

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R9-IA-2010-N237; 96200-1672-0002-R5; OMB Control Number 1018-0123]

Proposed Information Collection; International Conservation Grant Programs

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2011. We 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.

DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by December 27, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); or hope_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey by mail or e-mail (see **ADDRESSES**) or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

Some of the world's most treasured and exotic animals are dangerously close to extinction. Destruction of natural habitat, illegal poaching, and pet-trade smuggling are devastating populations of tigers, rhinos, marine turtles, great apes, elephants, and many

other highly cherished species. The Division of International Conservation administers 11 competitive grant programs funded under the:

- African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4201-4245).
- Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4261).
- Great Apes Conservation Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-411).
- Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306).
- Marine Turtle Conservation Act (Pub. L. 108-266).
- Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Wildlife Without Borders Programs—Africa, Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean, Russia, Critically Endangered Species, and Amphibians in Decline).

Currently, information that we collect for Critically Endangered Species grants is approved under OMB Control No. 1018-0142, which expires December 31, 2012. Information collection for Amphibians in Decline grants is approved under OMB Control No. 1018-0144, which expires September 30, 2013. We are proposing to consolidate all of our international conservation grants under OMB Control No. 1018-0123. If OMB approves this request, we will discontinue OMB Control Numbers 1018-0142 and 1018-0144.

Applicants submit proposals for funding in response to Notices of Funding Availability that we will publish on Grants.gov. We collect the following information:

- Cover page with basic project details (FWS Form 3-2338).
- Project summary and narrative.
- Letter of appropriate government endorsement.
- Brief curricula vitae for key project personnel.
- Complete Standard Forms 424 and 424b (nondomestic applicants do not submit the standard forms).

Proposals may also include, as appropriate, a copy of the organization's Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NIRCA) and any additional documentation supporting the proposed project.

The project summary and narrative are the basis for this information

collection request. A panel of technical experts reviews each proposal to assess how well the project addresses the priorities identified by each program's authorizing legislation. As all of the on-the-ground projects are conducted outside the United States, the letter of appropriate government endorsement ensures that the proposed activities will not meet with local resistance or work in opposition to locally identified priorities and needs. Brief curricula vitae for key project personnel allow the review panel to assess the qualifications of project staff to effectively carry out the project goals and objectives. As all Federal entities must honor the indirect cost rates an organization has negotiated with its cognizant agency, we require all organizations with a NICRA to submit the agreement paperwork with their proposals to verify how their rate is applied in their proposed budget. Applicants may provide any additional documentation that they believe best supports their proposal.

All assistance awards under these grant programs have a maximum reporting requirement of a:

- Mid-term report (performance report and a financial status report) due within 30 days of the conclusion of the first half of the project period, and
- Final report (performance and financial status report and copies of all deliverables, photographic documentation of the project and products resulting from the project) due within 90 days of the end of the performance period.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018-0123.

Title: International Conservation Grant Programs.

Service Form Number: 3-2338.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Domestic and nondomestic individuals, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, private sector entities, and State, local and Tribal governments.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Activity	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Completion time per response	Total annual burden hours
Applications	619	619	12 hours	7,428
Reports	146	292	30 hours	8,760
Totals	766	911	16,188

III. Comments

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: October 19, 2010.

Hope Grey,

Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; OMB Control Number 1018-0094; Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports—Native Endangered and Threatened Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. We summarize the ICR below and describe the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This ICR is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2010. We 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. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before November 26, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB—

OIRA at (202) 395-5806 (fax) or OIRA_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail), or hope_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Hope Grey by mail or e-mail (see **ADDRESSES**) or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 1018-0094.

Title: Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports—Native Endangered and Threatened Species, 50 CFR 13 and 17.

Service Form Number(s): 3-200-54, 3-200-55, and 3-200-56.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals/households, businesses, State and local agencies, private organizations, and scientific and research institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion for application forms and notifications; annually for reports.

Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden: \$55,000 for fees associated with permit applications.

Activity	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Completion time per response	Total annual burden hours
3-200-54—permit application	11	11	3 hours	33
3-200-54—annual report	64	64	8 hours	512
3-200-54—notifications (incidental take and change in land-owner).	2	2	1 hour	2
2-200-55—permit application	579	579	4 hours	2,316
3-200-55—annual report	1,034	1,034	8 hours	8,272
3-200-55—notification (escape of living wildlife)	1	1	1 hour	1
3-200-56—permit application	60	60	3 hours	180
3-200-56—annual report	748	748	10 hours	7,480
Totals	2,499	2,499	18,796

Abstract: Our Endangered Species Program uses information that we collect on permit applications to determine the eligibility of applicants for permits requested in accordance with the criteria in various Federal wildlife conservation laws, including:

- Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*).
- Lacey Act (16 U.S.C. 3371 *et seq.*).

- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668).
- Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1374).

Service regulations implementing these statutes and treaties are in Chapter I, Subchapter B of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). These regulations stipulate general and specific requirements that when met allow us to issue permits to authorize activities that are otherwise prohibited. This IC includes the following permit

application forms and the reporting requirements for each permit:

(1) FWS Form 3-200-54—Enhancement of Survival Permits Associated with Safe Harbor Agreements and Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances.

(2) FWS Form 3-200-55—Permits for Scientific Purposes, Enhancement of Propagation or Survival (*i.e.*, Recovery) and Interstate Commerce.