

Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild

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 wildlife (i.e. native animals) 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 from the wild 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.

Policy statement

A limited take from the wild is acceptable providing it occurs within an ecologically acceptable framework, is consistent with the objectives of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* and meets DEW decision making criteria.

Taking protected animals from the wild for activities that:

- supplement or introduce new species to the captive fauna trade, or
 - enable captive breeding and translocation of species as part of a threatened species recovery program, or
 - promote species and environmental awareness through presentation and interpretation of wildlife, or
 - obtain biological products (e.g. snake venom to develop anti-venoms),
- or
- use wildlife for training purposes,
 - provides potential economic, social or educational benefits and valuable opportunities for the broader public to interact with and develop an affinity for a diverse range of native animals.

DEW may grant a Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild given the following circumstances:

1. The species is not generally available in captive trade, and
2. The conservation status of the species in the wild is secure and 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, and
3. The applicant intends to breed for captive trade and is an experienced breeder with a proven ability to successfully breed similar species, and
4. The applicant possesses the relevant endorsement on their Keep and Sell Permit (appropriate husbandry requirements (for animals) and standards (person and facilities)).

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.

Permit description

A section 53(1)(d) permit that 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.

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 authorising the keeping of the animals.

How do I apply for a permit?

You will need to follow these steps:

1. Provide all information requested in this application form.
2. Ensure the application declaration is signed and dated.
3. Email the completed form to DEWfaunapermitsunit@sa.gov.au or post it to:

Fauna Permits Unit,

GPO Box 1782

Adelaide SA 5001

or lodge it in person at one of our offices:

- Adelaide: Ground Floor, 81-95 Waymouth Street
- Mount Gambier: 11 Helen Street
- Port Augusta: SGIC Building, 9 Mackay Street
- Berri: 3 Wade Street
- Port Lincoln: 86 Tasman Terrace

Fees and royalties

An upfront application fee of \$153.00 is payable when you submit your application. If the permit application is approved then a fee of \$51.00 is payable for the permit.

A royalty fee is payable per animal approved to be taken from the wild. The fee payable is dependent on the conservation status of the protected animal.

Conservation status of protected animal	Royalty fee
(a) an animal of an endangered species (Schedule 7 of the Act)	\$611.00 per animal
(b) an animal of a vulnerable species (Schedule 8 of the Act)	\$306.00 per animal
(c) an animal of a rare species (Schedule 9 of the Act)	\$153.00 per animal
(d) an animal of any other species of protected animal	\$ 76.50 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 or eggs are not collected.

Payment can be made in person or via post with your application using Cheque or Money Order (made payable to the Department for Environment and Water).

Paying by credit card:

Payment can be made in person or a Fauna Permits Officer will contact you upon receipt of your application to obtain card details.

How long does the decision making process take?

Please allow twenty business days (approximately 4 weeks).

Do I need to keep records?

Yes. A report form will be provided upon the granting of a permit.

How long does a permit last?

Permits will be granted for a period of 12 months. Permit extensions will not be granted. Applicants may re-apply for a Take from the Wild permit 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 a criminal 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.

More information

[Take from the Wild Policy and Take from the Wild Standard](#)

Before proceeding with this application for a Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild

1. Read the Take from the Wild Policy and Take from the Wild Standard documents (see DEW website), then
2. answer the following statements to help you determine your eligibility for a Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild.

Eligibility			
Number	Statement	Your answer	
i	I am a South Australian resident.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
ii	I hold a current and valid South Australian Keep and Sell Permit.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
iii	I intend to breed for captive trade and I am an experienced breeder with a proven ability to successfully breed similar species.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
iv	My South Australian Keep and Sell Permit authorises the keeping of the protected animal(s) subject of this application.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
v	The protected animal(s) subject of this application are <u>not listed as threatened species</u> in Schedule 7 (Endangered) or Schedule 8 (Vulnerable) of the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
vi	The protected animal(s) subject of this application are <u>not listed as threatened species</u> in Schedule 9 (Rare) of the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
vii	The protected animal(s) subject of this application are not generally available in captive trade.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
viii	There is no ecological risk or impact to the species or to natural ecological communities from a limited take from the wild	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
ix	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
x	I have convictions recorded for a breach of the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i> or <i>Animal Welfare Act 1985</i> (and all subordinate Regulations), or equivalent interstate or overseas legislation.	Please contact the Fauna Permits Unit	

If you answered 'No' to any of the statements above please contact the Fauna Permits Unit to discuss your situation before proceeding with this application.

Application for a Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild

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

ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL RESULT IN DELAYS AND YOUR APPLICATION BEING RETURNED TO YOU.

