

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

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Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before April 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Public Comment Procedures**

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1)

Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications

Applicant: Wild Wilderness Drive-Through Safari, Gentry, AR; PRT-28258A

The applicant requests amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to add red ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*), Grevy’s zebra (*Equus grevyi*), Hartmann’s mountain zebra (*Equus hartmannae*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), and Dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*) to enhance their

propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Riverbanks Zoological Park, Columbia, SC; PRT-667921

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genus, and species, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families

Bovidae
Callitricidae
Canidae
Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Equidae
Felidae
Hominidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Macropodidae
Pteropodidae
Rhinocerotidae
Suidae
Tapiridae
Ursidae
Bucerotidae
Columbidae
Cracidae
Gruidae
Psittacidae (*does not include Thick-billed parrots*)
Rallidae
Rheidae
Spheniscidae
Sturnidae (*does not include Aplonis pelzelni*)
Threskiornithidae
Zosteropidae
Alligatoridae (*does not include American alligator*)
Bovidae (*does not include Mona boa or Puerto Rican boa*)
Crocodylidae (*does not include American crocodile*)
Emydidae
Gekkonidae
Iguanidae
Pelomedusidae
Testudinidae
Trionychidae
Varanidae
Viperidae (*includes Crotalus unicolor but not Crotalus willardi*)
Cryptobranchidae

Genus
Tragopan

Species
Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*)

Applicant: Oakland Zoo, Oakland, CA; PRT-199071

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genus, and species, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families

Hylobatidae

Species

Dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*)

Ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*)

Panamanian golden frog (*Atelopus zeteki*)

Applicant: Santa Ana Zoo, Santa Ana, CA; PRT-691733

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genus, and species, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families

Cebidae

Lemuridae

Species

Lar gibbon (*Hylobates lar*)

Maned wolf (*Chrysocyon brachyurus*)

South American tapir (*Tapirus terrestris*)

Pudu (*Pudu pudu*)

Applicant: Zoo of Acadiana, LLC, Broussard, LA; PRT-209126

The applicant requests amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to add red ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*), Siamang (*Symphalangus syndactylus*), South American tapir (*Tapirus terrestris*), barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*), slender-horned gazelle (*Gazella leptoceros*), banteng (*Bos javanicus*), anoa (*Bubalus depressicornis*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), Dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), Salmon-crested cockatoo (*Cacatua moluccensis*) and Nile crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: 5F Ranch, Zephyr, TX; PRT-66071A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess

scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Madera Bonita Ranch, Old Glory, TX; PRT-65707A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Madera Bonita Ranch, Old Glory, TX; PRT-67100A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Y.O. Ranch, Mountain Home, TX; PRT-66048A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the Eld's deer (*Rucervus eldii*), barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*), Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), and dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Y.O. Ranch, Mountain Home, TX; PRT-66049A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), and dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Wildwood Wildlife Park, Minocqua, WI; PRT-66306A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*), brown lemur (*Eulemur fulvus*), cotton-top tamarin (*Saguinus oedipus*),

leopard (*Panthera pardus*), salmon-crested cockatoo (*Cacatua moluccensis*), Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Prater-Pirkle Land Co., Blanket, TX; PRT-66309A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Prater-Pirkle Land Co., Blanket, TX; PRT-66626A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Cotton Mesa Trophy Whitetail, Wortham, TX; PRT-66631A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), and dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Cotton Mesa Trophy Whitetail, Wortham, TX; PRT-66632A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) and addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), from the captive herds maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Mayfield Ranch, Christoval, TX; PRT-67061A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), and dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), to enhance their

propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Mayfield Ranch, Christoval, TX; PRT-67162A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) and addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), from the captive herds maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Harkey Ranch, Eldorado, TX; PRT-67060A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the Grevy's zebra (*Equus grevyi*), Hartmann's mountain zebra (*Equus hartmannae*), Eld's deer (*Rucervus eldii*), barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*), bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*), Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), slender-horned gazelle (*Gazella leptoceros*), and Dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Jimmy Asaff; Sarita, TX; PRT-67291A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Applicant: Jimmy Asaff; Sarita, TX; PRT-67292A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Smithsonian National Zoological Park, Washington, DC; PRT-007870

