

APPENDIX III – PROCEDURES FOR A DYNAMIC LIST

A dynamic list implies that an accreditation can be applied for keeping a species that does not appear on the positive list¹, and that an application can be made to add a species to the positive list.

1. SPECIALIST COMMITTEE

Both applications are assessed by a committee of specialists.

The specialist committee comprises representatives from stakeholder groups, and scientific and veterinary specialists.

2. APPLICATION FORMS

Applications are submitted using a standard form. Form 1 is for requesting an accreditation for keeping an animal species that does not appear on the positive list of reptiles and Form 2 for adding a species.

3. PROCEDURES

3.1 Application for keeping an animal species that does not appear on the positive list of reptiles

- The applicant submits an application form. This form corresponds to the Form 1 model (Form for requesting an accreditation for keeping a species that does not appear on the positive list).
- The cost is 60 Euros per species.
- The Minister makes a decision on the basis of the expert committee opinion.
- The entire procedure may take up to a maximum of 4 months (otherwise positive decision)
- Expert committee decision on the basis of:

¹ Government of Flanders Order for defining the list of reptiles that may be kept. This list does not relate to VLAREM legislation or its environmental permits

- Reliable scientific data and/or, if unavailable, specialist expertise
- Latest international research results
- Guarantees that the applicant can realise the housing and care necessary for ensuring the welfare of the animals.
- The accreditation has unlimited validity.
- An accreditation can be suspended/withdrawn
 - if the housing and care proposed in the application form is no longer complied with
 - does not comply with provisions in the animal welfare act
- The applicant maintains a record of how many animals of the species in question they possess and whether any changes are made to housing/care. The register can be requested at any time.

3.2 Application for adding a species

- The applicant submits an application form. This form corresponds to the Form 2 model (Application form for adding a species to the positive list of reptiles).
- The specialist committee meets at least once every two years to evaluate potential applications.
- The Minister makes a decision on the basis of the specialist committee opinion.
- The specialist committee assesses whether the information on the submitted application form is correct and analyses whether the animal species conforms with all of the agreed criteria for inclusion in the positive list, or no longer conforms (when removing from the list) with at least one of the criteria (please refer to Appendix I).

FORM 1 – APPLICATION FORM FOR ACCREDITATION FOR KEEPING AN ANIMAL SPECIES THAT DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE POSITIVE LIST OF REPTILES

I. Animal

Scientific name of the animal species:

Number of animals:

Sex (if known):

II. Applicant

Surname, first name:

Date of birth:

Occupation:

Address:

Telephone no., email address:

III. Housing

Address:

Land use in the RUP (spatial execution plan):

Environmental permit (VLAREM):

Housing dimensions:

Description of the facilities:

IV. Description of the care that shall be provided

Food:

Supervision:

Welfare:

V. Veterinarian details

Name:

Address:

VI. Details of two alternate responsible persons in the event of absence (in sequence)

1) Surname, first name:

Address:

Telephone no.:

2) Surname, first name:

Address:

Telephone no.:

VII. Criteria for inclusion in the positive list of reptiles

The species' current prevalence in captivity was taken into account when compiling the list. The species included also comply with a number of defined criteria. These are 'easy to keep' (housing, habitat, food, size, vulnerability and species protection), 'without posing a danger to humans' and 'sufficient information is available'.

Which criterion/criteria has/have **not** been satisfied for the inclusion of this species on the positive list?

What compensatory measures does the applicant provide for this?

VIII. Application motivation

IX. Proof of applicant's competencies

Bibliography available:

Member of an association:

Experience with similar animal species:

X. Anticipated origin of the animal

XI. Protection status of the animal species

CITES A B, etc.

XII. Other animals kept by the applicant

FORM 2 - APPLICATION FORM FOR ADDING A SPECIES TO THE EXISTING POSITIVE LIST OF REPTILES

A bibliography of the literature specifying full references is attached to the application. One species per form.

I. Applicant

Surname and first name:

Address:

Telephone number:

Email address:

II. Species identifier

Scientific name:

Protection status of the species at regional, national or international level:

Potentially invasive nature:

III. Physiological, ethological and ecological requirements (detailed description of the species in the wild)

a) Natural habitat, taking into account any migration

- natural biotope:
- temperature limits:
- humidity:
- habitat size:

b) Natural diet, taking into account any seasonal variation

- type of feed:
- feeding frequency:

c) Social structure

- group size and structure:

- hierarchy:

D) Natural behaviour

- behaviour towards own species, both adults and young animals:
- behaviour during the mating season:
- behaviour towards other species:
- behaviour towards people:
- foraging behaviour:
- animals' habits:
- hibernation:
- thermoregulation:

e) Reproduction

- successful reproduction in captivity: yes / no
- mating season:
- viviparous / ovoviviparous / oviparous:
- average number of clutches per year:
- average number of offspring per clutch:

f) Health

- common diseases (viral, bacterial, parasitic etc.) and mortality:
- diseases specific to the species:
- average lifespan: