

notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-806574

*Applicant:* Larry E. Johnson, Yorba Linda, CA

The applicant requests a permit to export two captive-born ring-tailed lemurs (*Lemur catta*) to Zoologico de Chapultepec, Mexico, for enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

PRT-806867

*Applicant:* Eldon Randolph, Huntington, WV

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from the captive herd maintained by the Tsolwana Game Reserve, Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 420(c), Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 420(c), Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: September 22, 1995.

Mary Ellen Amtower,

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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### Notice of Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the Alabama Streak-sorus Fern for Review and Comment

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability and public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for the Alabama streak-sorus fern (*Thelypteris pilosa* var. *alabamensis*). The fern is only known to

occur along the Sipsey Fork, a tributary of the Black Warrior River, in Winston County, Alabama. Plants take root in crevices and on rough rock surfaces of Pottsville sandstone on bluffs along the river. The majority of the extant sites are on U.S. Forest Service land (Bankhead National Forest), others are on private land. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before November 15, 1995, to receive consideration by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Jackson Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Suite A, Jackson, Mississippi 39213. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to the Filed Supervisor at the above address. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Cary Norquist at the above address (601/965-4900, ext. 28).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that a public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these

comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The species considered in this draft recovery plan is the Alabama streak-sorus fern (*Thelypteris pilosa* var. *alabamensis*). This small fern occurs in crevices and on rough rock surfaces of Pottsville sandstone on bluffs along the Sipsey Fork (a tributary of the Black Warrior River) in Winston County, Alabama. Plants typically occur on ceilings of sandstone overhangs (rockhouses), on ledges beneath overhangs, and on exposed cliffs. Most of the known sites occur on U.S. Forest Service land on the Bankhead National Forest; several others occur on private land. The Alabama streak-sorus fern was listed as threatened in 1992 due to its vulnerability as a result of its extremely limited distribution (the population is restricted to an approximately 4-mile segment of the river), past destruction of a population from bridge construction/stream impoundment, and potential threats from recreational overuse of habitat, logging, and future road improvements for those sites located near a road.

The objective of this proposed plan is to delist the Alabama streak-sorus fern. Delisting will be considered when the population on the Sipsey Fork and, at least two other populations on different drainages, are protected and determined to be viable. Actions needed to reach this goal include: (1) protecting, managing, and monitoring populations; (2) surveying for new populations; (3) maintaining material in cultivation as a safeguard; and (4) establishing additional populations (if found to be necessary). After consideration of comments received during the review period, it will be submitted for final approval.

#### Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

**Authority:** The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 21, 1995.

Paul Hartfield,

*Acting Field Supervisor.*

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