

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

Before completing your application, please read the following information.

Legislation

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (section 53(1)(d))

National Parks and Wildlife (Wildlife) Regulations 2019

Overview

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is responsible for regulating the management of native wildlife in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* ('the Act') and all Regulations and Proclamations made under the Act. Under the Act it is an offence to take a protected animal or egg of a protected animal without a permit.

What is a protected animal?

Under the Act, a protected animal is:

- a) any mammal, bird or reptile indigenous to Australia; or
- b) any migratory mammal, bird or reptile that periodically or occasionally migrates to, and lives in, Australia; or
- c) any animal of a species referred to in [Schedule 7, 8 or 9](#); or
- d) any animal of a species declared by regulation to be a species of protected animals,

but is not any of the animals referred to in [Schedule 10](#) of the Act or any animals declared by regulation to be unprotected.

Permit description

A section 53(1)(d) permit entitles the holder to take protected animals or the eggs of protected animals (identified in the permit by reference to their species) from the wild for the purposes of breeding, translocation, education, training or production of biological products, or for other purposes.

Policy statement

A limited take from the wild, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining captive colonies, is acceptable providing it occurs within an ecologically acceptable framework, is consistent with the objectives of the Act and meets DEW decision making criteria.

DEW may grant a Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild (for keeping in captivity) for any of the following purposes, to:

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



A person applying for a Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild (for keeping in captivity) must hold a Permit to Keep, Sell or Display native animals appropriate to the species (unless those protected species are considered exempt). Any protected animal taken from the wild pursuant to a Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild (for keeping in captivity) cannot be sold or disposed of, however the sale or disposal of offspring/progeny bred from these animals taken from the wild may be permitted under a relevant permit.

The DEW [Take from the Wild Standard](#) document also sets out other purposes where an application for a Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild may be considered.

Assessment considerations

DEW considers applications for a Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild (for keeping in captivity) based on the following primary assessment parameters:

- the species is not generally available in captive trade
- the conservation status of the species in the wild is secure
- it can be demonstrated that there is no ecological risk or impact to the species or to natural ecological communities from a limited take from the wild
- the applicant possesses an endorsed Keep and Sell Permit where relevant for the species
- the applicant intends to breed for captive trade and is an experienced breeder with a proven ability to successfully breed similar species
- the applicant can provide written permission from the landowner to be on the land for the purpose of taking the applied species.

Animal welfare

The welfare of all animals that are taken from the wild is important to DEW and the treatment of all animals must comply with the *Animal Welfare Act 1985*, and the limitations, restrictions and conditions of the permit granted and subsequent permits authorizing the keeping of the animals.

Fit and proper person assessment

Applicants will be asked whether they have been convicted of offences against the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, *Animal Welfare Act 1985* or other environment legislation interstate and/or overseas. Where a conviction is declared, applicants must provide a description of the offence, along with the year and State/Territory/Country. Applicants can still proceed with an application and have it assessed.

How to provide property details

It is required to provide specific information in your application regarding the property details from where the animals will be taken. These details need to be in the form of a Hundred reference (e.g. Adelaide) and a Plan Parcel reference (e.g. D32868 A204).

This information may be sourced from a council rates notice. Alternatively, you can source this information online using the [SA Property and Planning Atlas](#). Locate the property using the 'Search' or 'Zoom' instructions. Right click on the property and property details will be displayed on the left screen panel, including the Hundred and Plan Parcel necessary to complete your application.

If there are multiple properties where you would like taking to occur, please list the details for all properties (parcels) on your application.



How long will it take to obtain a permit?

An application may take up to 4 weeks (20 business days) to process. More complex applications or those that require further information, may take longer to process.

Fees and royalties

An upfront application fee of \$167.00 is payable when you submit your application. If the permit application is approved then a fee of \$55.50 is payable for the permit.

A royalty fee is payable per protected animal approved to be taken from the wild. The fee payable is dependent on the conservation status of the protected animal. These fees contribute towards the conservation of wildlife, wildlife habitat and wildlife conservation research through NPWS Wildlife Conservation Fund.

Conservation status of protected animal	Royalty fee
(a) an animal of an endangered species (Schedule 7 of the Act)	\$665.00 per animal
(b) an animal of a vulnerable species (Schedule 8 of the Act)	\$333.00 per animal
(c) an animal of a rare species (Schedule 9 of the Act)	\$167.00 per animal
(d) an animal of any other species of protected animal	\$ 83.50 per animal

Royalty fees do not apply to the taking of eggs of protected animals from the wild.

Fees and royalties paid are not refunded if animals are not collected.

Payment

Payment via credit card may be arranged in person at one of our offices or an officer will contact you to obtain card details upon receipt of your application. Payment via cheque or money order (made payable to the Department for Environment and Water) may be included with your application when lodged in person or via post.

Do I need to keep records?

Yes. A report specifying the species and number taken must be completed within 14 days of permit completion (i.e. when the permitted number of animals is reached) or within 14 days of permit expiry (whichever is the earlier). Further permits may not be granted for the same species on the same property unless the report is submitted. The permit holder may only take the species and number of protected animals as listed on the permit. A reporting template will be provided upon granting of the permit and is also shown on the last page of the application form.

How long does a permit last?

