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Service, (the FWS) announce a Draft
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Issuance of Permits
AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of Issuance of Permits for Marine Mammals.
SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.
ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Draft Policy for Enhancement-of-Survival Permits for Foreign Species Listed Under the Endangered Species Act
AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a Draft Policy for “Enhancement of Survival” permits for foreign species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). This policy would provide guidance under which we will consider the issuance of Section 10(a)(1)(A) enhancement-of-survival permits as incentives to encourage conservation of foreign-listed species in the wild. Permits to allow the import of foreign-listed species or their parts or products would only be considered in certain limited situations if such action enhances the survival of the species in the wild. Enhancement must be demonstrated through support of a substantive conservation program for that species in the range country with a positive benefit for the species and/or its habitat. The in-situ conservation actions envisioned by implementing this policy otherwise would not occur or would be significantly reduced, absent the issuance of permits to encourage range countries to develop and implement such programs or to encourage applicants within the United States to become active participants in range country conservation actions.

The ESA and existing regulations provide full authority for issuance of these permits. However, in the past we have generally chosen to limit these types of permits for ESA-listed foreign species. We now believe there could be a greater conservation benefit by providing for the import and export of carefully selected ESA-listed foreign species, or their parts and products, that are obtained from captive-breeding programs or well-managed conservation programs that limit removal from the wild and further promote and advance the conservation of the species within range countries.

This draft policy presents guidance to help the public understand the requirements for issuance of permits under the ESA. It is not intended to be prescriptive or to necessarily prohibit or allow any public or private activity. We seek public comment on this proposed draft policy.
DATES: Comments on the draft policy must be received by October 17, 2003.
ADDRESSES: Send any comments or materials concerning the Draft Policy for Enhancement-of-Survival Permits for Foreign Species to the Chief, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 (Telephone, 703–358–2093; fax, 703–358–2280; e-mail, ManagementAuthority@fws.gov).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
The Application of the Endangered Species Act to Foreign Species Conservation
Approximately 40 percent of all species listed under the ESA are foreign species whose natural range occurs outside the United States. Of these, approximately 80 percent are listed as endangered and 20 percent are listed as