

# Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild (for keeping in captivity)

A Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild (for keeping in captivity) entitles the permit holder to take protected animals, or the eggs of protected animals, from the wild into captivity for any of the following purposes:

- to supplement or introduce new species to the captive fauna trade
- to promote species and environmental awareness through presentation and interpretation of wildlife
- to obtain biological products (e.g., snake venom)
- to retain and use wildlife for training or education purposes.

A Permit to Take a Protected Animal from the Wild does not allow a permit holder to sell, lease, gift or give away the protected animal to any other person, however the sale or disposal of offspring/progeny bred from animals taken from the wild may be permitted under a relevant permit.

## Application processing time

Allow up to 4 weeks (20 business days). Complex or incomplete applications may require further information and take longer to process.

## Fees

Take Protected Animals from the Wild Permit:      Application fee: \$177.00      Permit fee: \$59.00

A royalty fee is payable per protected animal approved to be taken from the wild. No royalty fee applies to take the eggs of protected animals from the wild.

<u>Conservation status of protected animal</u>	<u>Royalty fee</u>
(a) an animal of an endangered species (Schedule 7 of the Act)	\$706.00 per animal
(b) an animal of a vulnerable species (Schedule 8 of the Act)	\$354.00 per animal
(c) an animal of a rare species (Schedule 9 of the Act)	\$177.00 per animal
(d) an animal of any other species of protected animal	\$ 88.50 per animal

Royalty fees contribute towards the conservation of wildlife, wildlife habitat and wildlife conservation research through the NPWS Wildlife Conservation Fund.

Fees and royalties are non-refundable where animals are not taken.

**Payment:** by credit card over the phone to Fauna Permits Unit on (08) 8124 4972 upon receipt of your application or by attending a NPWS office.

## Assessment criteria

Permit applications for taking protected animals from the wild for keeping in captivity are assessed with consideration to the following:

- applicant is a South Australian resident
- availability of the species in captive trade
- efforts to source the species through captive sources
- conservation status of the species in the wild

- ecological risk or impact to the species, or to ecological communities, from a limited take from the wild
- written permission from the landowner to be on the land for the purpose of taking the applied animals
- methods and equipment to be used for taking and transport are appropriate, humane and comply with relevant animal welfare guidelines
- possession of a relevant and valid Keep and Sell Permit where applicable for the species
- experience and ability to successfully breed similar species, where applicable
- ability to acclimatise wild animals to a captive environment
- applicant is suitably experienced and a fit and proper person to hold a permit and can provide contact details of two persons to act as a referee for the application.

## Property details

You must provide specific property information on your application regarding where the animals will be taken from, including a Hundred reference (e.g. Moorowie) and a Plan Parcel reference (e.g. D32868 A204).

You may source this information from a council rates notice or online using the [SA Property and Planning Atlas](#). Locate your property using the 'Search' or 'Zoom' instructions. Right click on your property to view the property information panel and find the Hundred and Plan Parcel necessary to complete your application.

Please list the details for all properties on your application if you require take on multiple properties.

## Permit conditions

It is an offense for the permit holder, or any person listed on a permit, not to comply with the conditions of a Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild.

Limitations, restrictions and conditions on a permit may include:

- species and quantity of animals that may be taken
- location(s) where take may take place
- persons additional to the permit holder who may assist take
- methods or equipment for take and transport comply with relevant animal welfare guidelines
- no protected animal taken under a permit can be sold or disposed of to another person
- a report specifying the species, sex and number of protected animals taken must be returned within 14 days of permit completion (i.e., when the permitted number of animals is reached) or within 14 days of permit expiry
- any additional conditions placed on the permit by the department.

