



IMPORT OF SPORT-HUNTED BONTEBOK TROPHIES FROM SOUTH AFRICA



New Reissue/Renew Amendment

Complete Sections **A** or **B**, and C, D, and E of this application. U.S. address may be required in Section C.**

A. Complete if applying as an individual			
1.a. Last name	1.b. First name	1.c. Middle name or initial	1.d. Suffix
2. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	5.a. Telephone number	5.b. Alternate telephone number	6. E-mail address

B. Complete if applying on behalf of a business, corporation, public agency, Tribe, or institution			
1.a. Name of business, agency, Tribe, or institution		1.b. Doing business as (dba)	
2. Tax identification no.	3.a. Description of business, agency, Tribe, or institution		3.b. Website URL (if applicable)
4.a. Principal officer (P.O.) last name	4.b. P.O. first name	4.c. P.O. middle initial	4.b. P.O. Title
5. Primary contact name		6. Primary e-mail address	
7.a. Business telephone number	7.b. Alternate phone no.	8.a. Primary contact telephone no.	

C. All applicants complete address information				
[Redacted] (Apt #, or Room #; no P.O. Boxes)				
1.b. City	1.c. State	1.d. Zip code/Postal code	1.e. County/Province	1.f. Country
2.a. Mailing Address (include if different than physical address; include name of contact person if applicable)				
2.b. City	2.c. State	2.d. Zip code/Postal code	2.e. County/Province	2.f. Country

D. All applicants MUST complete	
1. Include a check or money order, payable to the U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, a nonrefundable processing fee [50 CFR 13.11(d)(4)] . Federal, Tribal, State, and local government agencies, and those acting on behalf of such agencies, are exempt from the processing fee – attach documentation of fee exempt status as outlined in instructions. (50 CFR 13.11(d))	
2. If you are requesting a reissue/renew/amendment, what is your permit/file number?	
3. Certification: I hereby certify that I have read and am familiar with the regulations contained in Title 50, Part 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the other applicable parts in subchapter B of Chapter I of Title 50, and I certify that the information submitted in this application for a permit is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.	
The individual/principal officer of the business must print and sign the application. (No photocopied or stamped signatures) Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	

** Further instructions for the above application may be found on our ePermits website. See the last page for information on the Privacy Act, Paperwork Reduction Act, Estimated Burden, and Freedom of Information Act aspects of this application form.

Mail your application(s) to Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS:IA 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

E. IMPORT OF SPORT-HUNTED BONTEBOK TROPHIES FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Note 1: If you hold an import permit for trophy/trophies that you did not use, please **return the unused original permit to the address on page one.**

Note 2: If you are requesting reissuance of a permit because you have taken a trophy, but were unable to import it prior to the expiration of the permit, please use the renewal form ([3-200-52](#)) and return your original permit with that form.

Note 3: The bontebok is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Applications for endangered species permits must be published in the Federal Register for a 30-day public comment period. Allow at least **90 days** for the application to be processed.

Note 4: This application can only be used if you have hunted/will be hunting in **South Africa**. If you have or will be hunting in a different country, please use form [3-200-20](#).

Note 5: *Sport-hunted trophy* is defined at [50 CFR 23.74](#) as follows: *Sport-hunted trophy* means a whole dead animal or a readily recognizable part or derivative of an animal specifically identified on the accompanying CITES document that meets the following criteria:

- Is raw, processed, or manufactured;
- Was legally obtained by the hunter through hunting for his or her personal use;
- Is being imported, exported, or re-exported by or on behalf of the hunter as part of the transfer from its country of origin ultimately to the hunter's country of usual residence; and
- May include worked, manufactured, or handicraft items made from the sport-hunted animal only when:
 - i. Such items are contained in the same shipment as raw or tanned parts of the sport-hunted animal and are for the personal use of the hunter;
 - ii. The quantity of such items is no more than could reasonably be expected given the number of animals taken by the hunter as shown on the license or other documentation of the authorized hunt accompanying the shipment; and
 - iii. The accompanying CITES documents (export document and, if appropriate, import permit) contain a complete itemization and description of all items included in the shipment.

Note 6: Certain hunting trophies, including elephants, are subject to restrictions on their use after import into the United States. Please see 50 CFR 23.55 for more information or contact the Division of Management Authority.

