



Department of the Interior
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Application Form

Return to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Management Authority (DMA)
Branch of Permits, MS: IA
5275 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22041-3803
1-800-358-2104 or 703-358-2104

Type of Activity:
IMPORT OF SPORT-HUNTED BONTEBOK TROPHIES FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Complete Sections A or B, and C, D, and E of this application. U.S. address may be required in Section C, see instructions for details. See attached instruction pages for information on how to make your application complete and help avoid unnecessary delays.

A. Complete if applying as an individual			
1.a. Last name Towbin	1.b. First name Michael	1.c. Middle name or initial Anthony	1.d. Suffix
[Redacted]		5. Affiliation/ Doing business as (see instructions)	
[Redacted]			

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. Description of business, agency, Tribe, or institution		
4.a. Principal officer Last name	4.b. Principal officer First name	4.c. Principal officer Middle name/ initial	4.d. Suffix
5. Principal officer title		6. Primary contact name	
7.a. Business telephone number	7.b. Alternate telephone number	7.c. Business fax number	7.d. Business e-mail address

C. All applicants complete address information					
1.a. Physical address (Street address; Apartment #, Suite #, or Room #; no P.O. Boxes)					
[Redacted]					
1.b. City Kirkland	1.c. State WA	1.d. Zip code/Postal code: 98034	1.e. County/Province King	1.f. Country USA	
2.a. Mailing Address (include if different than physical address; include name of contact person if applicable)					
[Redacted]					
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. Attach check or money order payable to the U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE in the amount of \$100, nonrefundable processing fee. 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. Do you currently have or have you ever had any Federal Fish and Wildlife permits? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, list the number of the most current permit you have held or that you are applying to renew/re-issue: _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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 1 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.	
Signature (in blue ink) of applicant/person responsible for permit (No photocopied or stamped signatures)	Date of signature (mm/dd/yyyy) 10/07/2017

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**. 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), <http://www.fws.gov/international/permits/by-form-number/index.html> and return your original permit with that form.

Note 2: 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 3: 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: <http://www.fws.gov/international/permits/by-form-number/index.html>

Note 4: USFWS has determined that a trophy consists of raw or tanned parts of a specimen taken by a hunter during a sport hunt for personal use. It may include the bones, claws, hair, head, hide, hooves, horns, meat, skull, teeth, tusks, or any taxidermied part, including, but not limited to, a rug or taxidermied head, shoulder, or full mount. It does not include articles made from a trophy, such as worked, manufactured, or handicraft items for use as clothing, curios, ornamentation, jewelry, or other utilitarian items. If you wish to import such products, please contact the Division of Management Authority for the proper application form.

Provide the following information. Complete all questions on the application. Mark questions that are not applicable with "N/A". If needed, use a separate sheet of paper. On all attachments or separate sheets you submit, indicate the application question number you are addressing. If applying for more than one trophy, be sure to indicate which trophy is addressed in each response.

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

2. At the time of the application, if bontebok is:

Alive, a. What is the approximate date of proposed take? _____

Dead, b. What is the date you took the animal? August 14, 2017

c. Description of the trophy and parts you intend to import (e.g., skin, skull, shoulder mount, life size mount, claws, horn, tusks).
Skull, horns, cape

d. The current location of the trophy (address and country) [the U.S. import permit will identify this country as the country of export/re-export and must match with the export/re-export documents]:
Tam Safaris, 77 Frere Street, Cradock, 5880 South Africa

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

Name: IRVIN TAM
Business Name: TAM SAFARIS
Address: 77 FRERE STREET
Address:
City: CRADOCK
State/Province:
Country, Postal Code: SOUTH AFRICA 5880.

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.

4. a. Attach a signed statement from the landowner giving you permission to cull a bontebok from their captive herd.
 - b. If available, provide a copy of the landowner's Certification of Registration for the bontebok herd. (Note: this is **not** a copy of the export permit or certificate issued by a 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.
5. **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: IRVIN TAM
Business Name: TAM SAFARIS
Address: 77 FRERE STREET
Address:
City: CRADOCK
State/Province:
Country, Postal Code: SOUTH AFRICA 5880

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT (original signature must be provided for either 6 or 7 below)

6. If you are a broker or taxidermist applying on behalf of a 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(ies) 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: _____

7. 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(ies) 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: 10/07/2017

