



Certificate of Scientific Exchange (COSE) (CITES)

New Reissue/Renew Amendment



APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions pertain to 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.

If you are an individual, who would be named on the face of the permit, you need to complete the **Individual Applicant** section of this application.

If you are an individual seeking permits issued to yourself for activities not associated with your business or institution, you need to complete the **Individual Applicant** section as an individual permittee.

If you are an individual associated with a business or institution, and the business or institution's name would appear on the face of the permit, you need to complete the **Business Applicant** section of this application.

If you are a business applying on behalf of an individual, you need to complete the **Business Applicant** section of this application and include a limited power of attorney from the person for whom you represent.

A person/entity is qualified to obtain a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permit or license when they are "subject to the jurisdiction of the United States", per 16 USC 1532(13). A foreign person/entity with no permanent physical presence in the United States only qualifies for an import/export license when they physically enter or exit the U.S. with the wildlife items. The foreign entity is required to designate a U.S. agent for purposes of record keeping.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 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. Items marked with an asterisk (*) are required fields.
- 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.
- If you choose to mail your submission, mail the original application to the address listed below or, if applicable, on the attached address list. We encourage electronic filing in the ePermits system.
- Keep a copy of your completed application.
- Please plan ahead. Unless otherwise indicated, 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). Longer processing times will be noted on those applications.
- Applications are processed in the order they are received.

Individual or Business Applicants:

Individual Applicant. **Complete if applying as an individual** [do not complete this application if applying for Import/Export License (3-200-3) or a Designated Port Exception Permit (3-200-2)]:

- Enter the information requested. Required fields must be completed. This is used to create your profile and consumer information in the ePermits system. **If you do not have an email address, enter not applicable.**
- **Doing business as (dba) / Affiliation:** The Division of Management Authority (DMA) and the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) do **not** accept *doing business as* affiliations for individuals seeking permits on behalf of themselves. "Doing business as" affiliations apply to individuals seeking permits for a business, agency, Tribe, organizational, or institutional affiliation *directly* related to the activity requested in the application. For example, a taxidermist is an individual whose business can *directly* relate to the requested activity of exporting taxidermy (dba relevant permit); however, said taxidermist should not apply as a business for permits to non-business related travel with their pet exotic parrot (dba is **not** relevant to the permit; **complete** the **Business Applicant** section).

Business Applicant. Complete if applying as a business, corporation, public agency, Tribe, or institution:

- Enter the information requested. Required fields must be completed. This is used to create your contact and account information in the ePermits system. **If you do not have an email address, enter not applicable.**
- 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.
- **The 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. Each person that is associated with the business that would need to access the business account needs to create their own contact in the ePermits system.

Application processing fee:

- An application processing fee is required at the time of application, unless exempted under 50 CFR 13. 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. Checks or money orders must be for the exact amount for each application submitted. If you are making more than one request, you must submit a separate payment for each request, otherwise your application will be returned.**
- **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.

CERTIFICATION:

- The individual identified in the Individual Applicant Section, the principal officer named in the Business Applicant Section, 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 THE QUESTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Please continue to next page. DO NOT RETURN THIS PAGE WITH THE APPLICATION

Mail applications to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Division of Management Authority; Branch of Permits, MS:IA; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3803 or as directed by specific applications.

If you would like expedited mailing, please enclose a self-addressed, pre-paid, computer-generated, courier service airway bill. If unspecified, all documents will be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service.

Please refer to the [fee schedule](#) for the appropriate fees for the activity you are requesting.

If you are making more than one request, you must submit a separate payment for each request, otherwise your application will be returned.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS

*First Name	Middle Name	*Last Name

*Email Address	Telephone Number

*Street Address	*City

*State/Province	*Zip or Postal Code	*Country

If you wish to have your permit mailed to a different address, complete the following:

*Street Address	*City

*State/Province	*Zip or Postal Code	*Country

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Have you or your client (if a broker applying on behalf of your client), 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", 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.

Certification Statement

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 and date

Include a check or money order, payable to the U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, as **a nonrefundable processing fee [50 CFR 13.11(d)(4)]** (see instructions above). 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))

***Required fields. Applications without this information are subject to delays or returns.**

BUSINESS APPLICANTS

*Business Name	doing business as (dba)

*Indicate your business type:

Business or other for profit
 Small business
 Government (Federal/State/Local/Tribal)
 Farm
 Not-for-profit institution

Name that will appear on the permit if you are applying on behalf of an individual/business

*Primary Contact Name	*Primary Contact Email Address
*Business Email Address	*Preferred Contact Method (e.g. phone, email)

*Principal Officer Name	*Principal Officer Title	*Principal Officer Email
Tax ID Number	*Business Phone	Alternate Phone

*Street Address	*City

*State/Province	*Zip or Postal Code	*Country

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CERTIFICATE OF SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE (CITES)

A Certificate of Scientific Exchange (COSE) only authorizes the non-commercial loan, donation, or exchange between scientists or scientific institutions registered by a Management Authority of their country, of preserved, dried or embedded specimens, herbarium specimens and live plant material which includes a label issued or approved by a Management Authority. All registered scientific institutions are listed on the CITES web site.

If the specimens of a species are protected by other U.S. laws and/or treaties, such as the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, or Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, you are required to obtain additional authorizations prior to any export or re-import of those specimens.

A COSE cannot be used:

- with specimens collected by researchers unless such specimens are accessioned into the collection of a registered facility. For the import or export of specimens that are not part of a scientific institution collection, have not yet been collected, or accessioned into a collection, use Form [3-200-37e](#). If you have questions, please contact the Division of Management Authority at managementauthority@fws.gov.
- to transport specimens, or any material derived from specimens, for commercial purposes.