- **Complete all questions on the application.**
- **Mark questions that are not applicable with "N/A".**
- **If applying for more than one trophy species, be sure to answer questions 5, 6, and 7 for each trophy.**
- **If importing trophies from more than one country, you must submit a separate application for each shipment in order to obtain separate import permits.**

1. Name and address where you wish the permit to be mailed, if different from physical address. If you would like expedited shipping, please enclose a self-addressed, pre-paid, computer-generated, courier service airway bill. If unspecified, all documents will be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service.

2. Who should we contact if we have questions about the application (name, phone number, and e-mail)?



3. Have you or your client (if a broker applying on behalf of your client), been assessed a civil penalty or convicted of any criminal provision of any statute or regulation relating to the activity for which the application is filed; been convicted, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for a felony violation of the Lacey Act, the Migratory Bird

Treaty Act, or the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; forfeited collateral; OR are currently under charges for any violation of the laws mentioned above?

No Yes

If you answered "Yes" to Question 3, provide: a) the individual's name; b) date of charge; c) charge(s); d) location of incident; e) court, and f) action taken for each violation. Please be aware that a "Yes" response does not automatically disqualify you from getting a permit.

4. How many Bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) are you applying to import? Quantity: _____

a. At the time of the application, the specimen(s) is/are:

Alive Dead

b. If specimen(s) is/are still alive, what is the approximate date of proposed take? _____

c. If dead, what is the **date** you took the animal(s)? _____

d. What is the approximate age and sex (if known) of the animal(s)? _____

e. The current location of the trophy/trophies (address and country) [the U.S. import permit will identify this country as the country of export/re-export and must match with the CITES export/re-export document]:

5. ENTER the name and address of the **landowner** on whose property the bontebok was or will be taken:

Owners name:

Farm Name:

District:

Address:

City:

State/Province:

Country, Postal Code:

Please be aware that the bontebok is listed in Appendix II of CITES. As such, you must obtain a CITES export permit from South Africa. If you are not exporting the trophy from South Africa directly to the United States, you will need to obtain a CITES re-export certificate from the re-exporting country.

6. Attach a signed statement from the **landowner** giving you permission to cull a bontebok from their captive herd.

7. If available, provide a copy of the landowner's Certification of Registration for the bontebok herd. (Note: this is **not** a copy of the CITES export permit, but a certificate issued by the South African province.) In order to meet the criteria for a permit under the Endangered Species Act, the bontebok must be culled from a ranch that has been certified by the Government of South Africa under their bontebok program. If the ranch is not registered, we may be unable to issue an import permit.
8. **Complete name and address** of overseas person or business shipping the trophy to you (this name will appear on the face of the permit).

Name:

Business Name:

Address:

Address:

City:

State/Province:

Country, Postal Code:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT (original signature must be provided for either 9 or 10 below)

9. **If you are a broker or taxidermist applying on behalf of a U.S. hunter or foreign national**, provide documentation to show you have a **Power of Attorney** to act on your client's behalf and sign the following statement.

I acknowledge that the sport-hunted trophy/trophies to be imported has been/will be personally hunted by my client and is being imported only for my client's personal use (i.e., **not for sale, transfer, donation, or exchange that is reasonably likely to result in economic use, gain, or benefit**).

Taxidermist/Broker's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

10. **If you are the hunter applying to import your own trophy**, please read and sign the following statement.

I acknowledge that the sport-hunted trophy/trophies to be imported has been/will be personally hunted by me and is being imported only for my personal use (i.e., **not for sale, transfer, donation, or exchange that is reasonably likely to result in economic use, gain, or benefit**).

Applicant's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Be aware that there may be additional permitting or approval requirements by your local or state governments, as well as required by other Federal agencies or foreign government to conduct your propose activity. While the Service will attempt to assist where possible, it is your responsibility to obtain such approval.

All international shipment(s) must be through a designated port. A list of designated ports (where an inspector is posted) is available from [the list of designated ports](#). If you wish to use a port not listed, please contact the Office of Law Enforcement for a Designated Port Exemption Permit (form 3-200-2).



DATE: 12 March 2024

Division of Management Authority (DMA)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 212
Arlington, VA 22203
U.S.A.

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: IMPORT OF SPORT-HUNTED BONTEBOK TROPHY FROM SOUTH AFRICA

I hereby grant permission to:

Mr. John Thomas Howell

from

[REDACTED]
Lone Tree
Colorado 80124
USA

to shoot one Bontebok ram out of my private certified herd on my property Rygerspoort in the Cradock district of the Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

In doing so, he will in no way endanger the future of the Bontebok as due to the surplus, it is essential to remove old infertile males and culling is done by this method.