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

8. All international shipment(s) must be through a designated port. A list of designated ports (where an inspector is posted) is available from <http://www.fws.gov/le/designated-ports.html>. 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).
9. Name and address where you wish permit mailed, if different from page 1 (All permits will be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service, unless you identify an alternative means below):
10. If you wish the permit to be delivered by means other than USPS regular mail, provide an air bill, pre-paid envelope, or billing information. If you do not have a pre-paid envelope or air bill and wish to pay for a courier service with your credit card, please state check the box below. Please DO NOT include credit card number or other information; you will be contacted for this information.
- If a permit is issued, please send it via a courier service to the address on page 1 or question 9. I understand that you will contact me for my credit card information once the application has been processed.
11. Who should we contact if we have questions about the application? (Include name, phone number, and email):
Michael A. Towbin, [REDACTED]
12. **Disqualification Factor.** A conviction, or entry of 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 disqualifies any such person from receiving or exercising the privileges of a permit, unless such disqualification has been expressly waived by the Service Director in response to a written petition. (50 CFR 13.21(c)) Have you or any of the owners of the business, if applying as a business, been convicted, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, forfeited collateral, or are currently under charges for any violations of the laws mentioned above?
- Yes No If you answered "Yes" 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.

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13 August 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves to confirm that;

Mr Michael Anthony Towbin; Passport [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Kirkland, WA

98034, USA .

Will be hunting in South Africa with Tam Safari's in the Eastern Cape during August 2017.

He has permission to hunt one excess Bontebok from the registered group on the ranch, Spekboomberg, Cradock, South Africa.

Ranch: +27 488 811 053

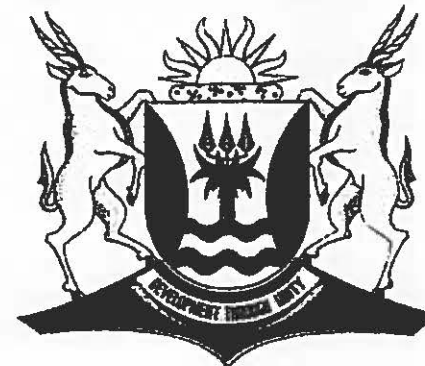
Mobile:+27 826 526 610

Sincerely

Irvin Tam

Certificate of Registration

BONTEBOK HERD



***It is hereby certified that the
Bontebok herd on
the property Spekboomberg, of
Mr.Irvin Tam,
in the Cradock district of the Eastern Cape,
South Africa, is certified as pure on the
13 May 2003***

Presented to Mr.Irvin Tam

Date: 13 May 2003


For: Chief Director: Environmental Affairs

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

Results

Bontebok/blesbok typing



To: Henriette

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Date: 10 June 2013

Results: Bontebok and Blesbok DNA typing for samples

Introduction

Due to the suspected threat of hybridization in bontebok both the management and conservation community have expressed an interest in this particular problem. Detection of hybrid individuals traditionally has relied on morphological methods. The National Zoological Gardens of South Africa developed a research programme that uses molecular approaches identify hybrid and pure bontebok and blesbok in South Africa. Results from our ongoing genetic studies using species specific and cross species markers have confirmed the occurrence of hybridization between blesbok and bontebok.

Materials and methods

Samples of unknown purity are compared to pure bontebok (collected from Bontebok National Park, Driefontein, Brandford, Springfontein and DeHoop National Park) and pure blesbok (collected from Petrusburg, Dewetsdorp, Smithfield, Kroonstand, and Fauresmith). If the samples of unknown purity consist of bontebok and blesbok DNA (as compared to the pure samples) the animal is considered a hybrid. If the sample of unknown purity consists only of bontebok DNA the animal is considered pure.

Herewith are the results of the 16 samples received for genetic testing.

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:

Results:

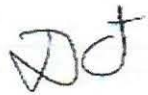
Sample No.	Lab No.	Marker1		Marker2		Marker3		Marker4		Marker5		Marker6		Marker7		Marker8		Marker9		Marker10	
1	BB1999	191	191	201	201	138	138	205	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	130	130	244	260	221	221
2	BB2000	191	191	201	201	136	136	205	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	130	132	244	244	221	221

