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APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING INTERSTATE COMMERCE AND CULLING FOR THE THREE ANTELOPE

On January 5, 2012, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) published a final rule to eliminate a regulation that authorized certain otherwise prohibited activities under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for U.S. captive-bred animals and sport-hunted trophies of three endangered African antelope species — the scimitar-horned oryx, addax and dama gazelle. The regulation being eliminated had excluded these three species from permitting requirements as long as certain conditions were met.

If a captive-breeding facility, such as a zoo or ranch, is legally carrying out activities that were previously authorized under the exclusion, they should be able to continue those activities with the proper permit or other authorization.

The final rule will become effective on April 4, 2012, 90 days after publication in the *Federal Register*.

With this change, ranches that maintain a herd of one of the three antelope that wish to either conduct interstate commerce with these species or actively manage their herd by culling excess animals must be registered into the Captive-Bred Wildlife Registration (CBW) Program. Further, in order to authorize outside hunters (individuals not employed by the ranch) to cull excess animals, the ranch must have 1) a valid CBW registration and 2) a valid take (or "cull") permit.

Two application forms are involved in this process. A completed Form 3-200-41 (Captive-Bred Wildlife Registration) is needed to register in the CBW program. A completed Form 3-200-37 (Export/Import/Interstate and Foreign Commerce/Take of Animals) is needed to obtain a cull permit. The following is a quick guide to completing the application forms. This guide, compiled by the Service's Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority is an informal discussion of the application forms and is not intended to replace the instructions that accompany the application forms or alter the questions presented in these forms. This guide is for informational purposes only. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Branch of Permits at (703) 358-2104.

Form 3-200-41 ("Captive-Bred Wildlife Registration (CBW)")

To Obtain a Captive-Bred Wildlife Registration, the ranch must submit form 3-200-41 ("Captive-Bred Wildlife Registration (CBW)"). The following is a guide to completing the application:

Page 1, Section A – Do not complete this section. Since the intent of the registration is to conduct commercial activities (you will apply as a business).

Page 1, Section B and C – Complete both sections.

Page 1, Section D – Include a check or money order for the application fee of \$200. Question 2 asks if you currently have a Federal Fish and Wildlife permit. This will alert Service staff if you are already in our computer system to avoid duplicate data entry. Sign and date the certification statement in Question 3. If granted, CBW registration is valid for FIVE years, with an annual reporting requirement (see form 3-200-41a (Captive-Bred Wildlife Registration Annual Report for Calendar Year __ for more information about the annual reporting requirements).

Page 2, Section E (for questions that do not apply to your ranch, please respond with "N/A");

Question 1 – provide the species you wish to register. Below are the common names and scientific names of the three species. If you are applying to register for other species and do not know the scientific name, the Service will accept the common name.

Scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) Addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*)
Dama gazelle (*Gazella dama*)

Question 2 – Location of your ranch where wildlife is/will be held.

Question 3 – If you do not currently possess any wildlife, identify where you intend to obtain the animals. If obtaining them outside the State where the ranch is located, the seller must be a CBW holder, and you will need to provide the seller ranch's CBW number. If obtaining them within the State where the ranch is located, state from whom you are purchasing.

Question 4 – Provide the number or estimated number of specimens you currently possess. We are not looking for exact counts, unless you have them. A good estimate is sufficient.

Question 5 – The question is directed to how your operation will benefit or enhance the species you hold. For most CBW holders, this enhancement consists of maintaining a genetically diverse herd of animals and carrying out breeding operations that could make animals available for further conservation breeding efforts or reintroduction purposes. If this is the reason for your request, state this.

Question 6 – This question is requesting a brief description of how you will manage your herd(s) to ensure genetic diversity. One way to respond to this question is to discuss how your ranch manages its antelope herd(s) to ensure that it remains healthy.

Question 7 – N/A. This question is typically directed at zoos or wildlife sanctuaries and probably does not apply to your ranch.

Question 8 – N/A. This question is typically directed at research operations and probably does not apply to your ranch.

Question 9 – This question is asking about the ranch's expertise with the species. While this is typically directed at zoos or sanctuaries attempting to maintain a hard-to-manage species, please provide a brief description of the ranch's experience. Answer the series of questions as best you can. The Service recognizes that management of these species is similar to managing livestock, so relevant experience can be in livestock management of other species.

Question 10 – Please provide a brief description of the ranch and where the animals will be maintained (e.g., number of acres used by registered wildlife; are the species maintained separately or with other wildlife/livestock); is supplemental feed or veterinarian care provided; etc.)

