Natural England

Conservation translocation licence application

Use this form to apply for any wildlife licences needed for conservation translocations in England issued by Natural England.

Your application can cover all the wildlife licences for your conservation translocation project.

Before you apply for a licence:

* read the [guidance for when you need a wildlife licence](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reintroductions-and-conservation-translocations-in-england-code-guidance-and-forms/conservation-translocations-when-you-need-a-wildlife-licence)
* read the [reintroductions and other conservation translocations code and guidance for England](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reintroductions-and-conservation-translocations-in-england-code-guidance-and-forms)
* complete a [conservation translocation project form](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reintroductions-and-conservation-translocations-in-england-code-guidance-and-forms)

# How to apply

The level of detail you include in your application should be proportionate to the potential impacts of the translocation. For low risk applications, you need to briefly demonstrate that there are no significant risks or legislative constraints. Where you identify risks or legislative constraints, you need to include enough detail for Natural England to evaluate and understand the impacts of the proposal.

You need to submit a [conservation translocation project form](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reintroductions-and-conservation-translocations-in-england-code-guidance-and-forms) with your licence application. You can also include additional supporting information – for example, if you have conducted a feasibility study.

Natural England may ask you for more information if your application does not include everything it needs to make a licensing decision.

Send your completed form to: [wildlife.scicons@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:wildlife.scicons@naturalengland.org.uk)

You can apply by post:

Wildlife licensing

Natural England

Horizon House

Deanery Road

Bristol

BS1 5AH

If you are not sure about the potential risks, impacts or legislative constraints, [contact Natural England for advice](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/natural-england#org-contacts).

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# Identify the issue

Find out more in chapters 2 and 3 of the code and guidance.

## Project outline

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| Project title: |  |
| Release location: |  |
| Focal species (for this licence): |  |

[Type of translocation](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/species-reintroductions-and-other-conservation-translocations#conservation-translocation-types) proposed:

* reinforcement
* reintroduction
* assisted colonisation
* ecological replacement

Does the project require a [SSSI consent](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/request-permission-for-works-or-an-activity-on-an-sssi) from Natural England?

Yes  No

## Identify the conservation need

Describe the conservation issue that needs to be solved:

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Describe why a translocation is needed:

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Describe the other options you considered and why you discounted them:

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Describe the desired outcomes of the project and the timescale for achieving them:

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Describe the goals that will achieve the desired outcomes:

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# Governance and implementation

Find out more in chapter 10 of the code and guidance.

## Who’s involved

### Project lead (person to be named on the licence) who has overall responsibility for the project

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| Name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Telephone number: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Organisation: |  |
| Experience (relevant to the proposed project): |  |

Provide details of any additional authorised persons you want to include on the licences and their experience (relevant to the proposed project). If there is more than one, copy and paste this table to provide their details:

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| Name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Telephone number: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Organisation (if applicable): |  |
| Experience (relevant to the proposed project): |  |
| The licence they are attached to: |  |

Has the project lead or anyone directly involved with the project held a similar licence before in the UK?

Yes  No

If yes, complete details below:

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| Name | Previous licence numbers and species | Issuing authority (for example Natural England, NatureScot, Natural Resources Wales or authorities in other countries) |
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If the project lead or named authorised person has not held a licence for similar work in the last 5 years, provide a reference (and submit it with your application) and the contact details of a referee:

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| Name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Telephone number: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Licences held (if applicable): |  |

Provide details of any project partners (other organisations you will work with on the project):

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| Name | Organisation | Email | Role in project |
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## Project budget

Detail how the project will be funded and the total budget:

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Detail the estimated costs of completing the project:

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Detail the proportion of budget to be kept for the exit strategy (if required):

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If further funding is needed to complete the project, describe how this will be obtained:

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## People

Describe the people and skills needed to carry out the project. Include details of roles (including volunteers), responsibilities and who will manage the project team:

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## Governance

Detail how the project will be managed and how decisions will be made. Include any oversight and governance groups (including members and chair) and how they will operate:

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# Staying legal

Find out more in chapter 5 of the code and guidance.

## Species release licences

Does the project need a licence to release the species you wish to reintroduce or translocate (because releasing this species is prohibited)?

