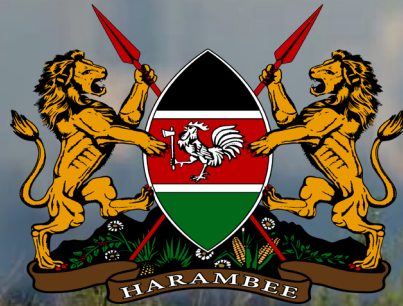


WILDLIFE PERMITTING AND REGULATION SYSTEM IN KENYA

CITES MA KENYA

10th OCTOBER 2024



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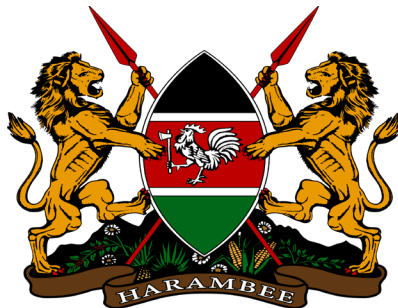


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INTRODUCTION

- Kenya is a party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora through the ratification of the convention in 1978.
- The **CITES MA** of Kenya, **Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS)** is a state corporation under the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife established by an act of Parliament; The Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013.



WHAT WE DO...

- Conserve and Manage Kenya's wildlife through various **legislative** provisions which include;

The Wildlife Conservation and Management Act (WCMA), 2013:

- **Sec 7-** KWS mandated to perform various functions, including:
 - Granting permits
 - Monitoring the compliance of terms and conditions of licenses



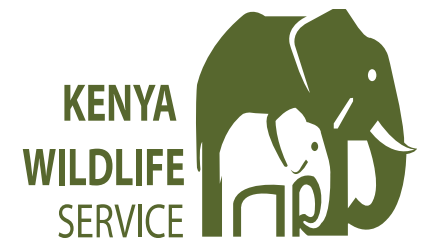
WHAT WE DO cont...

- **Sec 79- A Permit/license is required in any wildlife use activity**

No person or entity shall undertake any **wildlife**-use activity without a **license** issued or **permit** granted under WCMA.

- **Sec. 85: Import or export or re-export**

Prohibits the import, export, re-export, or otherwise trade in any wildlife species without a **permit** issued by the Service.



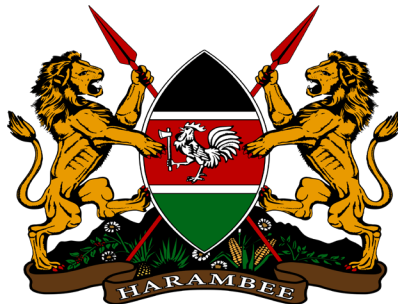
WHAT WE DO cont...

- The Regulatory Enforcement & Compliance Affairs Department has the overall responsibility for **administration, regulation and co-ordination** of all transactions in wildlife and their products
- This is done through a system of **permits, certificates & licenses** which may **only be issued by the Wildlife Management Authority** for specimens of listed species if certain conditions are met and **which must be presented when leaving or entering a country**

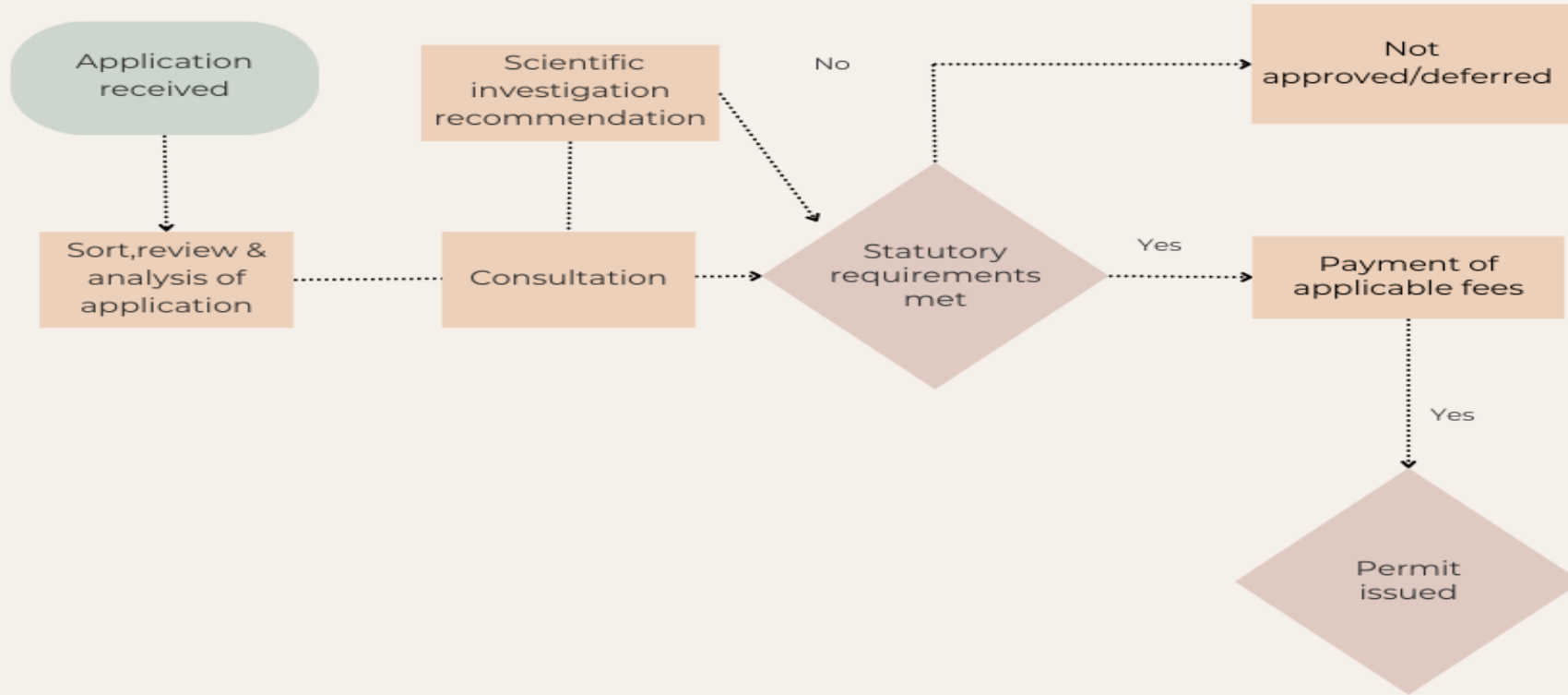


WHERE WE ARE ...

- Export/ Re- export and Import permits are processed on the basis of their conformity to the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013 and the relevant multi-lateral environmental agreements, such as **CITES** and the **CBD- Nagoya Protocol**.
- The process of granting permits for export ,import or re-export permits was paper based upto September 2023.
- Duly filled application forms were delivered to CITES MA-Kenya office for review and onward issuance/denial of the permit.



Permitting process



Old CITES Permits

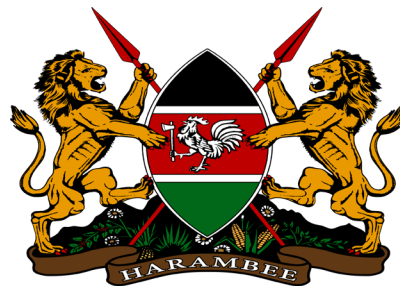
REPUBLIC OF KENYA
PERMIT/CERTIFICATE

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Security Stamp 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Export <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Export <input type="checkbox"/> Import <input type="checkbox"/> Other	1. Original Permit No. 0002444 2. Valid until 3 RD FEBRUARY 2024
3. Permittee (Name, Address and Country) SANDER HILLEGREN EXOTIC INTERNATIONAL P- [REDACTED] K. [REDACTED]		4. Consignee (Name, Address and Country) REP JAPAN 4-22-23 CHINO KAWAHADA [REDACTED]
5. S (i) Issued in accordance with the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013 and as applicable, in accordance with CITES Provisions. (ii) Permit is valid only if accompanied by a Health Certificate issued by Director Veterinary Services for animal materials and KEPHIS for plant materials. (iii) If for live animals, this permit or certificate is valid only if the transport conditions comply with CITES Guidelines and IATA Live Animals Regulations; if for live plants, with the IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations.		
5a. Purpose of the Transaction "T"		5b. Security Stamp No. 1787932
		
