DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT

POLICY DIRECTORATE

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 40

DEPARTMENTAL PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CALM POLICY STATEMENT NO. 22 - 'TAKING, KEEPING AND DISPLAY OF REPTILES'

Licences will be issued by Wildlife and Land Administration Branch, who will consult Wildlife Protection Branch, Research Division, Regions and Policy Directorate as required. Standard conditions for each category of licence are in place and additional conditions can be imposed as necessary.

For scientific licences (Regulation 17) there will normally be consultation with Research Division (Leader of Fauna Conservation Program) but this need not occur in every case (e.g. in the case of standard renewal for a project that has already been approved).

Where reptile species declared to be "fauna which is likely to become extinct, or is rare, or otherwise in need of special protection" are involved in an application for a licence for any purpose, a recommendation to either grant or refuse the licence is to be forwarded to the Director of Nature Conservation. Where such an application involves taking from the wild, Research Division advise may need to be obtained.

Where children are keeping very small numbers of common local lizards and/or tortoises as pets in contravention of paragraph 5.2.1, a flexible approach is to be taken to enforcement of the policy. Formal approval will not be given to this type of activity as to do so may encourage its proliferation.

Where a wildlife park applies to keep reptiles for the first time, a recommendation to either grant or refuse the licence is to be forwarded to the Director of Nature Conservation.

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