

**SECTION 185-THE NATIONAL PARKS AND  
WILDLIFE  
(WILD ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY) REGULATIONS  
*Regulations by the Minister***

***Statutory  
Instrument  
No.  
66 of 1993  
Act No.  
13 of 1994***

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| <p><b>1.</b> These Regulations may be cited as the National Parks and Wildlife (Wild Animals in Captivity) Regulations.</p>  | Title                                    |
| <p><b>2.</b> In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, "permit" means a permit issued under these regulations.</p>  | Interpretation                           |
| <p><b>3.</b> (1) A person shall not keep any wild animal in captivity on a ranch, farm, zoo or any other place without a permit authorising the keeping of such wild animal, issued by the Director under these Regulations.</p> | Permit to keep wild animals in captivity |
- (2) An application for the issue of a permit shall be made in Form 1 set out in the First Schedule.
- (3) The Director shall not approve an application for a permit under sub-regulation (2) unless-
- (a) the applicant has adequate land or space where animals are to be kept;
  - (b) the application is accompanied by a site plan and sketches of the proposed pens and enclosures including dimensions of each unit;
  - (c) the applicant has provided all the information required in the application form; and
  - (d) a team of wildlife police officers or honorary wildlife police officers authorised by the Director in that behalf has inspected the proposed premises and are satisfied that-
    - (i) the District Council in whose area the project is to be sited has no valid objections to the project;
    - (ii) adequate safety precautions exist on such premises to prevent

the escape of wild animals or injury to persons;

(iii) the proposed pens, enclosures, rate at which stock may be increased, food supply, hygiene and facilities for shade are adequate for the health and well-being of wild animals; and

(iv) an adequate water supply is available all year round.

(4) The Director may reject an application if-

(a) he is of the opinion that the applicant or the proposed facilities are unsuitable;

(b) it is in the interest of good game management not to issue the permit; and

(c) the applicant fails to comply with any condition contained in sub-regulation (3).

(5) The Director shall notify the applicant in writing on the reasons for rejecting the application.

(6) The Director may approve any application made under these Regulations subject to such reasonable conditions as he shall endorse on the permit.

(7) In respect of an application approved by him, the Director shall, on payment of the fee prescribed in the Second Schedule, issue the permit in Form 2 set out in the First Schedule.

**4. (1)** A person applying for renewal of his permit shall-

Renewal of  
permit

(a) sixty days before the expiry of the permit, notify the Director in writing of his intention to renew the permit; and

(b) submit-

(i) an application for renewal in Form 3 set out in the First Schedule; and

(ii) a summary of operations during the period of the permit.

(2) Where the permit holder-

- (a) has kept the animals under satisfactory conditions;
- (b) has complied with the conditions, if any, endorsed on the permit;  
and
- (c) has not contravened any of the provisions of these Regulations or of the Act;

the Director shall, upon payment of the appropriate fee prescribed in the Second Schedule, renew the permit.

**5.** (1) Subject to sub-regulation (2) the Director may revoke or refuse to renew a permit if the permit holder-

Revocation or  
refusal to renew  
permit

- (a) has not, in the opinion of the Director kept the animals under satisfactory conditions;
- (b) has not complied with the conditions, if any, endorsed on the permit; and
- (c) has contravened any of the provisions of these Regulations or of the Act.

(2) Thirty days before the revocation or refusal to renew a permit, the Director shall give written notice to a permit holder and the permit holder to whom such notice has been given may make written representation to the Director.

**6.** (1) Any applicant who regards any condition endorsed by the Director as being unreasonable or any permit holder who is aggrieved by the revocation of his permit or, by the refusal to renew his permit, by the Director, may appeal to the Minister.

Appeals to the  
Minister

(2) Pending the determination of his appeal to the Minister, the permit holder may continue to exercise his rights under the permit.

**7.** (1) The Director shall cause to be maintained a register of ownership of wild animals kept in captivity and such register shall be in Form 4 set out in the First Schedule. Register of ownership

(2) Every permit holder shall, within thirty days of any changes in ownership of any wild animal kept by him in captivity, notify the Director of such change.

(3) With respect to any change in ownership, the Director shall cause such change to be recorded in the register, and if necessary, issue a certificate of ownership in Form 5 set out in the First Schedule.

**8.** Every permit holder-

(a) shall maintain a record and shall record therein the particulars of each wild animal which has been born, acquired, purchased, sold or cropped, or which has died; and

(b) shall submit to the Director, once every six months or whenever the Director requires him to do so, a return in Form 6 set out in the First Schedule.

Records and returns by permit holder

**9.** (1) Where a permit holder has been issued with an export permit under the Act to export a trophy from a wild animal kept by him in captivity, he shall attach to that trophy one half of a tag referred to in sub-regulation (2), and shall submit the other half of such tag to the Director.

Tagging of trophies

(2) The tag under sub-regulation (1) shall be in two halves, each half bearing the same number, origin of trophy, name of permit holder and the destination of the consignment.

**10.** The fees set out in the Second Schedule shall be payable in respect of the matters prescribed therein. Fees

**11.** Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred penalty units or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or to both.

Offences and penalties

12. The National Parks and Wildlife (Wild Animals in Captivity) Regulations, 1983 are hereby revoked.

*(As amended by Act No. 13 of 1994)*

Revocation of  
S.I. No. 26 of  
1983

## **SCHEDULE**

### **Form 1**

REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

**The National Parks and Wildlife Act**

**The National Parks and Wildlife (Wild Animals in Captivity) Regulations**

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO KEEP ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY

*(Regulation 3 (2))*

PART I: Particulars of the applicant:

- (a) Full Name Age.....
- (b) NRC/Passport No
- (c) Postal Address
- (d) Residential Address
- (e) Present Occupation

PART II: Particulars of land where the applicant intends to keep animals:

- (f) Farm No
- (g) Name of Lessee
- (h) Area of Farm
- (i) Location of Farm

PART III: Other particulars

- (j) Will the wild animals be kept-
  - (i) on a game ranch?
  - (ii) on a game farm (e.g. crocodiles, birds, etc)?
  - (iii) in a zoo?