The applicant request reissuance of their permit for scientific research with

captive-born giant pandas (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*) currently held under loan agreement with the Government of China and under provisions of the USFWS Giant Panda Policy. The proposed research will cover all aspects of behavior, reproductive physiology, genetics, nutrition, and animal health and is a continuation of activities currently in progress. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Britt Rice, College Station, TX; PRT-66229A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Kristi Crosby, Camp Verde, TX; 65098A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Christopher Karcher, San Antonio, TX; PRT-65362A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Forest Land LLC, Sanderson, TX; PRT-66630A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), and dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Forest Land LLC, Sanderson, TX; PRT-66629A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), and dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification

covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: C.H. Guenther & Son Inc., San Antonio, TX; PRT-65755A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: C.H. Guenther & Son Inc., San Antonio, TX; PRT-67110A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Lucky Penny Ranch, Killeen, TX; PRT-67448A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Lucky Penny Ranch, Killeen, TX; PRT-67449A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Safeguard Investments LTD, Sandia, TX; PRT-67421A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), and addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Circle S Ranch, LLC, Mountain Home, TX; PRT-67458A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Circle S Ranch, LLC, Mountain Home, TX; PRT-67459A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Petty Group, LLP, San Antonio, TX; PRT-65763A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Petty Group, LLP, San Antonio, TX; PRT-65764A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, Powell, OH; PRT-56216A

The applicant requests a permit to purchase in interstate commerce one male Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*) born in captivity from Riddle's Elephant and Wildlife Sanctuary, Greenbriar, AR for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: James McNicol, Chandler, AR; PRT-66555A

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa,

for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Brenda Tapia,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of teleconference.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a public teleconference of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council (Council).

DATES: *Teleconference:* Tuesday April 3, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern daylight time). For deadlines and directions on registering to listen to the teleconference, submitting written material, and giving an oral presentation, please see "Public Input" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., we announce that Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council will hold a teleconference.

Background

Formed in February 2010, the Council provides advice about wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that:

1. Benefit recreational hunting;
2. Benefit wildlife resources; and
3. Encourage partnership among the public, the sporting conservation community, the shooting and hunting sports industry, wildlife conservation organizations, the States, Native American tribes, and the Federal Government.

The Council advises the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, reporting through the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in consultation with the

Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM); Director, National Park Service (NPS); Chief, Forest Service (USFS); Chief, Natural Resources Service (NRCS); and Administrator, Farm Services Agency (FSA). The Council's duties are strictly advisory and consist of, but are not limited to, providing recommendations for:

1. Implementing the Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Resource Conservation Plan—A Ten-Year Plan for Implementation;

2. Increasing public awareness of and support for the Sport Wildlife Trust Fund;

3. Fostering wildlife and habitat conservation and ethics in hunting and shooting sports recreation;

4. Stimulating sportsmen and women's participation in conservation and management of wildlife and habitat resources through outreach and education;

5. Fostering communication and coordination among State, Tribal, and Federal Government; industry; hunting and shooting sportsmen and women; wildlife and habitat conservation and management organizations; and the public;

6. Providing appropriate access to Federal lands for recreational shooting and hunting;

7. Providing recommendation to improve implementation of Federal conservation programs that benefit wildlife, hunting, and outdoor recreation on private lands; and

8. When requested by the agencies' designated ex officio members or the Designated Federal Officer in consultation with the Council Chairman, performing a variety of assessments or reviews of policies, programs, and efforts through the Council's designated subcommittees or workgroups.

Background information on the Council is available at <http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>.

Meeting Agenda

The Council will hold a teleconference to consider:

1. Clean Water Act implementation: impacts to habitat and wildlife management

2. Pending legislation affecting public hunting access and opportunities

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>.