

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

284 State Street, 41 SHS Augusta, ME 04333

Phone 207-287-5261/ Fax 207-287-6395

**Wildlife Importation Permit Application  
For Category 1 Restricted Species**

*In accordance with the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 12, Section 12152, 3-D. A. I hereby apply for a permit that allows me to import wildlife that is threatened or endangered, or that presents a risk to humans into the State.*

**Application Fee:** \$250

**Permit Fee:** \$27

**Name of Company/Facility:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Owner/Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(P.O. Box/Street/Apt#) (City/Town) (Zip Code)

**Physical Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, Street/Road Name/Apt#) (City/Town) (Zip Code)

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**List species you request to import below** (*Please note: you must provide a certification of veterinary inspection valid for the entire time animal(s) will be in the State, as well as other required documentation – see next page for details*)

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Gender | Number |
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**Do you possess a current Wildlife Exhibition Permit for the Category 1 Restricted Species listed above?**  Yes OR  No

**Date of Import:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Import Method:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Source** (only one source per application): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Address: Street, City, State, Zip)

**Are species listed on CITES Appendix 1, or the USFWS Endangered Species list?**  Yes or  No

**Describe your experience handling species listed above:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY</b>                                       |                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved OR <input type="checkbox"/> Denied | By _____ Date: _____ |
| Notes: _____   |                      |

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## Wildlife Importation Permit for Category 1 Restricted Species - Application Instructions

Applicants for Category 1 Restricted Species must be an exhibitor, wildlife rehabilitator; laboratory registered with the United States Department of Agriculture, or accredited research facility.

***Application must be filled out completely and signed. The following information is required to be submitted with your application:***

**The applicant must furnish an interstate health certificate/certification of veterinary inspection (CVI) and appropriate test results or statements about specific diseases (this CVI must be dated within 30 days of import and valid the entire time the wildlife is in the State).**

This certification must comply with the standards of the state of origin and issued by a veterinarian licensed in the state of origin. USDA accreditation of the veterinarian may be required for certain livestock and poultry disease testing. Information required on the health certificate must include:

- (1) Common and scientific name(s) of species;
- (2) Number to be imported;
- (3) Name and address of consignor and consignee;
- (4) Origin or shipment;
- (5) Destination of shipment;
- (6) Appropriate descriptions of animals by criteria such as sex, age, weight, coloration, tag numbers, brand, etc.
- (7) A health certificate must be signed by a qualified veterinarian and the owner or owner's representative from the point of origin.
- (8) The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Health and Human Services has the authority to approve disease test procedures and serve as the state's representative in interpreting the results of all tests administered in compliance with importation statutes and regulations.

**Mail completed and signed application, with required supporting documentation and applicable fees (payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine") to:**

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
ATTN: Wildlife Captivity Permits  
41 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0041

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## Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Statute Pertaining to Importation of Category 1 Species into the State

### **§12152. PERMIT TO POSSESS WILDLIFE IN CAPTIVITY**

**1-A. Permit required.** Except as otherwise provided in this Part, a person may not import wildlife into or possess wildlife in the State or receive or possess wildlife imported into the State. The department shall maintain a list of unregulated fish and wildlife species for which a permit under this section is not required that is available to the public. Each day a person violates this subsection that person commits a Class E crime for which a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable permit fee must be imposed. The commissioner may grant a permit to introduce, import, transport, receive or possess fish or gametes in accordance with the provisions of section 12509.

**1-B. Exemption.** Notwithstanding subsection 1-A, a reptile, amphibian or invertebrate that is native to the State and not listed by the department as threatened, endangered or of special concern may be captured from the wild in the State and possessed without a permit. Possession limits for each species are as follows:

- A. Amphibians, up to 5 specimens of each species;
- B. Reptiles, up to 2 specimens of each species; and
- C. Invertebrates, no specimen limits.

Animals captured under this subsection must be kept in a manner that does not permit contact between those animals and any other animal that is not naturally present in the wild in this State. If an animal captured under this subsection is released back into the wild, the animal must be released in or near the same location where the animal was captured. Importation into the State of a reptile, amphibian or invertebrate exempted under this subsection is prohibited without a permit. Exhibition, propagation or export or sale for commercial purposes is prohibited without a permit. A person may not export, sell or otherwise use for commercial purposes any animal captured under this subsection unless the person holds an applicable permit for that use.

**2. Affected species.** Except as otherwise provided in this Part, this section applies to the possession of any wildlife regulated by the State that is held in captivity and to the importation of wildlife from an area outside the State, including:

- A. All species listed under state law as threatened or endangered;
- B. All species other than those listed in paragraph A not included on a list of unregulated, nonnative species that is maintained by the commissioner to facilitate the issuance of importation permits; and
- C. Species identified in rules adopted by the commissioner.

