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September 27, 2022

Via email: [tsanerib@biologicaldiversity.org](mailto:tsanerib@biologicaldiversity.org)

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Dear Ms. Sanerib:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 17, 2022 and assigned it control number DOI-FWS-2022-004329. 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 May 23, 2022 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.”*

*“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 file folders consisting of six hundred nine (609) 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**

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Contact information for the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, whom you may also seek dispute resolution services from, is available at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters>.

### **Conclusion**

This is our final response and closes your request DOI-FWS-2022-004329. 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](mailto:shaunta_nichols@fws.gov)).

Sincerely,

For Cathy Willis  
FWS FOIA Officer