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IN REPLY REFER TO:
DOI-FWS-2021-003068

April 7, 2021

Via email: afrostitic@hsi.org

Anna Frostitic
Humane Society International
1255 23rd Street NW
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Ms. Frostitic:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 17, 2021 and assigned it control number DOI-FWS-2021-003068. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

You requested the following:

“...records pertaining to leopards, African elephants, and African lions, or any combination of species from February 17, 2021 to whenever this request has been processed:

- 1. All non-detriment findings (positive or negative) or general advices made or received by USFWS for imports of sport hunted trophies or a trophy;*
- 2. All enhancement findings (positive or negative) or advice for imports of sport hunted trophies or a trophy;*
- 3. All permit applications submitted for ESA permits for sport hunted trophies or a trophy;*
- 4. All permit applications submitted for CITES permits for sport hunted trophies or a trophy;*
- 5. All FWS decisions (positive or negative) on ESA permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy;*
- 6. All FWS decisions (positive or negative) on CITES permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy;*
- 7. All FWS communications sent to applicants regarding ESA permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy;*
- 8. All FWS communications sent to applicants regarding CITES permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy”*

Response

We are writing to partially respond to your request. We have enclosed one file consisting of forty-two (42) pages, which is being released to you in its entirety.

We are continuing to search for additional records that are responsive to your request.

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Because this is an interim response to your request, we will provide notice of your appeal rights in our final response letter.

CONCLUSION

If you have any questions, please contact Shaunta Nichols, Division of Information Resources and Technology Management, MS: IRTM, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041 (703-358-2374 or via e-mail at shaunta_nichols@fws.gov).

Sincerely,

For Cathy Willis
FWS FOIA Officer