The commissioner may adopt rules that classify wildlife into categories as described in subsection 3-D for purposes of determining applicable fees under this section. The rules must, at a minimum, include the list of unrestricted, nonnative species as provided in paragraph B, a category of wildlife that is endangered or threatened or presents a risk to humans, a category of wildlife that requires special housing or care and a category of prohibited species for which a permit is not issued under any circumstances.

**3. Issuance.** The commissioner may issue a permit to a person permitting the introduction, importation, possession and use of wildlife in accordance with the provisions of subsection 5.

**3-A. Restrictions.** A permit issued pursuant to this section does not authorize the permittee to:

- A. Possess, propagate or sell deer, bear, moose, wild turkey, hybrid wild turkey or wild turkey-domestic turkey cross nor does it authorize the permittee to possess, propagate or sell any wild animal taken in accordance with section 11601, 11602, 12401, 12402 or 12404; or [2015, c. 374, §7 (NEW).]
- B. Import any species of wild turkey, hybrid wild turkey or wild turkey-domestic turkey cross or the eggs of these species.

**3-C. Issuance for unpermitted wildlife.** The commissioner may issue a permit under this section to a person who possesses wildlife without a permit for which a permit is required if the possession would have been allowed had the person applied for a permit before importing or possessing the wildlife. A person issued

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a permit under this subsection must pay a fee of \$500 in addition to the applicable application fee and permit fee. A person issued a permit under this subsection may not be charged with a penalty under section 12151.

**3-D. Permit types; application fees; permit fees.** An applicant for a permit under this section shall submit a written application on a form specified by the commissioner. The application must be accompanied by the applicable nonrefundable application fee. The following permits may be issued by the commissioner:

A. A category 1 restricted species importation permit, which allows the holder to import wildlife that is endangered or threatened or presents a risk to humans into the State. The following fees apply to a permit under this paragraph:

- (1) Application fee, \$250; and
- (2) Permit fee, \$27;

**4-A. Renewal.** A permit holder who wishes to renew a permit issued under this section must renew the permit prior to its expiration date. The department may assess a late fee of \$25, in addition to the required permit fee, to a person who does not renew a permit prior to its expiration date.

**Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section, including provisions to ensure that all wildlife possessed under these permits receives humane treatment and proper husbandry and security, and to safeguard the interests of the wildlife and citizens of the State. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Rules adopted may include but are not limited to rules that:

- A. Maintain updated inspection provisions for applicants attempting to acquire a permit to possess or introduce, import and possess fish or wildlife in captivity;
- B. Maintain a fee structure to establish fees for inspection provisions for regulated species;
- C. Provide a process that allows authorized independent contractors to meet with permit applicants to educate applicants on minimum standard facility requirements and to inspect current facilities to recommend approval or denial of a permit; and
- D. Charge a responsible party for the cost incurred to remove or euthanize unpermitted regulated fish or wildlife species.

**6. Additional permit requirements.** In addition to the provisions adopted under subsection 3, the commissioner may assign permit conditions or requirements designed to mitigate potential impacts or risks that may arise from the possession of specific wildlife species or to ensure the humane treatment or proper husbandry for specific species.

**7. Escaped wildlife prohibition; penalty.** The following provisions apply to escaped wildlife.

- A. A person may not allow wildlife in captivity to escape that person's possession or control in violation of:
  - (1) Rules adopted pursuant to subsection 5; or
  - (2) An additional permit condition or requirement assigned pursuant to subsection 6.
- B. Notwithstanding section 12151, subsection 2, a person who violates paragraph A commits:
  - (1) A Class E crime if the wildlife is permitted in accordance with this section and the permit holder does not immediately notify a law enforcement officer that the wildlife has escaped;
  - (2) A Class E crime if the wildlife is not permitted in accordance with this section and the person immediately notifies a law enforcement officer that the wildlife has escaped; or
  - (3) A Class D crime if the wildlife is not permitted in accordance with this section and the person does not immediately notify a law enforcement officer that the wildlife has escaped.

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## IFW RULE CHAPTER 7 LIST OF CATEGORY 1 SPECIES

### Amphibians (Amphibia)- Captive Bred Origin Only

#### Frogs and Toads (Anura)

**Common Name**

African Clawed Frog  
Bernhard's Mantella  
Golden Mantella  
Green Mantella  
Western Dwarf Clawed Frog  
Yellow Mantella

**Scientific Name**

*Xenopus laevis*  
*Mantella bernhardi*  
*Mantella aurantiaca*  
*Mantella viridis*  
*Hymenochirus curtipes*  
*Mantella crocea*

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### Birds (Aves)

All pet birds including federally regulated birds, including finches and parrots brought into this state, must be obtained from companies that are registered with the Maine Department of Agriculture. Birds identified with Health certificate required: Anyone who will be importing the following birds from out of state, regardless of the purpose must have a current VS 9-3 or VS 9-2 form certifying that the birds come from a flock participating in the Nation Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). For more information on importing domesticated game birds and examples of the required forms please visit the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's website:

[http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal\\_health/documents/Importationoflivegamebirdsetc.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_health/documents/Importationoflivegamebirdsetc.pdf)

If you intend to train dogs on domesticated fowl please contact the department at (207) 287-8000 regarding field trials, commercial shooting areas, or training dogs with firearms on Sundays.

