both wild and captive animals in Cote D’Ivoire and Ghana, for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Mempos Zoo, Memphis, TN, PRT–146704.

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive-born male Sumatran orangutan (Pongo pygmaeus abelii) from the Toronto Zoo, Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species and captive propagation.


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

Applicant: Nicholas H. Altman, Houston, TX, PRT–143415.

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

Applicant: Mark D. Crowther, Lilburn, GA, PRT–144846.

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


The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species previously accessioned into the applicant’s collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.


Michael L. Carpenter,
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Environmental Assessment/ Habitat Conservation Plan; Issuance of a Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit for Incidental Take of the Golden-Cheeked Warbler in Williamson County, TX (CA 1100, LTD.)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTIONS: Notice of availability; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: CA 1100, LTD. (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit (TE–139553–0) pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The requested permit, which is for a period of 30 years, would authorize incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler (Dendroica chrysoptera). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and occupation of a residential development on 176 acres of the Shadow Canyon property, Williamson County, Texas. We invite public comment.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before May 4, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the draft Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) may obtain a copy by contacting William Amy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512–490–0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Service’s Austin office. Written data or comments concerning the application and draft EA/HCP should be submitted to the Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758. Please refer to permit number TE–139553–0 when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become a part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Amy at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Austin office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512–490–0057) or by e-mail, William_Amy@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Applicant has applied to the Service for a Section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit for a period of 30 years in order to authorize incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Section 9 of the Act prohibits the “taking” of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22), and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Applicant: The Applicant plans to construct a residential and commercial development on the 176-acre property located on Shadow Canyon property, Williamson County, Texas. This action will adversely affect 70.1 acres of oak-juniper woodland resulting in take of three pairs of golden-cheeked warblers. The Applicant proposes to mitigate for incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler by purchasing 97 mitigation credits from a conservation bank approved by the Service to preserve 97 acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat in perpetuity within the acquisition area of the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge.

Christopher T. Jones,
Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Environmental Assessment/ Habitat Conservation Plan; Receipt of Application for Incidental Take of the Houston Toad in Bastrop County, TX (Combs Lot 3)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Lee Combs (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit (TE–141969–0) pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The requested permit, which is for a period of five years, would authorize incidental take of the Houston toad
(Bufo houstonensis). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and occupation of commercial development on Lot 3, a 1.15-acre property located on Highway 71 in the Tahitian Village Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate up to 1.15 acres of Houston toad habitat and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The Applicant proposes to compensate for incidental take of the Houston toad by providing $3,450.00 to the Houston Toad Conservation Fund at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat.

Christopher T. Jones,
Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Clayton Napier at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Austin office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490–0057) or by e-mail, Clayton_Napier@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Applicant has applied to the Service for a Section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit for a period of five years in order to authorize incidental take of the Houston toad.

Section 9 of the Act prohibits the “taking” of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22), and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Applicant: The Applicant is proposing general commercial development and construction activities on Lot 3, a 1.15-acre property located on Highway 71 in the Tahitian Village Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate up to 0.75 acres of Houston toad habitat and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The Applicant proposes to compensate for incidental take of the Houston toad by providing $2,250.00 to the Houston Toad Conservation Fund at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat.

Christopher T. Jones,
Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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