

(NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.

Project

The applicant requests only to extend the ITP expiration date for 3 years, from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2026, and does not seek any other modifications, including but not limited to alterations of the FWS's original and analyses of the initial ITP application.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made available to the public. While you may request that we withhold your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that extending the expiration date of the ITP by three additional years would individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the covered species and the environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily concluded that renewal of the ITP would qualify for categorical exclusion and that this action is low effect under our NEPA regulations at 43 CFR 46.205 and 46.210. A low-effect action is one that would result in (1) minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) impacts that, when considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not over time result in significant cumulative effects to environmental values or resources.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments received to determine whether to renew the ITP by extending the expiration date. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the requested renewal. After considering the above findings, we will determine whether the issuance criteria for ITP renewal in 50 CFR 13.22 have been met. If met, the Service will renew Monroe County, Florida's ITP number PER 0039939 by extending the expiration

date by 3 years (from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2026). The ITP number has been updated to reflect the Service's new permit tracking system (ePermits).

Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6 and 43 CFR 46.305).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0053;
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Foreign Endangered Species; Receipt of Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species.

DATES: We must receive comments by August 15, 2022.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0053.

Submitting Comments: When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0053.

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0053; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703-358-2185, or via email at DMAFR@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I comment on submitted applications?

We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information 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.

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>, unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

C. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA allow otherwise prohibited activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Service regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17.

III. Permit Applications

We invite comments on the following applications.

Endangered Species

Applicant: Gulf Breeze Zoo, Gulf Breeze, FL; Permit No. PER0036985

The applicant requests a permit to import one male captive-bred siamang (*Symphalangus syndactylus*) from Nature Resource Network, S.R.O., Czech Republic for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

Applicant: Gulf Breeze Zoo, Gulf Breeze, FL; Permit No. PER0036987

The applicant requests a permit to import two female captive-bred siamang (*Symphalangus syndactylus*) from the

Mykolaiv Zoo, Mykolaiv, Ukraine, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

Applicant: Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA; Permit No. PER0032028

The applicant requests authorization to import biological samples of free ranging and captive-held loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*), green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*), and hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) from multiple locations for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL; Permit No. PER0037858

The applicant requests authorization to import biological samples collected from wild hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) from Brazil for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: IUCN Iguana Specialist Group, c/o John G. Shedd Aquarium, Chicago, IL; Permit No. PER0038127

The applicant requests to amend and renew authorization to import biological samples collected from captive-hatched, captive-held, and wild specimens of iguanas within the *Cyclura* genus for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Evan Rosenoff, Cary, NC; Permit No. PER0038417

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for Madagascar radiated tortoise (*Geochelone radiata* syn. *Astrochelys radiata*), to enhance the propagation or survival of the species: This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Utica Zoological Society, Utica, NY; Permit No. 83956D

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the lar gibbon (*Hylobates lar*), Hartmann's Mountain zebra (*Equus zebra hartmannae*), and white-naped crane (*Grus vipio*), to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Indianapolis Zoological Society, Inc., dba Indianapolis Zoo, Indianapolis, IN; Permit No. PER0042461

The applicant requests a permit to export two male captive-bred ring-tailed lemurs (*Lemur catta*) to the Calgary Zoo, Calgary, Canada, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single export.

Multiple Trophy Applicants

The following applicants request permits to import sport-hunted trophies of 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 enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

Applicant: Brian Bailey, Roswell, NM; Permit No. 33361D

Applicant: Charles Bowlin, Shreveport, LA; Permit No. 02359D

Applicant: Edwin Hartman, Ovid, NY; Permit No. 73030C

Applicant: Jeffery Hammond, Burns, WY; Permit No. 02623D

Applicant: Richard Roark, Marshall, TX; Permit No. 72865D

IV. Next Steps

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

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