintains records of hatch dates and band numbers of all birds produced at the facility;
 - b. Documentation that the facility maintains records of all birds traded from the facility, including both within the country in which the facility is located and internationally; and
 - c. Copies of these production and trade data shall be included with the application for the past two calendar years.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

7. A statement demonstrating that the facility is operated in a manner that is not detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild, including:
 - a. The number and origin of original breeding stock (founders);
 - b. If any parental breeding stock was wild-caught, a statement as to the country of origin, date of acquisition, and certification by the Management Authority in the country in which the facility is located that the parental breeding stock was legally acquired; and
8. Certification, in writing, from the Management Authority of the country in which the facility is located that:
 - a. The facility has the capability of breeding the species in captivity in the numbers to be traded without detriment to the wild population;
 - b. The operator of the facility has not been convicted of any violations of the country's laws governing trade and export of avian species; and
 - c. Adequate controls on the breeding facility, including inspections, are in place to prevent the use of the facility for the export or re-export of wild-caught stock, including a statement on security at the facility and any prior losses due to theft.
9. A statement from the Scientific Authority of the country in which the facility is located attesting that the parental stock was established in a manner that was not detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild.
10. A statement from the breeding facility operator of any anticipated need for augmentation of breeding stock with specimens from other sources. If augmentation is to be from the wild, please provide an explanation as to why the removal of additional specimens from the wild shall be included. This explanation must address whether other captive-bred stock is available and describe breeding strategies employed at the facility to avoid deleterious inbreeding so that the need for augmentation from the wild is minimized.
11. Any other information that the applicant considers to may be appropriate to the evaluation of this plan.

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 Approval of a Foreign Breeding Facility under the WBCA application is 8 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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