Yes  No

## Other wildlife licences

### Focal species

Does the focal species need a licence for the following activities:

capture

transport

possess or keep

ringing or marking

photography

prohibited methods (such as traps, nets and stupefying substances)

### Other species

Do any other species (excluding the species to be released) need a licence, as part of the project? Provide details of the species and the location if different to the focal species release location:

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| Activity | Species | Location |
| Capture |  |  |
| Transport |  |  |
| Possess or keep |  |  |
| Release |  |  |
| Ringing or marking |  |  |
| Photography |  |  |
| Prohibited methods (such as traps, nets and stupefying substances) |  |  |
| Disturb |  |  |
| Kill (lethal control) |  |  |

### Focal and other species

What are the anticipated implications of these activities on the conservation status of each species that needs a licence? Will any mitigation or compensation be undertaken to safeguard conservation status? Why is there no other satisfactory solution that does not require a licence? Provide this for each species and each activity that needs a licence:

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## Other permissions and legislation

Provide a summary of permits and permissions obtained, consultation undertaken and the steps being taken to make sure the translocation is legal. Include details of any consents needed for protected sites, for example [SSSI consent](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/request-permission-for-works-or-an-activity-on-an-sssi):

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For projects involving other countries (including Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales), provide contact details of the authority that you have dealt with, and list any permits and permissions that you have obtained or applied for:

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# Maximising success

Find out more in chapter 6 of the code and guidance.

## Donor population and site

Provide details of the donor population and site. If there is more than one, copy and paste this section.

### Donor population

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| Population name: |  |
| Population location (country, region, county): |  |
| Grid reference or coordinates (including details of coordinate system, datum): |  |
| Proposed methods of capture or collection: |  |
| Proposed dates of capture or collection: |  |

### If sourced from the wild

Landowner contact details:

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| Name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Phone number: |  |
| Email address: |  |

Land manager contact details (if different to above):

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| Name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Phone number: |  |
| Email address: |  |

Has the project obtained landowner or manager permission? If yes, include a copy of the permission with your application. If no, explain the steps being taken to get permission or why it is not necessary:

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| Is the donor source location a protected site (such as SSSI, SPA, SAC)? If yes, give site details: |  |
| Size of donor population: |  |
| How population size was estimated (survey method, dates of estimate): |  |

### If sourced from a captive collection

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| Name of collection owner: |  |
| Collection owner contact details: |  |
| Name of collection: |  |
| Origin and history of captive population (including length of time in captivity, captive bred, captive reared or wild collected stock): |  |
| How original population size was estimated (survey method, dates of estimate): |  |
| Size of current captive population: |  |
| How captive population size was estimated (survey method, dates of estimate): |  |

### Donor population details

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| Number of donor individuals to be removed or obtained: |  |
| Nature of donor material (for example, eggs, seeds, larvae, adults): |  |
| Donor selection method (for example, random sampling or selection for specific traits, number of mothers when progeny sampled, collection area): |  |
| Habitat type of donor population (for example, phase 1 habitat category or national vegetation classification): |  |
| Intra-specific classification of donor population (for example, sub-species, variety, ecotype, race): |  |

Additional information about donor population relevant to the translocation:

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## Translocation methodology

Outline how you will move the focal species from the donor site to the release site. Include relevant aspects of the species’ biology and any specialist advice received. Provide sufficient information to demonstrate you can achieve the conservation outcome:

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## Release site

Provide details of the release site. If there is more than one, copy and paste this section.

### Release site

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| Site name: |  |
| Site location (country, region, county): |  |
| Grid reference or coordinates (including details of coordinate system, datum): |  |
| Inside or outside of natural range of translocated species or type? |  |
| Proposed dates of release: |  |
| Is the release location a protected site (such as SSSI, SPA, SAC)? If yes, give site details: |  |
| Habitat type (for example, phase 1 habitat category or national vegetation classification): |  |
| Proximity and context to other populations of the focal species: |  |

Has the project obtained landowner or manager permission? If yes, include a copy of the permission with your application. If no, explain the steps being taken to get permission or why it is not necessary:

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Landowner contact details:

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| Name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Phone number: |  |
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Land manager contact details (if different to above):

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| Name: |  |
| Address: |  |
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Donor population details:

