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Good news for all those that have applied for USFWS permits for Scimitar Horned Oryx, Addax, and Dama Gazelle. The permit section of USFWS has given a green light for the EWA's Senegal Project as an enhancement in-situ which means you can designate the **EWA's Second Ark Foundation Senegal Project** as the receiver of the 10% enhancement fee as a result of the "take" of these three species for conservation purposes. Those ranchers whose permits were being held will be processed immediately. For others who will apply in the future you can contact the EWA office for the exact wording.

If you have already received your permits and designated another conservation project for enhancement fee purposes you can do one of two things. An amendment to the permit application can be filed showing EWA's Second Ark Foundation Senegal Project or you can wait until the "take" permit is up for renewal and then designate the EWA's Second Ark Foundation Senegal Project as the conservation project if you so chose.

Ranchers who have both the captive wildlife breeder's permit and the "take" permit may allow others such as an outfitter to assist with the culling of surplus animals provided it is for conservation purposes.

There will be no permits issued to anyone who does not own a ranch and has a viable herd of one or more of those species currently listed under the Endangered Species Act. In other words permits are to be issued for conservation purposes to the ranch and ranch owners.

EWA is also requesting those members who list the EWA's Second Ark Foundation Senegal Project as their enhancement designee please notify this office so we can keep a record of those permit holders who have chosen this conservation project. The EWA office has to give a full accounting to the USFWS of any enhancement fees received by this office on a yearly basis.

The EWA continues to be very optimistic that we can obtain a permanent solution to solve the need for any permitting process.

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