3	BB2001	191	191	201	201	138	138	205	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	130	130	244	260	221	221
4	BB2002	191	191	201	201	138	138	205	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	130	132	244	244	221	221
5	BB2003	189	191	201	201	136	138	205	205	136	136	172	172	164	164	130	132	244	244	221	221
6	BB2004	191	191	201	201	138	138	205	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	130	132	244	244	221	221
7	BB2005	191	191	201	201	138	138	205	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	130	130	244	260	221	221
8	BB2006	191	191	201	201	138	140	205	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	132	132	244	244	221	221
9	BB2007	191	191	201	201	138	138	205	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	130	132	244	260	221	221
10	BB2008	189	191	201	201	136	136	205	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	130	132	244	244	221	221
11	BB2009	191	191	201	201	138	138	199	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	130	132	244	244	221	221
12	BB2010	191	191	201	201	136	136	205	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	130	130	244	244	221	221
13	BB2011	191	191	201	201	136	136	205	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	132	132	260	260	221	221
14	BB2012	191	191	201	201	136	138	205	205	136	136	172	172	164	164	130	130	244	244	221	221
15	BB2013	191	191	201	201	136	136	199	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	132	132	244	244	221	221
16	BB2014	191	191	201	201	136	136	205	205	136	136	172	172	158	164	132	132	244	260	221	221

Sample No.	BB2000	Marker11		Marker12		Marker13																
1	BB1999	126	126	154	154	270	270															
2	BB2000	120	120	154	154	264	270															
3	BB2001	126	126	154	154	264	270															
4	BB2002	120	126	154	154	270	270															
5	BB2003	120	126	154	154	264	270															
6	BB2004	120	126	154	154	264	270															
7	BB2005	120	126	154	154	264	270															
8	BB2006	126	126	154	154	264	270															
9	BB2007	126	126	154	154	270	270															
10	BB2008	120	126	154	154	270	273															
11	BB2009	126	126	154	154	264	270															
12	BB2010	120	126	154	154	264	273															
13	BB2011	120	126	154	154	264	270															
14	BB2012	120	126	154	154	264	273															
15	BB2013	120	120	154	154	264	264															
16	BB2014	120	120	154	154	264	270															

The marker test indicated that the following samples ARE PURE as they were assigned ONLY to bontebok: BB1999-BB2014. The animals tested in this report ARE pure and there ARE NO differences in the DNA between these samples and those of the pure controls samples (collected from Bontebok National Park, Driefontein, Brandford, Springfontein and DeHoop National Park).

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DL' with a small crossbar on the second 'L'.

Yours sincerely,
Dr Desiré Lee Dalton

**Results for Bontebok
(WC BCTUP)**



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Date: 30 June 2015

Herewith are the results of the 13 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:

Microchip No.	Lab No.	Final Result
4C4A196C4C	BB7005	Bontebok
4C4A1B377D	BB7006	Bontebok
4C38665B75	BB7007	Bontebok
4C390A5643	BB7008	Bontebok
4C386B6301	BB7009	Bontebok
4C2558046A	BB7010	Bontebok
4C39174327	BB7011	Bontebok
4C47112416	BB7012	Bontebok
4C47226544	BB7013	Bontebok

4C386A1963	BB7014	Bontebok
4C386C106D	BB7015	Bontebok
4C2F1E115A	BB7016	Bontebok
4C387E6141	BB7017	Bontebok

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.

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Applicant: Tam Farming CC
Farm: Spekboomberg farm, Cradock
Email: info@tamsafaris.com

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Date: 13 May 2016

Herewith are the results of the 20 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
P1	900032002864032	BB9226	Bontebok
P2	900032002864036	BB9227	Bontebok
G14	900032002864030	BB9228	Bontebok
G13	900032002864024	BB9229	Bontebok
Y20	900032002864028	BB9230	Bontebok
Y19	900032002864035	BB9231	Bontebok
W18	900032002864033	BB9232	Bontebok
W17	900032002864019	BB9233	Bontebok
W16	900032002864018	BB9234	Bontebok
G15	900032002864029	BB9235	Bontebok
R4	900032002864027	BB9236	Bontebok
P3	900032002864022	BB9237	Bontebok
R5	900032002864020	BB9238	Bontebok
O-7	900032002864037	BB9239	Bontebok
R6	900032002864021	BB9240	Bontebok
O-8	900032002864023	BB9241	Bontebok
O-9	900032002864034	BB9242	Bontebok
B11	900032002864025	BB9243	Bontebok

B12	900032002864031	BB9244	Bontebok
B10	900032002864026	BB9245	Bontebok

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Date: 31 May 2016

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.	Catalogue No.	Lab No.	Final Result
Pink 1	4540301601	48851	BB9363	Bontebok
Blue 2	4C470E6112	48852	BB9364	Bontebok
Green 3	4C4A18236A	48853	BB9365	Bontebok
Orange 4	4C4711654C	48854	BB9366	Bontebok
Red 5	4C4A134100	48855	BB9367	Bontebok

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