M.S. MURRAY
DIRECTOR – AFRICAN FIELD SPORTS



Division of Management Authority (DMA)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 212
Arlington, VA 22203
U.S.A.

7 June 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: BONTBOK HERD – RYGERSPOORT

Our Bontebok herd have been certified as a pure herd since 2005 by the Department of Economic Affairs, Environment and Tourism and our certificate was renewed in 2013. I have attached both certificates.

DNA testing only became a requirement in recent years for live animals introduced into the herd or live animals that leave the property (bought and sold on auctions).

The required DNA testing was done by Dr. Desire Dalton from the National Zoological Gardens of South Africa and the results clearly shows that our herd are indeed pure.

I have attached copies of these results.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if anything is need further in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

M.S. MURRAY
DIRECTOR - AFRICAN FIELD SPORTS

**Results for Bontebok
(WC BCTUP)**



Consignment no: SER02268

Name of applicant: M Murray, Murray Property Trust
Farm name: Cradock, Eastern Cape
Forensic bag: FSB-1106582
Conservation official: R Botha
Veterinarian: Dr KN Ross
Email: afs@murrayranches.co.za; mike@murrayranches.co.za

Date: 17 August 2017

Herewith are the results of the 17 samples received for genetic testing of bontebok to detect hybrid animals. According to the DNA marker set typed, as compiled through research for the detection of possible hybrid animals the following results were obtained from an assignment test for bontebok and blesbok:

Sample No.	Microchip No.	Catalogue No.	Lab No.	Final Result
Left ear 58/Right 1	0007AC05E4	59364	BB11078	Bontebok ¹
11/2	0007AC484D	59365	BB11079	Bontebok ¹
12/3	0007808C35	59366	BB11080	Bontebok ¹
37/4	0007AC41EA	59367	BB11081	Bontebok ¹
38/5	0007ACA67D	59368	BB11082	Bontebok ¹
87/6	000783AA78	59369	BB11083	Bontebok ¹
22/7	000783B3DA	59370	BB11084	Bontebok ¹
91/8	000783D524	59371	BB11085	Bontebok ¹
135/10	000783A84D	59372	BB11086	Bontebok ¹
137/11	0007AC5A8F	59373	BB11087	Bontebok ¹
138/12	0007ABBCDB	59374	BB11088	Bontebok ¹
136/13	000783D393	59375	BB11089	Bontebok ¹
122/1	0007ABFC42	59376	BB11090	Bontebok ¹
133/2	000783A311	59377	BB11091	Bontebok ¹
14/40	0007AC1E73	59378	BB11092	Bontebok ¹

15/84	0007ABE454	59379	BB11093	Bontebok ¹
16/100	000783C91F	59380	BB11094	Bontebok ¹

¹ = Bontebok – 100% pure bontebok as determined by the nuclear test, using microsatellite markers and incorporating a 90% threshold.

² = Hybrid – animals below the threshold for bontebok DNA. These animals pose a high risk to the pure bontebok population.

³ = Blesbok – 100% pure blesbok as determined by the nuclear test, using microsatellite markers.

We thank you for your support and hope to be of service in the future.

DISCLAIMER:

The National Zoological Gardens of South Africa (NZG) conducts research and thus results from the report may be used for this purpose. Whilst every effort is made in ensuring the accuracy of results provided following sample testing, due to the nature of ongoing research in the field of DNA and best practices and acceptable thresholds, the NZG does not accept liability for any loss or damage suffered by sample providers arising out of the use of or reliance on the reports of the sample tests conducted, unless such loss is caused by the negligence or wilful act or omission of any employee of the NZG. In no event will the NZG be liable for any indirect or consequential loss or damage whatsoever arising from the use or reliance on the sample test reports. The NZG does not accept liability for samples submitted without following applicable chain-of-custody protocols which may be a requirement for forensic court cases or permit applications.

**Results for Bontebok
(WC BCTUP)**



Mike Murray

mikemurray@iexchange.co.za

Enquiries: Dr Desiré lee Dalton

Email: desire@nzg.ac.za

Tel: +27 12 328 3265

Date: 12 November 2015

Herewith are the results of the 5 samples received for genetic testing of bontebok to detect hybrid animals.