(iv) at any other place? (specify)

(k) Species of wild animals and maximum number required

(l) Do you want to raise wild animals for-

(i) sale alive?

(ii) sale of their skins?

(iii) sale of meat?

(iv) public display?

(v) other purposes?

(m) Will you operate the farm/ranch/zoo on a full-time basis?

(n) What is your experience in wildlife ranching or farming?

(o) Have you been convicted of an offence against the Act or Firearms Act?

(p) When can your farm be inspected on behalf of the Director?

I certify that the above information is correct.

Date .....

*Signature of applicant*

**Form 2**

**Original**-to permit holder

**Duplicate**-to Director of National Parks and Wildlife

**Triplicate**-to be retained in the book

REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

**The National Parks and Wildlife Act**

**The National Parks and Wildlife (Wild Animals in Captivity) Regulations**

PERMIT TO KEEP WILD ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY

*(Regulation 3 (7))*

No.....

Station Date of Issue.....

Name

Postal Address

Residential Address

is hereby authorised to keep wild animals specified below in captivity on a ranch/farm/  
zoo/other place\* (name of ranch, farm, etc.)

(Species and numbers of wild animals)

CONDITIONS OF ISSUE

1. The purpose of keeping wild animals in captivity is
2. This permit is not transferable to any other person.
3. This permit shall be produced on demand by any wildlife police officer or honorary wildlife police officer.
4. This permit expires on the 31st December next following the date of issue.
5. The holder of this permit shall maintain up-to-date records in the record of wild animals kept in

captivity and all records shall be available for inspection on request by any wildlife police officer or honorary wildlife police officer.

6. This permit does not permit the capture of wild animals or collection of their eggs or export thereof.

7. No wild animals shall be released without the prior permission of the Director.

8. No wild animals shall be transported in a manner which in the opinion of a wildlife police officer or honorary wildlife police officer is likely to cause injury or cruelty to animals.

9. The Director shall not be held responsible for any liability arising out of the exercise of rights conferred by the permit.

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11.

12. Fee Units paid. ....

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*Director,  
National Parks and Wildlife*

\*Delete whatever is inapplicable.  
(As amended by Act No. 13 of 1994)



**Form 3**

REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

**The National Parks and Wildlife Act**

**The National Parks and Wildlife (Wild Animals in Captivity) Regulations**

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO KEEP WILD ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY

*(Regulation 4 (1))*

PART I: Particulars of the applicant:

- (a) Full Name
- (b) NRC/Passport No
- (c) Postal Address
- (d) Residential Address
- (e) Present Occupation

PART II: Particulars of land where wild animals are to be kept:

- (f) Farm No
- (g) Name of Lessee
- (h) Area of Farm
- (i) Location of Farm

PART III: Conditions for renewal of permit

- (j) Have you maintained a record of wild animals kept in captivity by you?  
(Yes or No)
- (k) Have you submitted returns to the Director regularly?
  
- (l) When was the farm last inspected on behalf of the Director?

I certify that the above information is correct.

Date .....

*Signature of applicant*



**Form 4**

**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

**The National Parks and Wildlife Act**

The National Parks and Wildlife (Wild Animals in Captivity) Regulations

**REGISTER OF OWNERSHIP OF WILD ANIMALS KEPT IN CAPTIVITY**

*(Regulation 7(1))*

Date of transaction	Name of owner of ranch or farm or zoo	Number of permit and date issued	Animal species involved	Number acquired or sold	Number of Certificate of ownership	Name and signature of recording officer

**Form 5**

**Original**-To permit holder

**Duplicate**-To Director of National Parks and Wildlife

**Triplicate**-To be retained in the book

**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

**The National Parks and Wildlife Act**

**The National Parks and Wildlife (Wild Animals in Captivity) Regulations**

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP

*(Regulation 7 (3))*

No.....

Station of Issue

Date of issue.....

Full name of Permit Holder

Postal Address

Residential address

NRC/Passport No

Permit No. and date of issue

has become the lawful owner of (species of animals)

Number acquired

of

whose Permit No. is (address)

Signature of transferor.....

Signature of transferee.....

*Director,  
National Parks and Wildlife*

**Form 6**

**Original**-To permit holder

**Duplicate**-To Director of National Parks and Wildlife

**Triplicate**-To be retained in the book

**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

**The National Parks and Wildlife Act**

**The National Parks and Wildlife (Wild Animals in Captivity) Regulations**

RETURNS OF WILD ANIMALS KEPT IN CAPTIVITY

*(Regulation 8)*

Name of Owner

Permit No

Period

Animal Species

Age or Age Class	Stock on hand as at 31st January, 19.....	No. born	Number purchased or acquired	Number of Certificate of Ownership	From whom obtained

Deaths	Cropped	Sold or given live	To whom sold or given	Stock on hand as at 31st December, 19.....

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Date of submission

Certified correct

*Owner/Manager*

# **SECOND SCHEDULE**

*(Regulations 2 and 10)*

## **PRESCRIBED FEES**

1. Permit to keep wild animals in captivity 400
2. Renewal of permit 600

*(As amended by Act No. 13 of 1994)*

Fee Units