7. Common name of the animal or plant	8. Scientific Name	9. Description of specimen, including identifying marks or numbers (age/sex if live)
(i) THREE-BANDED CHAMELEON	Trioceros jacksonii	LIVE
(ii) VINE THROAT CHAMELEON	Trioceros holbrooki	LIVE
(iii) ELLIOTT'S CHAMELEON	Trioceros ellioti	LIVE
(iv) BOEHMII CHAMELEON	Trioceros boehmei	LIVE
(v) LEOPARD TORTOISE	Stigmmodon pardalis	LIVE
10. CITES App. No. and source	11. Quantity (including unit)	11a. Total exported / Quota (as applicable)
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12. Country of origin	Permit No.	Date
12a. Country of last export	Certificate No.	Date
12b. No of the operation ** or date of acquisition ***		
* Country in which the specimens were taken from the wild, bred in captivity or artificially propagated (only in case of re-export) ** Only for specimens bred in captivity or artificially propagated for commercial purposes *** For Perishable Goods		
		
13. This Permit / Certificate is valid for N. WALTERA 4 TH AUGUST 2023 Date		
For DIRECTOR GENERAL KENYA WILDLIFE SERVICE P.O. BOX 40241 - 00100 NAIROBI  LICENSING OFFICER Title, Signature and official Stamp		
14. Endorsement		
Bill of lading/Air waybill number		
Export / Re-export / Import endorsement:		
The official who inspects Shipment upon exportation/re-exportation/importation must enter in this block the total quantities of specimens being exported/re-exported/imported.		
Block	Quantity	
(i)		
(ii)		

Challenges with Manual-paper based system

- Inefficiency- Time consuming causing delays
- Human Error-Data entry mistakes, Mis-communication
- Limited accessibility- Geographical barriers-access to permitting offices
- Lack of transparency- Tracking difficulties
- Document Management issues- Paperwork overload (clutter,loss,damage)
- Cost implication- Increased operation costs
- Inflexibility- difficulty in adapting to changes in requirements



Transition to electronic permitting

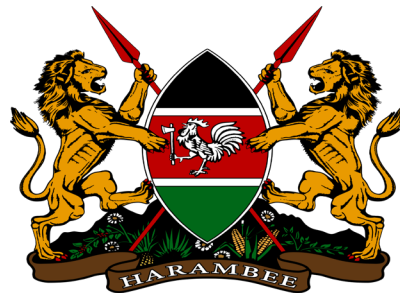
Wildlife permitting process onboarded to E-Citizen in September 2023 where the process is a hybrid of Manual and electronic

Objectives;

- Increase efficiency and transparency
- Reduce processing time and paper usage.

Key features;

- User friendly interface- access to both applicants and regulators
- real time tracking- status of application
- Data security



Permit application Process

- Online application form filled
- Required documents(proof of legal acquisition,import permits etc) uploaded online
- Review and approval process done on the system in consultation with relevant authorities when need arises.
- Permit issuance; approved permits available for download upon payment(Non- CITES) and collection at the permitting office for CITES permits.(affixing of Security stamp, and other seals.
- Where a decision **not to grant** the requested export/ re-export permit is made, the decision is communicated to the applicant through the system.



