



## LICENSING OF THE DOMESTIC WILDLIFE TRADE



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### What are the requirements for obtaining a licence?

- A filled Application Form
- National Identification Card or Passport (original and copy, back and front)
- Two (2) recent Passport size photos
- TIN Certificate (Original and Copy)
- Firearm Licence (Original and Copy) for Recreational Hunters only
- Show proof of having adequate housing for trapped wildlife (for trappers and middlemen)
- Food Handling Certificate (Restaurants, cook-shops, rum-shops/bars)
- Pay an Application Processing Fee



### What is it?

Guyana's wildlife is an important natural resource. If not managed effectively, we could lose the opportunity to benefit from this resource in the future.

Licensing is an effective tool in the proper management of our wildlife. It provides a way for us to control how, when, where and which wildlife is exploited. It also helps us to determine who exploits our wildlife. As such, the GWCMC is introducing a suite of licences to improve the management of Guyana's wildlife .

### Why is it important?

Many Guyanese depend on wildlife to maintain their livelihood or to supplement their income. These licences help to ensure that these persons and their descendants can continue to support their livelihood as well as supplement their diet for many generations to come.

### Who needs to be licensed?

The following persons would need to obtain licences:

Trappers, Middlemen, Wildmeat Vendors, Wildlife Breeders, Wildlife Collectors (of both plants and animals), Researchers, Recreational Hunters, restaurants that sell cooked wild meat. .

Indigenous Village Councils may also apply for a licence to cover wildlife users who are registered members of the village.

Licence Type	Class	Class Application	Validity	Cost/\$
<b>WILDLIFE TRAPPING</b>	Class I	A person who harvests for subsistence use and is not a recreational hunter	1 year	10,000 Processing fee of 2,000 to be charged in lieu of licence fee
	Class II	A person who harvests for sale	1year	10,000
	Class III	A legally recognised Indigenous village council	1 year	50,000
<b>WILDLIFE COLLECTING</b>	Class I	Middlemen	1 year	30,000
	Class II	Collectors of wild plants not used for structural purposes	1 year	10,000
	Class II	Pet shops	1year	10,000
<b>WILDLIFE COMMERCIAL</b>		Individuals or institutions who sell live animals at a single place of business		
	Class IA	Large Scale vendors	1 year	50,000
	Class IB	Medium scale	1year	30,000
	Class IC	Small Scale	1year	20,000
	Class II	Restaurants which sell wild meat	1year	20,000
	Class III	Establishments which sell wild meat	1 year	
	Class IIIA	Large Scale vendors	1 year	40,000
	Class IIIB	Medium scale	1year	30,000
	Class IIIC	Small Scale	1year	20,000
<b>WILDLIFE RECREATIONAL</b>	Class I	Individual	1 year	20,000
	Class II	Group	1 year	50,000
	Class III	Individual	3 days or weekend	5,000
	Class IV	Individual	1 day	3,000
	Class IV	Individual, Non-Resident	1 year	30,000
<b>CAPTIVE WILDLIFE</b>		Individuals or institutions who hold more than 8 specimens for captive breeding, ranching or pleasure	1 year	50,000
<b>SPECIAL WILDLIFE</b>		Scientific Research	To be determined by the Commission	
	Class I A	Student		5,000
	Class IB	Academic Institution		100,000
	Class IB	Commercial Institution		To be negotiated
	Class II	National Collection		10,000
	Class III	Private collections held for profit		20,000