Question 11 – N/A. This question is typically directed at zoos or wildlife sanctuaries and probably does not apply to your ranch.

Question 12 – As a business, this question would not apply to you. As a business, certain information must be made available to the public ONLY IF requested. The list is not published on the Service website or in any publication. Since the Service is aware of individual's concerns about privacy, we strive to minimize the release of any information that is not mandated by law. The Service annually provides an updated list of CBW participants.

Question 13 – Provide an alternative mailing address if you want the registration sent to a different address than provided on page 1.

Question 14 – Provide billing information if you want the registration sent by FedEx or a carrier other than U.S. Postal Service.

Question 15 – Provide a contact name (if different from the one provided on Page 1).

Page 4 and 5 – These two pages contain standardized language about the application, Privacy Act, Paperwork Reduction Act, and the Freedom of Information Act. There is nothing on these pages that needs to be completed, but we encourage applicants to read the information.

Form 3-200-37 ("Export/Import/Interstate and Foreign Commerce/Take of Animals")

As stated above, to authorize outside hunters (individuals not employed by the ranch) to cull excess animals, the ranch must obtain a take or "cull" permit. This application covers a large number of activities that could be authorized under the Endangered Species Act. As such, some questions would not apply to a ranch wishing to obtain take (culling) authorization.

Page 1, Section A – Do not complete this section (you will apply as a business).

Page 1, Section B and C – Complete both sections.

Page 1, Section D – Include a check or money order for the application fee of \$100. Question 2 asks if you currently have a Federal Fish and Wildlife permit. This will alert Service staff to avoid duplicate data entry in our computer system. Sign and date the certification statement in Question 3. If granted, take permits are valid for ONE year with renewal typically granted if there have been no significant changes to the ranch or its operations.

Page 2, Section E (for questions that do not apply to your ranch, please respond with "N/A"):

Question 1 – Check the TAKE box

Question 2a – Provide the species you wish to register. Below are the common names and scientific names of the three species. If you are applying to register for other species and do not know the scientific name, the Service will accept the common name.

Scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) Addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*)
Dama gazelle (*Gazella dama*)

Question 2b – N/A. This question is typically directed to activities that involve only a few specimens, not a ranching operation.

Question 3 - Location of your ranch where wildlife is/will be held.

Question 4 – N/A. Since your request for take authorization does not involve import, export, or interstate commerce, this question does not apply to you. (Please note that if the ranch is approved, individuals who come to the ranch to assist in the culling operation (i.e., hunt) are not required to obtain a permit from the Service in order to take their trophy across State lines. If, however, the hunter wishes to export the trophy out of the United States, they are required to apply for an export permit using form 3-200-28.)

Question 5a – N/A. In order to obtain a cull permit, the ranch must already possess or have applied for CBW registration. As such, information on the specimens maintained at the ranch has been provided.

Question 5b - N/A. In order to obtain a cull permit, the ranch must already possess or have applied for CBW registration. As such, information on the specimens maintained at the ranch has been provided.

Question 6 - N/A. In order to obtain a cull permit, the ranch must already possess or have applied for CBW registration. As such, information on the specimens maintained at the ranch has been provided.

Question 7 – In order to obtain a cull permit, the ranch must already possess or have applied for CBW registration. Therefore, please state this fact.

In addition, you need to provide a justification for allowing culling on the ranch. You need to identify the anticipated level of off take, how your herd is being managed so that culling is necessary, and how you are supporting in-situ conservation efforts. For other permit applications like this, applicants have committed 10 percent or more of the hunting revenue to an in-situ conservation project being managed by a non-governmental organization, such as Conservation Force or Exotic Wildlife Association.

Question 8 - N/A. In order to obtain a cull permit, the ranch must already possess or have applied for CBW registration. As such, this information has been provided.

Question 9 – N/A. This application is for authorization to take or cull excess animals and does not involve import or export.

Question 10 - N/A. This application is for authorization to take or cull excess animals and does not involve import.

Question 11 - N/A. This application is for authorization to take or cull excess animals and does not involve export.

Question 12 - N/A. This application is for authorization to take or cull excess animals and does not involve re-export.

Question 13 - N/A. This application is for authorization to take or cull excess animals and does not involve import or export.

Question 14 – Provide an alternative mailing address if you want the registration to be sent to a different address than provided on page 1.

Question 15 – Provide billing information if you want the registration to be sent by FedEx or a carrier other than U.S. Postal Service.

Question 16 – Provide a contact name (if different from the one provided on Page 1).

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