

was transferred to the U.S. HHS, with the HHS' NLCP contractor continuing to have an active role in the performance testing and laboratory inspection processes. Other Canadian laboratories wishing to be considered for the NLCP may apply directly to the NLCP contractor just as U.S. laboratories do.

Upon finding a Canadian laboratory to be qualified, HHS will recommend that DOT certify the laboratory (**Federal Register**, July 16, 1996) as meeting the minimum standards of the Mandatory Guidelines published in the **Federal Register** on April 13, 2004 (69 FR 19644). After receiving DOT certification, the laboratory will be included in the monthly list of HHS-certified laboratories and participate in the NLCP certification maintenance program.

Anna Marsh,

Director, Office Program Services, SAMHSA.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by September 13, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, PRT-124346

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from Verreaux's sifaka (*Propithecus verreauxi*) collected in the wild in Madagascar, for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA, PRT-132043

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) collected in the wild in Tanzania, for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Ferdinand and Anton Fercos Hantig, Las Vegas, NV, PRT-765658, 809334

The applicant requests permits to export a captive-born tiger (*Panthera tigris*) and a captive-born leopard (*Panthera pardus*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: 765658, 'Indy'; and 809334, 'Sarina.' This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

Dated: July 21, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Emergency Exemption: Issuance of Permit for Endangered Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of emergency issuance of permit for endangered species.

SUMMARY: The following permit was issued.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted for this 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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 21, 2006, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a permit (PRT-108841) to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, to import biological samples from wild chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) in Tanzania for the purpose of scientific research. This action was authorized under Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The Service determined that an emergency affecting the health and life of the chimpanzees at the Mahale Mountains National Park and Rubondo Island National Park in Tanzania existed and that no reasonable alternative was available to the applicant for the following reasons.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University requested a permit to import biological samples (bodily tissues and organs, hair, saliva, and other body parts) from the forest floor and from deceased animals found in the Mahle Mountains National Park in Kigoma, Tanzania, and Rubondo Island National Park in Mwanza, Tanzania, for emergency and ongoing health and disease evaluation purposes. Samples will be utilized exclusively for diagnostic and scientific purposes. The specimens will be used to run diagnostics tests to determine the cause of death. The necessary diagnostic testing is not available in Africa. The results of health and disease testing from these chimpanzees will help determine why the animals died in order to develop interventions to help prevent reoccurrence.

Dated: July 21, 2006.

Michael S. Moore,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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