



Inspection and Enforcement Division
Flora and Fauna Protection Department

Requirements for filing an application for a permit to import wild animals or protected natural assets for research

(These requirements also apply to filing an application to transport wild animals/protected natural assets within the country for research.)

A. The applicant must fill out the following information:

1. Name of head researcher, ID number, phone numbers, email, name of department, institution and its address.
2. Name and ID number of additional researchers or assistants who will participate in the experiment.
3. Summary including a **research question**, background regarding the research and **expected benefit to science. Note the extent (if any) to which this research will contribute to nature conservation.** This section is to be no longer than half a page.
4. Listing the **species** requested, including the Latin name, quantity, size, sex, etc.
5. Full details about the **experiment's methodology**, including estimated time for completion.
6. Attach valid approval by the **National Committee for Animal Experimentation and/or the Ethics Committee** of the applicant's institution. The committee's approval must specifically include the name of the animal (including the Latin name), quantities and methodology approved by the committee.
7. Information about the **facility where the organisms will be housed** before and during the desired experiment, and the name of the individual responsible for their care.
8. The **source of import** must be clearly stated (full name and address of supplier) and a permit must be attached from the country of export. (It is the policy of the INPA not to approve the import of animals from the wild, except in very exceptional cases.)
9. Import of invasive species will not be permitted except in exceptional cases. In such cases, the researcher must detail the measures to prevent their escape.
10. Note the **measures the researcher will take to prevent the invasion** of the organisms to the wild in Israel.
11. State the **reason that import is needed**; i.e., why organisms cannot be used that have been raised in captivity in Israel.



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12. The applicant will state what will happen to the organisms when the experiment ends. If the researcher intends to transfer them to another body, confirmation and commitment of that body to receive them will be attached. Before the organisms are transferred, a permit must be obtained ahead of time from the INPA.
13. If there is a need to export organisms (or their parts) abroad, this must be specifically stated in the application, along with the purpose of the export. In addition, the name of the individual, address and the name of the institution receiving the material must be noted (applicant may also request an export permit from the INPA at a later time).
14. Further information that the applicant would like the INPA to take into account.
15. **Full name, ID number, signature of the applicant** – head researcher only.

B.

1. A permit will not be issued until all the information required has been provided. Processing the permit takes about a month from the time the required information is received. The application should be submitted accordingly.
2. **Confidentiality is assured for any type of information conveyed to us.**
3. Export from or import to Israel of wild animals or natural assets, alive or dead, or any part of them requires a written permit from the INPA.
4. The granting of a permit by the INPA does not obviate the need to obtain permits required from other bodies (such as the Veterinary Services, the Agriculture Ministry, the Health Ministry, etc.).
5. A fee will be charged only when the permit is issued.

C. A separate permit, in writing, is required from the INPA for every research project that requires collection, import, export or use of wild animals or natural assets, or research that takes place in the confines of a nature reserve or a national park (we recommend this application be typed and emailed to Import@npa.org.il)

Only after all the above information is provided will the application for an import permit be considered.