#### Bustards (Otidiformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Otidiformes (Bustards)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Otidiformes*

#### Cassowaries and Emu (Casuariiformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Casuariidae (Cassowaries And Emu)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Casuariidae*

#### Cranes and Allies (Gruiformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Gruidae (Cranes)  
All Species in Family Psophiidae (Trumpeters)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Gruidae*  
*Family Psophiidae*

#### Falcons (Falconiformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Falconiformes (Falcons)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Falconiformes*

#### Flamingos (Phoenicopteriformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Phoenicopteridae*

#### Fowls (Galliformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Cracidae (Chachalacas, Curassows, Guans)  
All Species in Family Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Cracidae*  
*Family Phasianidae*

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### Hawks, Eagles, Vultures, And Allies (Accipitriformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Accipitriformes (Hawks, Eagles, Vultures, And Allies)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Accipitriformes*

### Kingfishers and Allies (Coraciiformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Bucerotidae (Hornbills)

All Species in Family Coraciidae (Rollers)

Laughing Kookaburra

**Scientific Name**

*Family Bucerotidae*

*Family Coraciidae*

*Dacelo novaeguineae*

### Ostriches (Struthioniformes)

**Common Name**

Common Ostrich

**Scientific Name**

*Struthio camelus*

### Owls (Strigiformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Strigiformes (Owls)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Strigiformes*

### Parrots (Psittaciformes)

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**Common Name**

All Species in Family Strigopidae (New Zealand Parrots)

Austral Parakeet

Burrowing Parrot

Slender-billed Parakeet

**Scientific Name**

*Family Strigopidae*

*Enicognathus ferrugineus*

*Cyanoliseus patagonus*

*Enicognathus leptorhynchus*

### Pelicans, Herons, Ibises, And Allies (Pelecaniformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Pelecaniformes (Pelicans, Herons, Ibises, and Allies)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Pelecaniformes*

### Penguins (Sphenisciformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Spheniscidae (Penguins)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Spheniscidae*

### Perching Birds (Passeriformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Corvidae (Crows, Jays, And Magpies)

All Species in Family Sturnidae (Starlings)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Corvidae*

*Family Sturnidae*

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### Pigeons and Doves (Columbiformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Columbidae (Pigeons And Doves)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Columbidae*

### Storks (Ciconiiformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Ciconiidae (Storks)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Ciconiidae*

### Turacos (Musophagiformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Musophagidae (Turacos)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Musophagidae*

### Waders, Gulls, And Auks (Charadriiformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Charadriiformes (Waders, Gulls, and Auks)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Charadriiformes*

### Waterfowl (Anseriformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, And Swans)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Anatidae*

### Woodpeckers and Allies (Piciformes)

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Ramphastidae (Toucans)

Bearded Barbet

**Scientific Name**

*Family Ramphastidae*

*Lybius dubius*

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## **Mammals (Mammalia)**

### Aardvarks (Tubulidentata)

**Common Name**

Aardvark

**Scientific Name**

*Orycteropus afor*

### Armadillos (Cingulata)

**Common Name**

Long-nosed Armadillo

**Scientific Name**

*Dasyus novemcinctus*

### Bats (Chiroptera)

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Chiroptera (Bats)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Chiroptera*

### Carnivores (Carnivora)

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Mustelidae (Badgers, Otters, Weasels, And Relatives)

All Species in Family Canidae (Canids)

All Species in Family Felidae (Cats)

All Species in Family Viverridae (Civets And Allies)

All Species in Family Otariidae (Eared Seals)

All Species in Family Hyaenidae (Hyenas)

All Species in Family Phocidae (True Seals)

All Species in Family Odobenidae (Walruses)

All Species in Genus Prionodon (Asiatic Linsangs)

Kinkajou

**Scientific Name**

*Family Mustelidae*

*Family Canidae*

*Family Felidae*

*Family Viverridae*

*Family Otariidae*

*Family Hyaenidae*

*Family Phocidae*

*Family Odobenidae*

*Prionodon spp.*

*Potos flavus*

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### **Elephants (Proboscidea)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Elephantidae (Elephants)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Elephantidae*

### **Even-toed Ungulates (Artiodactyla)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Bovidae (Bovids)

All Species in Family Cervidae (Deer)

All Species in Family Giraffidae (Giraffids)

All Species in Family Hippopotamidae (Hippopotamuses)