Part 1: Applicant details			
<i>Note - The applicant is the person who will keep the protected animals once they are taken from the wild.</i>			
Your personal details			
Title	First name	Surname	Date of birth
Institution / organisation / business name (if applicable)			
Location of premises of institution / organisation / business name (if applicable)			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
Business mailing address			
<input type="checkbox"/> as above			
e.g. Post Office Box		City/suburb/town	Post code
Your residential address			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town	Post code
Your mailing address			
<input type="checkbox"/> same as above <input type="checkbox"/> different mailing address (see below)			
e.g. Post Office Box		City/suburb/town	Post code
Your contact details			
Telephone number	Mobile number	Email	

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 or overseas legislation? If yes, please provide details below.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Description of offence		Year	State / Territory / Jurisdiction
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
Quantity*	Common name	Scientific Name	NSX code #
My South Australian Keep and Sell Permit authorises the keeping of these animals or eggs?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
* A royalty fee is payable per animal and the fee payable is dependent on the conservation status of the protected animal. # Species NSX code list available at https://data.environment.sa.gov.au/Content/Publications/fauna-bdbsa-taxonomy.xlsx			
Part 3: Justification for taking protected animals from the wild			
(Tick only those that apply to your situation)			
<input type="checkbox"/> There are limited numbers in captivity	<input type="checkbox"/> There are limited numbers available through captive trade	<input type="checkbox"/> I intend to breed and sell progeny through captive trade	
<input type="checkbox"/> For public display and education (as part of a business – Permit Class 4 or 5)	<input type="checkbox"/> For use in training courses (as part of a business – Permit Class 4 or 5)	<input type="checkbox"/> To obtain biological products (as part of a business – Permit Class 6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part of a formal threatened species recovery program or plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)		

Please provide specific details on why you wish to take these animals from the wild	
Please provide specific details on your efforts over the past 12 months to source these animals from captive sources	
Part 4: Method of taking protected animals or eggs	
Equipment	
<input type="checkbox"/> By hand	<input type="checkbox"/> By hand from nest or tree hollow
<input type="checkbox"/> Cage trap (specify dimensions and trap mechanism)*	<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 equipment (please specify)	
*Details of dimensions and trap mechanism	
<p>Describe your strategy to minimise impacts to the natural environment from taking protected animals and the rationale for the numbers taken from each specific site (particularly in the case of dependent young).</p> <p><i>Example 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>Example 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 5: Proposed locations where the protected animals or eggs would be taken

Note – You must obtain the written permission of the landowner to be on their land for the purpose of taking protected animals or eggs from the wild. This written permission must have been given not more than six months beforehand. (Section 64 of the NPW Act).

Location 1

Name of landowner		
Telephone number	Mobile number	Email
T:	M:	E:
Property name: (if applicable)		
Property address: (road location)		
Hundred name:	Section number / Deposit Plan number / Lot number	

Location 2

Name of landowner		
Telephone number	Mobile number	Email
T:	M:	E:
Property name: (if applicable)		
Property address: (road location)		
Hundred name:	Section number / Deposit Plan number / Lot number	

Location 3

Name of landowner		
Telephone number	Mobile number	Email
T:	M:	E:
Property name: (if applicable)		
Property address: (road location)		
Hundred name:	Section number / Deposit Plan number / Lot number	

Part 6: Persons taking protected animals or eggs from the wild			
Who will be taking the protected animals or eggs from the wild?		<input type="checkbox"/> applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> another person *
*If a person(s) other than yourself will take these animals, list their details below. Attach additional sheets 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			
Full name			
Residential address			
Date of birth		Keep and Sell permit number (if applicable)	
Experience with handling the species (or similar species)			
Person 2			
Full name			
Residential address			
Date of birth		Keep and Sell permit number (if applicable)	
Experience with handling the species (or similar species)			
Part 7: Transport of wild caught animals			
Note - The <i>National Parks and Wildlife (Wildlife) Regulations 2019</i> (regulation 39) sets out requirements for the construction and labelling of cages and containers for transport.			
Please describe the method of transport and the transport cage or containers (as the case requires) 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, etc.).

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.

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.		
Full name		
Telephone / mobile number	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.		
Full name		
Keep and Sell permit number (or other fauna related permit numbers)		
Telephone / mobile number	Email	

Part 10: Declaration by applicant		<i>Form not valid for use after June 2020</i>
I have read the Take from the Wild Policy and Take from the Wild Standard documents.		
I have obtained written permission of the landowners listed in this application to take protected animals or eggs from the wild.		
If the protected animals or eggs subject of this application are dangerous or a biological hazard I declare that I have conducted a risk assessment and undertaken appropriate first aid training to manage injury or illness.		
If a permit is granted, the protected animals or eggs taken from the wild will be kept at the premises listed on my South Australian Keep and Sell permit or the residential address listed in this application*. *where applicant only keeps exempt species and does not require a Keep and Sell permit.		
I understand there are penalties for making a false or misleading statement (Section 72 of the NPW Act). I declare that the information included in this application is true and accurate.		
Signature of applicant	Dated	
Method of Payment		
Please nominate you're preferred method of payment:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque/Money Order*	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash *	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card*
*Please make payable to the Department for Environment and Water and attach to this application form	* Cash payments can only be made in person at a local DEW office.	* A Fauna Permits Officer will contact you upon receipt of your application to obtain card details