





Good Practices for the Husbandry, Veterinary & Disposition of Confiscated Wildlife

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 - Receipt of confiscated wildlife
 - Provision of husbandry
 - Veterinary care/assessment
 - Disposition in wildlife

INTRODUCTION



National Parks Board (NParks)

• The lead government agency for greenery, biodiversity conservation, and wildlife and animal health, welfare and management.

Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation

- A branch of the Wildlife Management division in NParks
- Key functions:
 - Primary housing facility for confiscated/seized wildlife
 - Provides veterinary care and rehabilitation for both native and non-native wildlife
 - Supports national wildlife health surveillance, population management and research



RECEIVING WILDLIFE

Challenge: Documentation of the health/welfare of confiscated wildlife for investigation purposes upon receipt needs to be done in a timely manner.

Solutions:

- Developing a clear and concise protocol for recording and documentation of enforcement cases
- Efficient communication channels between wildlife carers and enforcement personnel



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CWR WILDLIFE HANDOVER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This is to acknowledge to you that the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation (CWR) has received the following animal(s) under case number NPARKS-

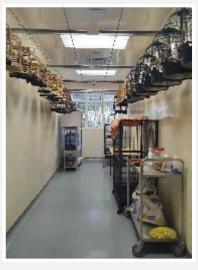
S/N	Date of receipt	Animal species (common name & scientific name)	No. of animals	Animal status
1	03 March	Green Tree Python	1	Live
	2023	(Morelia viridis)		

Attached Forms / Images:





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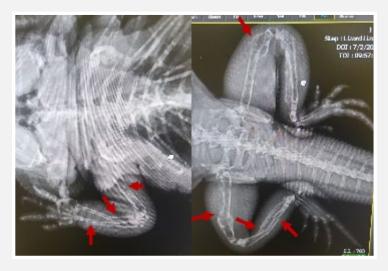
HUSBANDRY

Challenge: There is a wide variety of wildlife species that may be confiscated, with different needs in care and housing.

Solutions:

- Establishing an advisory network with experts on species ID and care
- Identifying commonly confiscated wildlife species for preparation of appropriate housing and housing care, and creating species-specific husbandry guidelines





VETERINARY CARE/ASSESSMENT

Challenge: In-depth diagnostic testing is sometimes required to provide a full health assessment for confiscated wildlife, particularly due to the unknown health status of animal(s).

Solutions:

- Initial veterinary health examination used to inform on the need for further diagnostics
- Veterinary capacity building (e.g. blood tests for avian/reptile species, radiography, ultrasonography)
- Protocols for species-appropriate quarantine conditions, riskbased biosurveillance/ disease screening, and PPE requirements

DISPOSITION

Challenge: The choice of disposition options requires a delicate balance of conservation interests, animal welfare and existing capacities.

Solutions:

- Disposal decision tree established based on CITES guidelines and reviewed regularly based on current resource availability
- Establishing channels for options in placement of animal(s) in captivity

Disposition options for native wildlife

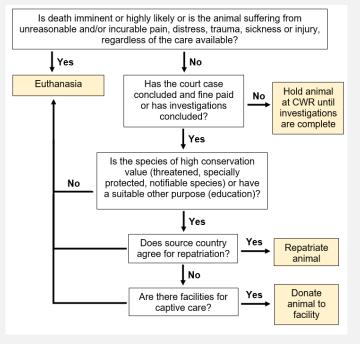
Is death imminent or highly likely or is the animal suffering from

unreasonable, fatal and/or incurable pain, distress, trauma,

sickness, or injury, regardless of the care available? Is the animal suffering from disease or Euthanasia injuries that would lead to permanent disability or reduced chances of survival in the wild compared to free-living TΝο conspecifics? Is the species of high conservation value (threatened, specially Is there an appropriately trained protected, notifiable rehabilitator, sufficient resources, species) or have a and proper facilities (e.g., diet, suitable other purpose housing, costs) available to care for (education)? the animal? Yes Yes Does an appropriate release site Arrange for animal to be held in in temporary care until suitable Yes release location found Is injury or disease evident? No Is there sufficient veterinary expertise, facilities, and Temporary care, treatment, and equipment to treat the animal? rehabilitation at CWR until release at suitable location

Can refer animal to external organizations (e.g. MWR)?

<u>Disposition options for</u> non-native wildlife





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