A permit cannot exceed 12 months in duration. Applicants may re-apply for a new Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild if they fail to obtain the total number of animals specified on the permit within the original permit period. Permit and royalty fees will apply for subsequent permits.

Written permission of landowner

It is an offence to be on any land for the purpose of taking a protected animal, or the eggs of a protected animal, unless that person has the written permission of the landowner to be on the land for that purpose. This written permission must have been given not more than six months beforehand. Please provide the written permission from the landowner as an attachment with your application form.



Department for Environment and Water responsibilities

The Department for Environment and Water abides by the Government of South Australia's [Information Privacy Principles Instruction](#). The information required on this form is collected under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*. We collect this information to determine your eligibility for a permit, to issue the related permit and for compliance activities related to the permit. Your personal information will not be disclosed to a third party except in accordance with the [Information Privacy Principles Instruction](#). Information held by the Department may be used by law enforcement agencies, as well as other uses provided for by law. Such access for approved purposes may be granted to other government agencies. When you complete this application form, understand that you have consented to the release of information provided by you, to other agencies for compliance and/or enforcement purposes.

Before proceeding with this application

1. Read the [Take from the Wild Policy and Standard](#) documents,
2. If the protected animal subject of your application is a threatened species listed in either [Schedule 7 \(Endangered\)](#), [Schedule 8 \(Vulnerable\)](#) or [Schedule 9 \(Rare\) of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972](#), please contact the Wildlife Management Unit to discuss your circumstances,
3. Answer the following statements to help determine your permit eligibility.

I am a South Australian resident	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
The protected animal(s) subject of this application are not generally available in captive trade and I have been unsuccessful for over 12 months in attempting to acquire this species from captive sources	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
I can demonstrate there is no ecological risk or impact to the species or to natural ecological communities if I take a limited number of protected animals from the wild	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
I hold a current relevant South Australian Keep and Sell Permit that authorises the keeping of the protected animal(s) subject of this application	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
I intend to breed for captive trade <u>and</u> I am an experienced breeder with a proven ability to successfully breed similar species	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
I have obtained written permission from the landowner whose land I will access to take the protected animals or eggs (if a permit is granted)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

If you answered 'No' to any of the statements above please contact the Wildlife Management Unit by phone or email to discuss your situation before proceeding with this application.

Where do I send my completed application form?

Email: Wildlife@sa.gov.au

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

Telephone enquiries: (08) 8124 4972



Government of
South Australia

Wildlife Management Unit
Email: Wildlife@sa.gov.au Phone: (08) 8124 4912
www.environment.sa.gov.au/licences-and-permits/wildlife-permits



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

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

Form not valid for use after June 2024

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> , South Australian Firearms Legislation 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: Justification for taking protected animals from the wild to keep in captivity		
<i>Tick those that apply to your situation.</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> There are limited numbers in captivity	<input type="checkbox"/> For public display and education (Permit Class 4 or 5)	
<input type="checkbox"/> There are limited numbers available through captive trade	<input type="checkbox"/> For use in training courses (Permit Class 4 or 5)	
<input type="checkbox"/> To breed animals taken from the wild and sell progeny/offspring through captive trade	<input type="checkbox"/> To obtain biological products (Permit Class 6)	
<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 where the protected animals or eggs would be taken

☐ 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 3 locations please attach additional location information*

Location 1

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

Location 1 property details

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

Location 2

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



Location 2 property details		
Hundred e.g. Adelaide	Plan reference include plan type (D, F etc.) and plan number e.g. D32868	Parcel reference include parcel type (A, Q etc.) and parcel numbers or range of parcel numbers e.g. A204, A207-A220
Location 3		
Property name: (if applicable)		
Descriptive property address: (road location)		
Name of landowner	Phone	Email
Location 3 property details		
Hundred e.g. Adelaide	Plan reference include plan type (D, F etc.) and plan number e.g. D32868	Parcel reference include parcel type (A, Q etc.) and parcel numbers or range of parcel numbers e.g. A204, A207-A220
Part 5: Method of taking protected animals or eggs		
Equipment to be used <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 natural environment from taking protected animals or eggs and the rationale for the numbers 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		
Who will be taking the protected animals or eggs from the wild? <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.		
Note - 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, are guilty of an offence.		
Person 1		
Name	Date of Birth	Keep and Sell permit no. (if applicable)
Residential address:		
Experience with handling the species (or similar species):		
Person 2		
Name	Date of Birth	Keep and Sell permit no. (if applicable)
Residential address:		
Experience with handling the species (or similar species):		
Part 8: Transport of wild caught animals		
<i>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</i>		
Please describe the method of transport and the transport cage or containers to be used to transport wild caught animals or eggs:		
Method of transport		



Description of transport cage or container	
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). <i>Attach additional sheets if required.</i>	
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. <i>Attach additional sheets if required.</i>	



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
Referees' Keep and Sell (or other fauna 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		<i>Form not valid for use after June 2024</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have read and understand the Take from the Wild Policy and Standard documents. • 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 the relevant permit. • I declare that the information included in this application is true and accurate. • I understand there are penalties for making a false or misleading statement. 		
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

Permit number:

Name of permit holder:

Address:

Summary of animals or eggs taken

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

Signature:

Date:



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