

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

(1) Individuals designated as Custodial Officers in the Office of the Secretary.

(2) Individuals in independent agencies, councils, and commissions (which are supported, administratively, by the Office of the Secretary) who are charged with the management of property assigned to their agency, council, or commission.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Name and identification code assigned to individual Custodial Officer or property manager. Data describing each piece of property assigned.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

40 U.S.C. 483.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH USES:

The primary purpose of the system is to manage property assigned to offices, agencies, councils and commissions.

Disclosure outside the Department of the Interior may be made:

(1) To the U.S. Department of Justice or in a proceeding before a court or adjudicative body with jurisdiction when (a) the United States, the Department of Interior, a component of the Department or when represented by the Government, an employee of the Department is a party to litigation or anticipated litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and (b) the Department of the Interior determines that the disclosure is relevant or necessary to the litigation and is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

(2) The appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies responsible for investigating or prosecuting the violation of or for enforcing, implementing or administering a statute, rule, regulation, order, license, contract, grant or other agreement, when the disclosing agency becomes aware of information indicating a violation or potential violation of a statute, regulation, rule, order, license, contract, grant or other agreement.

(3) To the General Accounting Office, in response to audits.

(4) To a congressional office in connection with an inquiry an individual covered by the system has made to the congressional office.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**STORAGE:**

Records are maintained in computer data files.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by Custodial Officer (or property manager) codes, and by codes describing and identifying property managed.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are accessible only by authorized persons and are maintained in accordance with safeguards meeting the Computer Security Act of 1987.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are retained and disposed of in accordance with General Records Schedule No. 3, Item No. 10a.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief, Property Management Section, Division of Logistic Services, National Business Center, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS-1731 MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Inquiries regarding the existence of records shall be addressed to the System Manager. The request must be in writing, signed by the requester, and meet the content requirements of 43 CFR 2.60.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

A request for access to records shall be addressed to the System Manager. The request must be in writing, signed by the requester, and meet the content requirements of 43 CFR 2.63.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

A request for amendment of records shall be addressed to the System Manager. The request must be in writing, signed by the requester, and meet the content requirements of 43 CFR 2.71.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Custodial Officer or property manager.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit**

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-009472

Applicant: Oregon Zoo (formerly Metro Washington Park Zoo).

The applicant requests a permit to import one female wild-caught Asian Elephant (*Elephas maximus*) from Sabah Wildlife Department, Malaysia for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species though captive breeding.

PRT-009127

Applicant: Charles Meryman, Riverview, FL.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of a straight horned markhor (*Capra falconeri jerdoni*) or a Kabul markhor (*Capra f. megaceros*) from the Northwest Frontier Province of Pakistan for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-009880

Applicant: Patrick F. Taylor, New Orleans, LA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-009879

Applicant: Mark C. Fisher, Missoula, MT.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-009878

Applicant: Jeffrey E. Baier, Lynnwood, WA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-009877

Applicant: Robert H. Sterchi, Loudon, TN.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-009876

Applicant: Robert L. Sterchi, Loudon, TN.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-009875

Applicant: Gregory H. Murtland, Livonia, MI.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-783956

Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx, NY.

The applicant requests an amendment and renewal of a permit to import blood and tissue samples from live animals and carcasses, respectively, obtained opportunistically from wild origin tapirs (Tapiridae), deer (Cervidae), felids (Felidae), canids (Canidae), caiman (Alligatoridae), falcons (Falconidae), psittacines (Psittacidae), storks (Ciconiidae), and vultures (Cathartidae) in Bolivia for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

PRT-009695

Applicant: University of Illinois, Chicago, IL.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples taken from Cuban sandhill cranes (*Grus canadensis nesiotis*) in Cuba for the purpose of Scientific research.

PRT-009989

Applicant: Jerome C. Stohlman, Lebanon, OH.

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

PRT-009991

Applicant: Peter J. Cassinelli, Cincinnati, OH.

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

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with the application are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the above address within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: April 5, 1999.

MaryEllen Amtower,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Agency Draft Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*)

Revised Recovery Plan for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of the Agency Draft Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) Revised Recovery Plan. The species has been documented in 26 states in eastern North America. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: Comments on the agency draft revised recovery plan must be received on or before June 8, 1999 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft revised recovery plan may obtain a copy from the Service's website at www.fws.gov/r3pao/bat.pdf, or purchase a copy by contacting the Fish and Wildlife Reference Service, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 110, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 (telephone: 301/492-6403 or 800/582-3421). Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to: Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 608 East Cherry Street, Room 200, Columbia, Missouri 65201 (telephone 573/876-1911). Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at the

above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Paul McKenzie at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service above address, or telephone 573/876-1911, ext. 107.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species in the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria that identifies recovery levels necessary to reclassify to threatened or delist them, and estimate time and cost to implement the recovery measures needed. The Service revises existing recovery plans to reflect important new biological information (i.e., substantially rewriting some portions of the plan) or significant conceptual changes that need to be made.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act) as amended 916 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*, requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The document under review is the Agency Draft Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) Revised Recovery Plan. The species was listed as endangered on March 11, 1967 (32 FR 4001), under the Endangered Species Preservation Act of October 15, 1966 (80 Stat. 926; 16 U.S.C. 668a[c]). Based on censuses taken at hibernacula, the total, known Indiana bat population was estimated at 353,000 bats in 1995-1997. This represents a decline of about 60 percent since population surveys began in the 1960s. The most severe declines have occurred in Kentucky, where 180,000 bats were lost between 1960 and 1997, and in Missouri, where 250,000 bats were lost between 1980 and 1997.

Indiana bats winter in caves or mines that satisfy their highly specific needs