According to the DNA marker set typed, as compiled through research for the detection of possible hybrid animals the following results were obtained from an assignment test for bontebok and blesbok:

Sample No.	Microchip No.	Lab No.	Final Result
1	900032002851288	BB8645	Bontebok
2	900032002851291	BB8646	Bontebok
3	900032002291738	BB8647	Bontebok
4	900032002852583	BB8648	Bontebok
5	900032002291721	BB8649	Bontebok

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Yours sincerely,
Dr Desiré Lee Dalton

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**Results for Bontebok
(WC BCTUP)**



Applicant: Mike Murray
 Murray Property Trust
afs@murrayranches.co.za; mike@murrayranches.co.za

Date: 14 July 2017

Herewith are the results of the 24 samples received for genetic testing of bontebok to detect hybrid animals. According to the DNA marker set typed, as compiled through research for the detection of possible hybrid animals the following results were obtained from an assignment test for bontebok and blesbok:

Sample No.	Microchip No.	Catalogue No.	Lab No.	Final Result
Tag 115	945000001630198	55000	BB10913	Bontebok ¹
Tag 116	945000001630183	55001	BB10914	Bontebok ¹
Tag 117	945000001630381	55002	BB10915	Bontebok ¹
Tag 118	945000001630127	55003	BB10916	Bontebok ¹
Tag 119	945000001630186	55004	BB10917	Bontebok ¹
Tag 120	945000001630188	55005	BB10918	Bontebok ¹
Tag 121	945000001630393	55006	BB10919	Bontebok ¹
Tag 122	945000001630380	55007	BB10920	Bontebok ¹
Tag 123	945000001630191	55008	BB10921	Bontebok ¹
Tag 124	945000001630196	55009	BB10922	Bontebok ¹
Tag 125	945000001630187	55010	BB10923	Bontebok ¹
Tag 126	945000001630397	55011	BB10924	Bontebok ¹
Tag 127	945000001630177	55012	BB10925	Bontebok ¹
Tag 128	945000001630392	55013	BB10926	Bontebok ¹
Tag 129	945000001630192	55014	BB10927	Bontebok ¹
Tag 130	945000001630386	55015	BB10928	Bontebok ¹
Tag 131	945000001654629	55016	BB10929	Bontebok ¹
Tag 132	945000001654732	55017	BB10930	Bontebok ¹
Tag 133	945000001654628	55018	BB10931	Bontebok ¹
Tag 134	945000001622427	55019	BB10932	Bontebok ¹
Tag 135	945000001622552	55020	BB10933	Bontebok ¹
Tag 136	945000001654690	55021	BB10934	Bontebok ¹
Tag 137	945000001622553	55022	BB10935	Bontebok ¹
Tag 138	945000001622551	55023	BB10936	Bontebok ¹

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GAME FARM HUNTING PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER: GFH 73421

(Issued in terms of the provisions of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 2004, Act 10 of 2004)

NAME OF ISSUING AUTHORITY	
NAME	DEDEA
ADDRESS	PO Box 9636
ADDRESS	Queenstown 5320
PROVINCE	Eastern Cape

DETAILS OF HUNTER			
NAME	John Thomas	ID NO	N.a.
SURNAME	Havel	PASSPORT NO	[REDACTED]
POSTAL ADDRESS		[REDACTED]	
ADDRESS	[REDACTED]		
ADDRESS	[REDACTED]		
TOWN	Wae Tree		
POSTAL CODE	80134		
PROVINCE	Colorado, USA		
PARTICULARS OF PROFESSIONAL HUNTER (In case of hunting client)	NAME AND SURNAME	TD Retief	
	CONTACT NUMBER	072 126 0911	
	PERMIT NUMBER	20240900003359	

DETAILS OF REGISTERED GAME FARM OWNER	
REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE NUMBER	TR 202107000000628
NAME: LANDOWNER	Michael Simon
SURNAME: LANDOWNER	Murray
REGISTERED FARM NAME AND NUMBER	Rygersport
FARM SIZE (ha)	518 ha
DISTRICT NAME	Crabbe
PROVINCE	Eastern Cape

HUNTING METHOD	
HUNTING INSTRUMENT	Rifle
HUNTING METHOD	Walk + Stalk

DETAILS OF SPECIES TO BE HUNTED			
SPECIES		SEX	QUANTITY
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME		
Bontebok	Damaliscus	Male	One
	Pygargus		
	Pygargus		

