



PERMIT APPLICATION
CONDITIONAL/PROHIBITED/NONNATIVE SPECIES
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Division of Habitat and Species Conservation, Exotic Species Coordination Section
620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600
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(Please Print or Type)

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION/AGENCY/BUSINESS NAME _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (for FWC inspection) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ ZIP _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ ZIP _____

E-MAILADDRESS: _____ CELL NUMBER: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

☐ I authorize FWC to send me requests for additional information and final agency permitting actions by either e-mail or express delivery. Future agency actions will be provided henceforth by email or express delivery.

Have you ever been convicted or found guilty, of any criminal or non-criminal violation, regardless of adjudication or plea entered, of any wildlife violation (including a violation of Chapter 379, F.S.; Section 828.12, F.S.; rules of the Commission; similar laws or rules in another jurisdiction) or crime involving cruelty to animals? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain and list the type of violation(s) cited and the county/state where the violation occurred:

Have you ever had a fish or wildlife-related permit suspended or revoked? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Explain, if yes: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Certification: I hereby swear and affirm by signature that the information submitted in this application and supporting documents is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to criminal penalties. I further state that I will abide by all applicable State, Federal, and local laws. Finally, I understand and agree to comply with the State laws and rules governing nonnative species and agree to comply with same. I also agree to comply with the data reporting requirements for this permit.

Section 1. Application type

- ☐ New application – go to section 3
☐ Renewal application – go to Section 2

Section 2. Annual report

- ☐ I am exempt from filling out the annual report below because I am a researcher and have attached a separate report detailing the progress of my research project.
- ☐ I am exempt from filling out the annual report below because I import African tortoises and have attached a separate report detailing the number of tortoises I imported into Florida, the destination city of each shipment and the final disposition of the shipping containers for my previous permit.
- ☐ I am checking this box in lieu of the annual report because I did not conduct any activity under my previous permit.
- ☐ I have attached a separate annual report which details the same information as in the table below.

Species	Quantity in current possession	Quantity imported	Quantity born or acquired in-state	Quantity sold, traded or exported and destination	Quantity deceased

Attach additional sheets as necessary

Section 3. Purpose of application (check and fill out all that apply)

☐ **Commercial sales of live conditional freshwater or mammal species**

Check this box if you intend to import and/or possess live conditional species for commercial sales. Your facility must pass inspection and meet the standards set forth in Rule 68-5.001, F.A.C., for possessing conditional species. For conditional aquatic species held outdoors, your outdoor enclosures must have the lowest point of the top edge of their levee, dike, bank, or tank at an elevation of at least one foot above the 100-year flood elevation determined by reference to elevation maps issued by the National Flood Insurance Program, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, have no water discharge or be constructed with a barrier system designed to prevent escape of adults, juveniles, and eggs in the water effluent discharged from the your property. Public vision is allowed only under your supervision or that of your designee. For conditional aquatic species held indoors, your tanks/enclosures must have no water discharge, have a water discharge through a closed drain system, or other system designed to prevent discharge of water containing adults, juveniles and eggs from the permittee's property.

Describe your business:

☐ **Public exhibition of live conditional freshwater or mammal species**

Check this box if you intend to publicly exhibit conditional aquatic species (not for exhibition of conditional reptile species). Your facility must pass inspection and meet the standards set forth in Rule 68-5.001, F.A.C., for possessing conditional species. For conditional aquatic species held outdoors, your outdoor enclosures must have the lowest point of the top edge of their levee, dike, bank, or tank at an elevation of at least one foot above the 100-year flood elevation determined by reference to elevation maps issued by the National Flood Insurance Program, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, have no water discharge or be constructed with a barrier system designed to prevent escape of adults, juveniles, and eggs in the water effluent discharged from the your property. Public vision is allowed only under your supervision or that of your designee. For conditional aquatic species held indoors, your tanks/enclosures must have no water discharge, have a water discharge through a closed drain system, or other system designed to prevent discharge of water containing adults, juveniles and eggs from the permittee's property.

☐ **Public exhibition of live prohibited species**

Check this box if you intend to publicly exhibit prohibited species. Your facility must pass inspection and meet the standards set forth in Rule 68-5.001, F.A.C., for possessing prohibited species. All prohibited species must be maintained indoors. For aquatic prohibited species, your indoor containers must prevent escape and must not have any exterior water discharge or have water discharge through a closed drain system that terminates in a dry-bed wastewater retention area with no public access. For terrestrial prohibited species, your indoor enclosure must prevent escape and not allow public contact. Attach [critical incident/disaster plan](#).

☐ **Research involving exotic species (includes conditional and prohibited species)**

Check this box if you intend to conduct a research project on exotic species that will include any of the following:

1. Collection of exotic species from FWC Wildlife Management Areas
2. Transport and/or possession of live conditional or prohibited species
3. Release of exotic species

Attach a copy of your research proposal. If you intend to possess live conditional or prohibited species, your proposal should provide details about your facility, how animals will be contained, and who has access to those animals. If you will transport live conditional or prohibited species, your transport containers should also be detailed in your proposal. For research involving possession of live prohibited species, attach [critical incident/disaster plan](#).

☐ **Importation of African tortoises**

Check this box if you intend to import African spurred (sulcata), leopard, or Bell's hingeback tortoises into the state. You must include a health certificate stating all tortoises are free of external parasites prior to their importation. Note that shipping containers must be incinerated within 24 hours of arriving into the state or exported out of the state within 72 hours of arrival. If you are a dealer that intends to import multiple shipments, email the information below (Florida destination, arrival date, shipping container disposal) along with the health certificate for each shipment, to nonnativepermitreports@myfwc.com at least 10 days prior to the shipment date.

Destination of African tortoises: _____

Date of arrival: _____

Shipping containers will be: ☐ incinerated within 24 hrs ☐ exported within 72 hrs

☐ **Possession of red-eared sliders for personal use**

Check this box if you intend to possess red-eared sliders for personal use. No reproduction is allowed in captivity; any eggs produced must be removed and destroyed daily. If you intend to keep red-eared sliders indoors attach a photo of your tank(s) or enclosure(s) and indicate the size(s) below. If you intend to keep red-eared sliders outdoors, your outdoor enclosure must pass inspection and meet the standards set forth in Rule 68-5.001, F.A.C., for keeping red-eared sliders outdoors. Your outdoor enclosure must have a permanent containment barrier secured at least six inches below ground level to prevent escape by digging, erosion, climbing or by passing through gaps. The barrier may be constructed of solid metal or weather-resistant and rot-resistant material, and may not be made of mesh material. For 1-2 turtles, the tank or enclosure must be at least five times the shell length by two times the shell width of the largest turtle, with a pool area that is no less than two times the shell width by two times the shell length of the largest turtle, and a dry resting area equal to the size of the shell of the largest turtle. For each additional turtle the floor and pool areas must be increased by 10 percent.

☐ Red-eared sliders will be kept indoors; size of tank/enclosure: _____

☐ I have attached photos of the indoor tank/enclosure

☐ I am willing to increase tank size or build an outdoor enclosure as turtle grows larger or as necessary

☐ Red-eared sliders will be kept outdoors

☐ I will remove and destroy any eggs produced on a daily basis

Section 4. Species this application is for

See <http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/nonnatives/conditional-prohibited-species/> for lists of conditional and prohibited species.

Species	Regulatory Status (check the correct column)			Quantity
	Exotic	Conditional	Prohibited	

Attach additional sheets as necessary

Submit completed application to the address or email at the top of this form.