## Submit your application

**Email:** [wildlife@sa.gov.au](mailto:wildlife@sa.gov.au)

**Post:** Wildlife Management Unit,  
Department for Environment and Water  
GPO Box 1047,  
Adelaide, SA, 5001

**Telephone enquiries:** (08) 8124 4972



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[www.environment.sa.gov.au/licences-and-permits/wildlife-permits](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/licences-and-permits/wildlife-permits)



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Pursuant to section 53(1)(d) of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* and National Parks and Wildlife (Wildlife) Regulations 2019

Form not valid for use after June 2026

Part 1: Applicant information			
<i>Note – the applicant is the person who will keep the protected animals in captivity once they are taken from the wild</i>			
Your personal details			
Title	First name	Surname	Date of birth
Your residential address			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
Your mailing address			
<input type="checkbox"/> as above			
e.g., Post Office Box		City/suburb/town	Post code
Your contact details			
Telephone number	Mobile number	Email	
If you represent an institution, organisation or business, please complete the following fields			
Institution / organisation / business name:			
Business location:			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
Business postal address:			
<input type="checkbox"/> as above			
e.g., Post Office Box		City/suburb/town	Post code
Current South Australian Keep and Sell Permit(s) held:			
Permit number	Permit class	Expiry date	List any permit endorsements relevant to this application



Prior convictions		
Have you ever been convicted of an offence against the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i> , the <i>Animal Welfare Act 1985</i> or equivalent interstate legislation? If yes, please provide details below.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Description of offence	Year	State
Part 2: Species of protected animal and number required		
Is this application for the taking of protected animals or eggs?		<input type="checkbox"/> animals <input type="checkbox"/> eggs
Common name	Scientific Name	Quantity*
My South Australian Keep and Sell Permit authorises the keeping of these animals or eggs?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Exempt species)		
*A royalty fee dependent on the conservation status of the protected animal is payable per animal taken from the wild		
Part 3: Purpose for taking protected animals from the wild to keep in captivity		
Tick those that apply to your situation.		
<input type="checkbox"/> There are limited numbers in captivity	<input type="checkbox"/> For public display and education	
<input type="checkbox"/> There are limited numbers available through captive trade	<input type="checkbox"/> For use in training courses	
<input type="checkbox"/> To breed animals taken from the wild and sell progeny/offspring through captive trade	<input type="checkbox"/> To obtain biological products	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):		
Please provide specific details on why you wish to take these animals (or eggs) from the wild:		

**Please provide specific details on your efforts over the past 12 months to source these animals from captive sources.** Include the name and contact details of the private wildlife keepers or wildlife businesses you have contacted.

Name of person	Permit type/category of private wildlife keeper or wildlife business	Phone number	Date contacted

**Additional information on your efforts to source the animals from captive sources:**

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#### Part 4: Proposed locations for take of protected animals or eggs

☐ I have attached to this application the written permission of the following landowners to be on their land for the purpose of taking protected animals or eggs from the wild

*\*If more than 2 locations please attach additional location information*

##### Location 1

<b>Property name:</b> (if applicable)			
<b>Descriptive property address:</b> (road location)			
<b>Name of landowner</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>	

##### Location 1 property details

<b>Hundred</b> e.g. Moorowie	<b>Plan reference</b> include plan type (D, F etc.) and plan number e.g. D32868	<b>Parcel reference</b> include parcel type (A, Q etc.) and parcel numbers or range of parcel numbers e.g. A204, A207-A220

##### Location 2

<b>Property name:</b> (if applicable)			
<b>Descriptive property address:</b> (road location)			
<b>Name of landowner</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>	



Location 2 property details		
<b>Hundred</b> e.g. <i>Moorowie</i>	<b>Plan reference</b> include plan type (D, F etc.) and plan number e.g. <i>D32868</i>	<b>Parcel reference</b> include parcel type (A, Q etc.) and parcel numbers or range of parcel numbers e.g. <i>A204, A207-A220</i>

Part 5: Method of taking protected animals or eggs	
<b>Equipment to be used</b> <i>Select from the following options (may select more than one option)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> by hand	<input type="checkbox"/> cage trap (specify dimensions and trap mechanism) *
<input type="checkbox"/> by hand from nest, tree hollow or burrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Sherman/Elliott trap (specify dimensions) *
<input type="checkbox"/> hook, hoop and bag, tongs and pinning tool	<input type="checkbox"/> net trap (specify dimensions and trap mechanism) *
<input type="checkbox"/> other trap, net or device*	
*Please specify name of trap, dimensions, trap mechanism and manufacturer:	

