

enhancement of the species through conservation education.

**PRT-765658, 809334, 068882, 068908**

*Applicant:* Ferdinand F. and Anton F. Hantig, dba Fercos, Las Vegas, NV

The applicant requests permits to export captive born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) and leopards (*Panthera pardus*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: 765658, Indy; 809334, Sarina; 068882, Rama; and 068908, Astar. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

**PRT-066667**

*Applicant:* Thomas D. Klug, Watertown, WI

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damalisca pygargus dorcax*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**PRT-068965**

*Applicant:* SEA—EL CARMEN, Houston, TX

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples obtained from Hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) collected in the wild in Mexico, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

**PRT-054484, 065144, 065145, 065146, 065147, 065148, 065149**

*Applicant:* Tarzan Zerbini Circus, Webb City, MO

The applicant requests permits to re-export wild and captive born Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: 054484, Luke; 065144, Jan; 065145, Roxy; 065146, Schell; 065147, Peggy; 065148, Bunny; and 065149, Marie. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

**Marine Mammals**

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine

mammals. The application(s) was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

**PRT-069177**

*Applicant:* Felix F. Gardina, Ghent, NY

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

Dated: March 14, 2003.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) solicit review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public on the following permit requests.

**DATES:** Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before April 30, 2003, to receive our consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181 (fax: 503-231-6243). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above (telephone: 503-231-2063). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Permit No. TE-832717**

*Applicant:* Rod Dossey, Encinitas, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to remove/reduce to possession (collect) the *Arctostaphylos glandulosa* ssp. *crassifolia* (Del Mar manzanita), *Chorizanthe orcuttiana* (Orcutt's spineflower), *Ambrosia pumila* (San Diego ambrosia), and *Fremontodendron mexicanum* (Mexican flannelbush) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-067992**

*Applicant:* Daniel Dugan, Morro Bay, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Morro shoulderband snail (*Helminthoglypta walkeriana*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-067990**

*Applicant:* Barbie Dugan, Morro Bay, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Morro shoulderband snail (*Helminthoglypta walkeriana*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.