All Species in Family Suidae (Pigs)

All Species in Family Antilocapridae (Pronghorn and Relatives)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Bovidae*

*Family Cervidae*

*Family Giraffidae*

*Family Hippopotamidae*

*Family Suidae*

*Family Antilocapridae*

### **Kangaroos, Possums, Wallabies, And Relatives (Diprotodontia)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Macropodidae (Kangaroos, Wallabies, and Allies)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Macropodidae*

### **Odd-toed Ungulates (Perissodactyla)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Equidae (Horses, Zebras, And Asses)

All Species in Family Rhinocerotidae (Rhinoceroses)

All Species in Family Tapiridae (Tapirs)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Equidae*

*Family Rhinocerotidae*

*Family Tapiridae*

### **Opossums (Didelphimorphia)**

**Common Name**

Gray Short-tailed Opossum

**Scientific Name**

*Monodelphis domestica*

### **Primates (Primates)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Primates (Primates)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Primates*

### **Rodents (Rodentia)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Castoridae (Beavers)

All Species in Family Aplodontiidae (Mountain Beavers)

Black-tailed Prairie Dog

Brazilian Porcupine

Crested Porcupine

Prevost's Squirrel

Red-rumped Agouti

**Scientific Name**

*Family Castoridae*

*Family Aplodontiidae*

*Cynomys ludovicianus*

*Coendou prehensilis*

*Hystrix cristata*

*Callosciurus prevostii*

*Dasyprocta aguti*

### **Sea Cows (Sirenia)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Sirenia (Sea Cows)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Sirenia*

### **Sloths and Anteaters (Pilosa)**

**Common Name**

Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth

Southern Tamandua

**Scientific Name**

*Choloepus hoffmanni*

*Tamandua tetradactyla*



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### Whales, Dolphins, And Porpoises (Cetacea)

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Cetacea (Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Cetacea*

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### **Reptiles (Reptilia)**

**Captive Bred Origin Only**

#### Crocodylians (Crocodylia)

**Captive Bred Origin Only**

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Crocodylia (Crocodylians)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Crocodylia*

#### Lizards (Sauria)

**Captive Bred Origin Only**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Helodermatidae (Beaded Lizards)  
Grand Cayman Blue Iguana

**Scientific Name**

*Family Helodermatidae*  
*Cyclura nubila lewisi*

#### Snakes (Serpentes)

**Captive Bred Origin Only**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Elapidae (Cobras, Coral Snakes, Elapids, Kraits)  
All Species in Family Viperidae (Vipers)  
All Species in Genus Eunectes  
Amethystine Python  
Atlantic Salt Marsh Snake  
Brown Treesnake  
Eastern indigo snake  
Indian Python  
Isla Todos Santos King Snake  
Jamaican Boa  
Louisiana Pine Snake  
Northern African Rock Python  
Puerto Rican Boa  
Reticulated Python  
Scrub Python  
Southern African Rock Python

**Scientific Name**

*Family Elapidae*  
*Family Viperidae*  
*Eunectes spp.*  
*Morelia amethystina*  
*Nerodia clarkii*  
*Boiga irregularis*  
*Drymarchon corais couperi*  
*Python molurus*  
*Lampropeltis herrerae*  
*Chilabothrus subflavus*  
*Pituophis ruthveni*  
*Python sebae*  
*Chilabothrus inornatus*  
*Python reticulatus*  
*Morelia kinghorni*  
*Python natalensis*

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### Turtles And Tortoises (Testudines)

**Captive Bred Origin Only; must be a minimum 4" diameter.**

These species are particularly long lived, potentially outliving the owner. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggests caution and careful consideration before purchasing these species. While your heirs or survivors can manage and transfer many inherited possessions, living creatures present a bigger challenge. A change in environment or owners can be difficult or fatal for some animals. Think about what is best for the animal and the challenge you are accepting before acquiring it. In addition to their longevity many of these species also require special accessories or programs that provide physical and mental stimulation to ensure the animal's health. Failure to address these needs can result in the animal engaging in destructive behaviors. Consult an animal care professional or work through a licensed pet supplier and learn what ownership of this species will entail before buying. You should receive a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or Health Certificate issued specifically for the pet you are acquiring dated within the last 30 days from the supplier. To help ensure the animal is healthy and legally acquired, check to be sure.

#### **Common Name**

Chinese softshell turtle  
Common Box Turtle  
Gopher Tortoise  
Gulf Coast Box Turtle  
Pond Slider  
Red-eared Slider  
Three-toed Box Turtle

#### **Scientific Name**

*Pelodiscus sinensis*  
*Terrapene carolina*  
*Gopherus polyphemus*  
*Terrapene carolina major*  
*Trachemys scripta*  
*Trachemys scripta elegans*  
*Terrapene carolina triunguis*