Part 6: Environmental impact
<p>Describe your strategy to minimise impacts to the species and the natural ecological community from taking these protected animals or eggs. Please include the rationale for the quantity taken from each specific site (particularly in the case of dependent young):</p> <p><i>E.g., 1 - in the case of fertile eggs from species A, all eggs in the clutch will be taken as the parents will abandon the nest.</i></p> <p><i>E.g., 2 - in the case of dependent chicks from species B, only one of the two chicks will be taken from the nest. This will improve the survival prospects of the remaining chick.</i></p>

Part 7: Persons taking protected animals or eggs from the wild		
<b>Who will be taking the protected animals or eggs from the wild?</b> <i>Both options may be selected</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> applicant <input type="checkbox"/> another person*
*If a person(s) other than yourself will take these animals, please list their details below. Attach additional pages if required.		
<b>IMPORTANT: If you, or a person acting with your authority, contravenes or fails to comply with a limitation, restriction, condition or provision of a permit (if granted) then you, as the permit holder, may be found guilty of an offence.</b>		
<b>Person 1</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Keep and Sell permit no.</b> (If applicable)
<b>Residential address:</b>		
<b>Experience with handling the species (or similar species):</b>		
<b>Person 2</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Keep and Sell permit no.</b> (If applicable)
<b>Residential address:</b>		
<b>Experience with handling the species (or similar species):</b>		
<b>Part 8: Transport of wild caught animals</b>		
Note - the National Parks and Wildlife (Wildlife) Regulations 2019 (Regulation 39) sets out requirements for the construction and labelling of cages and containers for transport.		
<b>Please describe the method of transport and the transport cage or containers to be used to transport wild caught animals or eggs:</b>		
<b>Method of transport</b>		
<b>Description of transport cage or container</b>		

**Part 8: Acclimatising wild caught animals or hatchlings (from eggs taken) into captivity**

**Describe how you will acclimatise the wild caught animals or hatchlings (from eggs taken) into captivity** (e.g., diet, feeding, housing, temperature, monitoring behaviour).

*Attach additional sheets if required.*

**In the event that the animals or hatchlings (from eggs taken) taken from the wild are not acclimatising to captivity, describe what steps you will take to manage this.**

*Attach additional sheets if required.*

**Part 9: Referees**

**Please provide contact details of two persons who would act as a referee for this permit application.**

**Referee 1** This referee should affirm that you are a fit and proper person.

Name	Phone	Email

**Referee 2** This referee should be experienced in the husbandry of the protected animals (or similar species of protected animal) listed in this application and preferably have good knowledge of the ecology of the species and the collection areas.

Name	Phone	Email

**Referee Keep and Sell (or other related) permit number:**





Part 9: Permit duration – maximum 12 months	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 months <input type="checkbox"/> 6 months <input type="checkbox"/> 9 months <input type="checkbox"/> 12 months	
Part 10: Declaration by applicant	Form not valid for use after June 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I understand that if a permit is granted, any protected animal taken from the wild cannot be sold or disposed of. Sale or disposal of any offspring/progeny from those animals taken from the wild may be permitted with a relevant permit.</li> <li>• I have attached to this application the written permission of the landowner to be on their land for the purpose of taking and/or releasing protected animals.</li> <li>• I declare that the information included in this application is true and accurate.</li> <li>• I understand there are penalties for making a false or misleading statement.</li> <li>• I understand that a permit may be declined or granted with parameters different to those applied.</li> <li>• I acknowledge that the information provided in this application may be used in accordance with the Government of South Australia's <a href="#">Information Privacy Principles Instruction</a>.</li> </ul>	
Signature of applicant	Dated



## Report on taking protected animals or eggs

### (Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild)

*National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972, section 53(4)*

TO:

The Director, National Parks and Wildlife

GPO Box 1047

Adelaide SA 5001

Email: [Wildlife@sa.gov.au](mailto:Wildlife@sa.gov.au)

**Permit number:**

**Name of permit holder:**

**Address:**

### Summary of animals or eggs taken

#	Species common name	Actual number taken	Date taken	Sex	Number of live young hatched (from eggs)	Latitude and longitude of collection site
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						

**Permit holder signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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