PERMIT VALIDATION			
DURATION OF THE HUNT	FROM:	09/03/2024	TO: 16/03/2024
PERIOD OF VALIDITY	FROM:	09/03/2024	TO: 16/03/2025
DATE ISSUED	09/03/2024		
SIGNATURE OF THE GAME FARM OWNER	[Signature]		
SIGNATURE OF THE HUNTER	[Signature]		

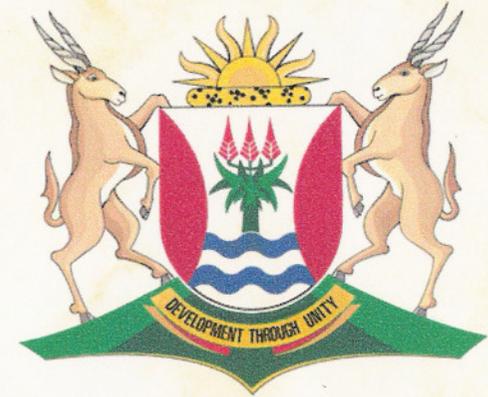
NAME OF ISSUING OFFICER	SIGNATURE OF ISSUING OFFICER
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RECEIPT NUMBER

STAMP OF ISSUING AUTHORITY	<p>EASTERN CAPE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS CHRIS HANI DISTRICT</p> <p>P.O. BOX 9636 QUEENSTOWN 5320</p> <p>UJONGLOZONDALO LINTSIPAZA KOLONI</p>
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Certificate of Registration

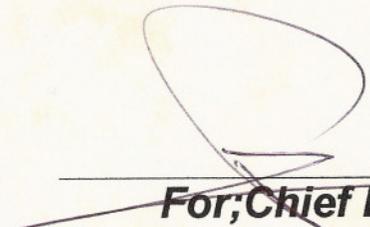
BONTEBOK HERD



**It is hereby certified that the
Bontebok herd on
the property Rygerspoort, of
Mr. Michael Murray,
in the Cradock district of the Eastern Cape,
South Africa, is certified as pure on the
19th April 2005**

Presented to Mr. Michael Murray

Date: 19th April 2005


For, Chief Director: Environmental Affairs

**Issued by: Department of Economic Affairs, Environment and Tourism
Province of the Eastern Cape**

Certificate of Registration

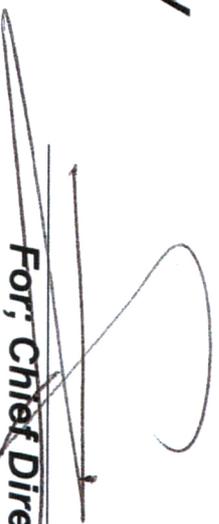
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1 August 2013

Presented to Mr. Michael Murray

Date: 1 August 2013


For: Chief Director: Environmental Affairs

Issued by: Department of Economic Affairs, Environment and Tourism
Province of the Eastern Cape

From: [Hutchins, Brian \(Jake\)](#)
To: "john@huntedismal.com"
Subject: CITES Application # CS7472973 --- Request for Information
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 9:43:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

I have received CITES application # CS7472973, FWS Form 3-200-22, for the Import of a sport-hunted bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) harvested in South Africa. To continue the review process, please provide the following:

1. If available, please provide a copy of the hunting permit issued by the South African authorities authorizing the take of (1) male bontebok.

In accordance with 50 CFR 13.11(e), if the requested information is not received by this office by **September 2, 2024 your application will be abandoned and administratively closed. Once a file is closed you will need to submit a new application and all required fees for the Service to consider your proposed activity.**

Thank you for your time,

Jake Hutchins | Biologist
[USFWS](#) | [International Affairs](#)
Division of Management Authority
5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: IA
Falls Church, Virginia, 22041-3803, USA



From: john.hunt@dismal.com
To: [Hutchins, Brian \(Jake\)](mailto:brian_hutchins@fws.gov)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: CITES Application # CS7472973 --- Request for Information
Date: Friday, July 19, 2024 12:07:30 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Game Farm Hunting Permit GFH 73421 - John James Howell - Bontebok.pdf](#)

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Jake,

Please see attached. Thanks!

John

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2024, at 7:43 AM, Hutchins, Brian (Jake) <brian_hutchins@fws.gov> wrote:

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5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: IA

Falls Church, Virginia, 22041-3803, USA

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