

The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended)

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Application for European Protected Species Licence to capture, kill, disturb, transport and/or damage/destroy the breeding site or resting places of any cetaceans (dolphins, porpoises and whales) & marine turtles.

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The information provided on this form may be made available to other Departments/ Agencies for the purposes of detecting crime.

- Please complete this application form using dark ink and BLOCK CAPITALS.
- Please ensure that you answer questions fully in order to avoid delays.
- The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs will aim to determine whether a licence should be issued within 15 working days of receipt of a completed application.
- Please telephone the Marine and Fisheries Division on (028) 9056 9262 if you require any further information regarding the completion of this application form.

### Explanatory Notes

1. If the application is on behalf of an organisation rather than an individual, please state the name of the organisation and the name of the applicant.
2. **If this is a first time application**, please give details of your experience in this field or any similar activity. The Department will require details of membership of a relevant organisation and names of two referees who will vouch for your ability (see Reference Form).
3. There is currently no fee for a licence.

**Please return completed form via post or email  
(and any additional information) to:**

DAERA Marine and Fisheries Division  
Klondyke Building (Level 1)  
Cromac Avenue  
Belfast  
BT7 2JA

Email: [Marine.Wildlife@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Marine.Wildlife@daera-ni.gov.uk)



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Under regulation 39(2) (a-g) and 39(3) (a-b) of The Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended), The Department has authority to issue licences for the following purposes:

- scientific or educational purposes;
- ringing or marking, or examining any ring or mark on, wild animals;
- conserving wild animals or wild plants or introducing them to particular areas;
- protecting any zoological or botanical collection;
- preserving public health or public safety or other imperative reasons of overriding public interest including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment;
- preventing the spread of disease; or
- preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables, fruit, growing timber, pasture or any other form of property or to fisheries.

Under regulation 39(2)(e) and 39(3)(a-b) of The Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended), The Department has authority to issue licences for the following purpose:

- Preserving public health or public safety or other imperative reasons of overriding public interest including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment;

**Provided that:**

- there is no satisfactory alternative, and
- the action authorised will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

# APPLICATION FOR A EUROPEAN PROTECTED SPECIES LICENCE

## Section A

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### PERSONAL DETAILS

The person named here will be the named licensee and, as such responsible for ensuring compliance with the licence and its conditions.

Name of Applicant:

Organisation: (see note 1)

Address: (to which licence should be sent)

  

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Postcode:

Telephone Number:  
(including area code)

Email address:

### AGENT DETAILS

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Details of agent (if any). The person named here will act on behalf of the named licensee. Please continue on a separate sheet if there is more than one agent.

Details of Agent/Organisation:  
(see note 1)

Address: (to which licence should be sent)

  

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Postcode:

Telephone Number:  
(including area code)

Email address:

## Section B

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### SPECIES AND ACTIVITIES

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1. Please state which species this licence is for:

2. Purpose of the licence: (Tick Box)

- scientific or educational purposes
- photography (includes still images and filming)
- preventing the spread of disease
- preserving public health or public safety
- ringing or marking, or examining any ring or mark on, wild animals
- conserving wild animals or introducing them to particular areas
- protecting any zoological or botanical collection
- preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables, fruit, growing timber, pasture or any other form of property or to fisheries.
- other

Please provide further details of the purpose:

3. Location: (include address and/or grid reference)

4. Will the proposal impact any designated site or feature of that designated site? For example, Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA), Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) or Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ). If yes please state which site(s) and features. Lists of features can be found at: [www.daera-ni.gov.uk/topics/marine](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/topics/marine)

## Section B (continued)

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### 5. Proposed Methods:

Please indicate the methods involved, the activities proposed and the time period these will take place within. Please note that a detailed method statement must be prepared to support European Protected Species application (see Annex 1 for guidance).

Cause to be licensed	Numbers affected	Activity to be licensed (e.g. pile driving)	Start date	End date
Capture (Take)				
Kill				
Transport/Trade				
Disturb				
Injure				
Damage or destroy breeding site or resting place or nest.				

### 6. Please give a brief explanation on how the proposed activity meets the purpose you have indicated above and reasons why it is necessary:

### 7. Please indicate whether there is any satisfactory alternative to the activity proposed and if not explain reasons why:

## Section B (continued)

8. Other applications or consents that are related to this licence:

Type	Applied for	Received permission		Reference number	Issue date
		Yes	No		
Planning application					
Marine licence					
ASSI Consent					

Other licence/consent (please specify)

## Section C

### PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

9. Please give details of relevant experience in undertaking this type of work including qualifications and/or training relevant to the species:

10. References (see note 2)

Please enclose two independent, written references to vouch for your suitability and competence to carry out the work. We may contact these referees to verify their statements.

11. Have you held any previous Wildlife licences from other bodies within the UK, (Northern Ireland, England, Scotland or Wales) for this type of work? If so please provide details of where, when, what species it was for and any licence reference number. Please provide information if you are a member of any professional body.

## Section D

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### DECLARATION

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I declare that the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with these particulars.

I understand that deliberately killing, injuring, capturing or disturbing any animal listed under Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended) or damaging or destroying their breeding sites or resting places is illegal without a licence and that it is a legal requirement to comply with the conditions of any licence that may be granted following this application.

I understand that DAERA Marine and Fisheries Division may visit to check compliance with a licence.

Where required, I undertake to obtain permission from any interested parties to exercise any licence resulting from this application, to allow any employee or representative of DAERA to monitor or inspect the work described in this application.

Signature

Date

Name in BLOCK CAPITALS

#### **Data Protection Act 1998 - Privacy Notice**

The Department processes all personal data in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998. The personal data which you provide in the application form and that provided by your referees will be used to inform the Department of your suitability to hold a licence under The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended). The Department will hold the information only as long as is necessary for that purpose. The Department will not make any unauthorised disclosure of this information to any person or body.

However, it may be necessary to release information relating to your application in response to a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Where such a request is received, the Department will consult you prior to making its decision whether any such information would be disclosed.

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

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Type of Licence

Date Received

Signed

Date Approved

Valid from

Until

Extra Conditions

Marine Enforcement  
Officer Comments