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| Which donor populations are being released at this site? |  |
| Distance of donor population to release site: |  |
| Is the donor population in the same country as release site? |  |
| Number of individuals to be released: |  |
| Nature of released material (for example, eggs, seeds, larvae, adults, sex ratios): |  |
| If multiple donor sources are used, what are the proportions of the mix? |  |

If an existing population is present at the release site (reinforcement):

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| Population size of resident population: |  |
| How population size was estimated (survey method, dates of estimate): |  |
| Reason for reinforcement: |  |
| Intra-specific classification of resident population (for example, sub-species, variety, ecotype, race): |  |
| Intra-specific classification of donor population (for example sub-species, variety, ecotype, race): |  |

Additional information about the release site relevant to the translocation:

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## Release strategy

Outline the approaches you will use in undertaking the release. Include relevant aspects of the species’ biology and any specialist advice received. This should provide sufficient information to demonstrate you can achieve the conservation outcome.

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# Biodiversity benefits and risks

Find out more in chapter 7 of the code and guidance.

Explain the benefits for the focal species and ecosystems, habitat or other species:

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Explain the risks for the focal species and ecosystems, habitat or other species:

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Provide details of steps taken to mitigate any biodiversity risks and an appraisal of whether it is safe to proceed. Provide details of any disease risk assessment, any consultation undertaken, and specialist advice received:

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# Socio-economic benefits and costs

Find out more in chapter 8 of the code and guidance.

Explain the potential benefits for local people and communities:

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Explain the potential risks and costs, who is likely to be affected and to what extent:

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Detail the steps taken to mitigate potential socio-economic problems and an appraisal of whether it is safe to proceed. Include information on specialist advice received and how you have dealt with any concerns:

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# Engagement, consultation and communication

Find out more in chapter 9 of the code and guidance.

Describe the methods of engagement and consultation. Provide details of who was involved (which individuals, groups, organisations):

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Describe the outcome of the stakeholder engagement and consultation:

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Provide details of any opposition to the project and how you will manage it:

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Outline the plan for communicating the process and outcomes of the translocation. Include steps to inform future translocations and ongoing stakeholder communication, and engagement during the project:

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# Monitoring and evaluation

Find out more in chapter 11 of the code and guidance.

Outline the type, frequency and duration of planned programme of monitoring and evaluation:

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Outline the arrangements for ongoing management. Include an appraisal of the feasibility of reversing the translocation should unacceptable outcomes occur:

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Will biological specimens (for example, DNA samples, museum specimens) be collected during the translocation and monitoring? If so, describe the nature of the specimens:

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Where will they be housed? Provide the details of the institution and contact person:

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# Database and case studies

Do you give permission for the information in this form to be included in the English Reintroduction and Translocation Database? Personal information will not be made public.

Yes  No

If your agreement is subject to certain information being excluded, provide details below:

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Are you willing to provide a summary of your completed project to be made available as a case study? If you tick yes, we will contact you at the end of the project.

Yes  No

# Declarations

## All projects

I have read and understood the [wildlife licencing privacy notice](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/natural-england-privacy-notices/wildlife-licensing-privacy-notice).

I declare that this project will be conducted in accordance with the [reintroductions and other conservation translocations code and guidance for England](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reintroductions-and-conservation-translocations-in-england-code-guidance-and-forms/conservation-translocations-when-you-need-a-wildlife-licence).

## Applications for projects applying for a Natural England licence

Have you or any person listed in the application been convicted of any wildlife-related or animal welfare offence?

Yes  No

If yes, provide details of the convictions (including dates):

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I declare that:

* where required, I undertake to obtain permission from landowners and occupiers of land to exercise any licence resulting from this application, and to allow any employee or representative of Natural England to monitor or inspect the work described in this application
* I understand that failure to comply with any conditions included in any licence granted in respect to this application may result in permission to use any licence being withdrawn and may mean I have committed a criminal offence
* I declare that the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with the information I have provided
* I understand that it is an offence under Section 17 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and under Regulation 57 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) to knowingly or recklessly provide false information in order to obtain a licence

Signature of person making the declaration:

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For electronic forms, insert an electronic signature above or tick this box to confirm the declaration.

Name (In BLOCK letters):

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Date:

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