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IN REPLY REFER TO:
DOI-FWS-2022-000798

May 27, 2022

Via email: tsanerib@biologicaldiversity.org

Tanya Sanerib
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Dear Ms. Sanerib:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 19, 2021 and assigned it control number DOI-FWS-2022-000798. 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 October 15, 2021 to whenever this request has been processed:

All non-detriment findings (positive or negative) or general advices made or received by USFWS for imports of sport hunted trophies or a trophy;

All enhancement findings (positive or negative) or advice for imports of sport hunted trophies or a trophy;

All permit applications submitted for ESA permits for sport hunted trophies or a trophy;

All permit applications submitted for CITES permits for sport hunted trophies or a trophy;

All FWS decisions (positive or negative) on ESA permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy;

All FWS decisions (positive or negative) on CITES permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy;

All FWS communications sent to applicants regarding ESA permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy;

All FWS communications sent to applicants regarding CITES permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy.”

On May 6, 2022, you amended your request to the following:

“For both Form 3-200-20 and 3-200-19, we are not requesting the following information:

From Section A parts 2, 5a, 5b, 6;

From Section B parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8;

From Section C parts 1a and 2a; and

From Section E phone numbers, email addresses, and the “street” portion of addresses given in response to questions. In Section E we are still requesting the names (individual or company), cities, and states (or for foreign addresses other similar geographic designations such as provincial names).”

Response

We are writing to provide a final response to your request. We have enclosed three files consisting of two hundred and sixty-five (265) pages, which are being released to you in their entirety. Portions of these pages includes information about particular individuals, in which you amended your request to exclude this information.

Fees

We do not bill requesters for FOIA processing fees when their fees are less than \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See* [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#). Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request and your fee waiver is moot.

Mediation Services

If after contacting us as described below, you need further information or assistance with your request, you may wish to seek dispute resolution services from the Department’s FOIA Public Liaison, Natasha Alcantara by email at doifoiapublicliaison@sol.doi.gov.

If you need further information or assistance after contacting the Department’s FOIA Public Liaison, you may wish to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The 2007 FOIA amendments created the OGIS to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>
Telephone: (202) 741-5770
Fax: (202) 741-5769
Toll-free: 1 (877) 684-6448

Please note that using the Department's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

Conclusion

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

This is our final response and closes your request DOI-FWS-2022-000798. 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 (via e-mail at shaunta_nichols@fws.gov).

Sincerely,

For Cathy Willis
FWS FOIA Officer