Current CITES Permits



Benefits of Electronic permitting

- Efficiency-Faster processing time
- Accessibility- Access to local and international stakeholders
- Transparency



Challenges

- Lack of Incorporation of the Security stamp details electronically
- Technological Barriers-Internet access in rural areas
- Training needs- Training users on the system
- System Maintenance- Technical support required to ensure functionality



FUTURE PROSPECTS

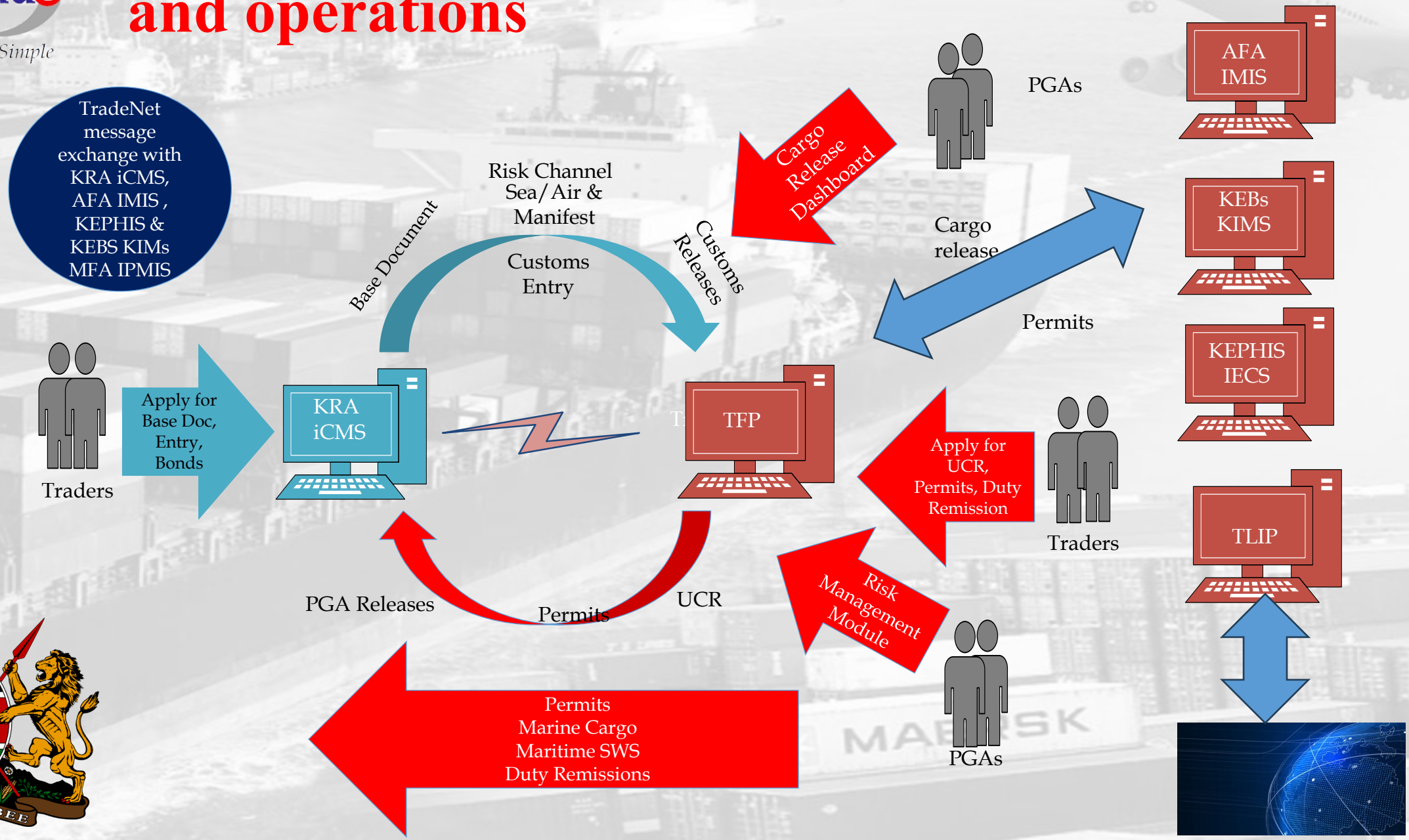
- Integration with other systems- Plan to be integrated to the National Electronic Single window system facilitated by a state corporation- KENTRADE

Principal Objectives:

- To Facilitate Trade – both domestic and international trade
- To implement, operationalize and manage the National Electronic Single Window System.
- Implementation guided by various International Treaties/Conventions and Policies such as the WTO



Single Window & ICMS system integration and operations





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