This application can be used for:

- New Application
- Amend [Permit number: _____]
- Renew [Permit number: _____]

1. Do you have relevant information available about your institution or collection, please provide the URL?

2. Is the requesting institution (either in whole or in part) or the scientific collection an accredited scientific institution/collection, such as the Alliance of Museums, American Society of Mammalogists, American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (e.g., forensic institutions) or other accrediting entity:

- Yes, attach supporting documents, such as a website, copy of accreditation, or other such evidence of the organization(s) who have given accreditation.
- No, provide copies or other evidence of written policies related to the institution's standards for scientific integrity, record-keeping, accessibility to, and management of the collection.

3. Are the collections and associated data permanently housed and professionally curated?

- Yes, how long have the collections been permanently housed and professionally curated? Provide the physical address for the collection and the name and contact information for the curator:

Name:

Address:

City, State, Postal Code

- No

4. Are all accessions in the scientific collection(s) to be exchanged via this COSE properly recorded in a permanent catalogue?

- Yes, (if catalogue or collection is available online, provide the applicable URL(s) _____)
 No

5. As appropriate, ENTER approximate number of accessions specimens:

- _____ Mammals
 _____ Birds
 _____ Reptiles/Amphibians
 _____ Fish
 _____ Insects/Arachnids
 _____ Other Invertebrates
 _____ Vascular Plants
 _____ Non-Vascular Plants
 _____ Other (provide description _____)

6. Do you maintain any specimens of species protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act?

- Yes No

If yes, do you intend to import or export these specimens? How many specimens are accessioned? _____
 If yes, provide a copy of your MMPA authorization for this activity.

7. Do you maintain any specimens of species protected under the Endangered Species Act?

- Yes No

If yes, do you intend to import or export these specimens? How many specimens are accessioned? _____
 If yes, provide a copy of your ESA authorization for this activity.

8. Do you maintain any specimens of species protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act?

- Yes No

If yes, do you intend to import or export these specimens? How many specimens are accessioned? _____
 If yes, provide a copy of your MBTA authorization for this activity.

9. Do you maintain any specimens of species protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act?

- Yes No

If yes, do you intend to import or export these specimens? How many specimens are accessioned? _____
 If yes, provide a copy of your BGEPA authorization for this activity.

10. Are specimens accessible to qualified users from outside your institution?

- Yes No

ENTER approximate number	In the United States	Outside the United States
Loans last year		
Exchanges last year		
Donations last year		

11. Are permanent records maintained on specimens that are loaned or transferred?
 Yes No
12. Are specimens acquired primarily for the purpose of research, the results of which are to be reported in scientific publications?
 Yes No
13. Are specimens prepared and the collections arranged in a manner that ensures their accessibility?
 Yes No
14. Are data on specimen labels, permanent catalogues, and other records as accurate as possible?
 Yes No
15. To the best of your knowledge, were the specimens in the collection acquired legally under the relevant laws of the country where they were obtained and the United States (e.g., import permits, collection permits, take permits, landowner permission)?
 Yes No
16. Are all specimens of species included in Appendix I of CITES permanently and centrally housed under direct control of the scientific institution as indicated in [CITES Resolution Conference 11.15 \(Rev. CoP18\)](#) on *Non-commercial loan, donation or exchange of museum, herbarium, diagnostic, and forensic research specimens*?
 Yes No
17. Are Appendix-I specimens intended for exchange managed in such a manner to preclude their use solely as decorations or trophies, or for other purposes incompatible with CITES [Resolution Conference 11.15](#) (Rev. CoP18)?
 Yes No

All international shipment(s) must be through a designated port. A [list of designated ports](#) (where a wildlife inspector is posted) is available. 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](#)).

In addition, permittee must maintain complete and accurate records of any specimens imported or exported under this Certificate ([50 CFR 13.46](#)). The records must be kept current and should include the name, address, and COSE number of the institution sending or receiving specimen(s), a description of the specimen(s) exchanged, and the date the exchange occurred. The records must be maintained for five years from the date of expiration of the Certificate. The permittee must make the records available to FWS employees for inspection upon request.

NOTICES

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the following: the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), 50 CFR 22; the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), 50 CFR 17; the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), 50 CFR 21; the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361, et seq.), 50 CFR 18; the Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), 50 CFR 15; the Lacey Act: Injurious Wildlife (18 U.S.C. 42), 50 CFR 16; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (TIAS 8249), 50 CFR 23; General Provisions, 50 CFR 10; General Permit Procedures, 50 CFR 13; and Wildlife Provisions (Import/export/transport), 50 CFR 14.

Purpose: The collection of contact information is to verify the individual has an eligible permit to conduct activities which affect protected species. This helps FWS monitor and report on protected species and assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of species and their habitats.

Routine Uses: The collected information may be used to verify an applicant's eligibility for a permit to conduct activities with protected wildlife; to provide the public and the permittees with permit related information; to monitor activities under a permit; to analyze data and produce reports to monitor the use of protected wildlife; to assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of protected species and their habitats; and to evaluate the effectiveness of the permit programs. More information about routine uses can be found in the System of Records Notice, Permits System, FWS-21.

Disclosure: The information requested in this form is voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required to process applications for permits authorized under the listed authorities. Failure to provide the requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to deny the request.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA; 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) in order provide the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service the information necessary, under the applicable laws governing the requested activity, for which a permit is requested. 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 applicable laws. Failure to provide all requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny the request. According to the PRA, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned Control No. 1018-0093.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

We estimate public reporting for this collection of information averages:

Original submission - paper-based: 30 minutes
Amended submission - paper-based: 20 minutes
Original submission - electronic: 20 minutes
Amended submission - electronic: 15 minutes

These estimates include time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed form to this address.

Questions regarding permits from Management Authority should be sent to managementauthority@fws.gov.