

Application for a Licence to Disturb Otters For Reasons Other Than Development



Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended)

The information provided on this form may be made available to other Departments / Agencies for the purposes of detecting crime.

- Please complete this application form using **dark ink** and **BLOCK CAPITALS**.
- Please ensure that you answer questions fully in order to avoid delays.
- Additional sheets may be attached to this application form (with appropriate referencing) if necessary.
- Northern Ireland Environment Agency will aim to determine whether a licence should be issued within 15 working days of receipt of a completed application.
- If you experience any problems filling in this form, please contact the Wildlife Licensing Unit, Klondyke Building, Gasworks Business Park, Cromac Avenue, Lower Ormeau Road BT7 2JA or by telephone on 02890569602.

The Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended) fully protect species listed on Schedule 2 (animals) and 4 (plants), referred to as European Protected Species (EPS). Otters are listed on Schedule 2.

Please use this application form if you wish to undertake works / activities that would affect otters and would involve one or more of the following; capture, kill, disturbance, transport and / or damage / destroy the breeding site or resting places of otters.

Under regulation 39(2) (a-g) and 39(3) (a-b) of The Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended), The Department has authority to issue licences for the following purposes:

- scientific or educational purposes;
- ringing or marking, or examining any ring or mark on, wild animals;
- conserving wild animals or wild plants or introducing them to particular areas;
- protecting any zoological or botanical collection;
- preserving public health or public safety or other imperative reasons of overriding public interest including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment;
- preventing the spread of disease; or
- preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables, fruit, growing timber, pasture or any other form of property or to fisheries.

Provided that:

- there is **no satisfactory alternative**, and
- the action authorised will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

Part A. Personal Details and Experience

1.

Title (Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms)
Forename(s)
Surname
Address
Town
County
Postcode
Tel number (incl. national dialling code)
Fax number (incl. national dialling code)
Mobile number
Email address
Company Name
Business Title

2. Previous applications

a) Have you previously held a licence issued by NIEA?

Yes No

If no please go to Question 3

b) Have any of your previous licences covered otters, the same activities and purpose as this application?

Yes No

If no please go to Question 3

c) Have you changed name or address since your last licence was issued?

Yes No

If yes please provide the address on your last licence.

3. Please detail your previous species specific experience

4. Consultation

Have you consulted with anyone in NIEA regarding any aspect of this application?

Yes No

If YES, please give the name of the contact, date and relevant details stating whether the consultation was verbal or by letter. Please attach a copy of any written consultations.

5. Accredited agents

An accredited agent is a suitably qualified experienced person who is able to carry out work under licence without the personal supervision of the licensee. To carry out work they must be in possession of a letter signed by the licensee appointing him or her as the accredited agent of the licensee for the purpose of the licence. At all times the licensee is fully responsible for all work carried out under licence.

a) Do you propose to employ accredited agents?

Yes No

If Yes, please give their full names and state what work they will be carrying out and their relevant experience.

6. Please complete the table below to show all licensable actions that your work will involve. Please read the notes at the bottom of this page. Use photocopies of this page if there is insufficient space on one sheet.

Activity (1)	
Method or field technique (2)	
No. (3)	
Sex (3)	
Age (3)	
Time period when activity to be carried out (4)	
Location (5)	

NOTES

1. Activity-List all activities you wish to carry out. Start a new line if you wish to distinguish between different activities at different places. Choose from:

• **Kill**

• **Take** – includes handling for a limited period before release (e.g. marking, measurements etc).

• **Possess** – if the animal is to be retained in captivity away from the site of capture.

• **Disturb** – if the actions are likely to cause disturbance only

• **Damage / destroy** – if the actions will damage or destroy any structure or place which the animal uses for shelter or protection.

• **Obstruct** – if the actions will obstruct access to any structure or place which the animal uses for shelter or protection.

2. Method or field technique. Please state all methods you propose to use. State if they involve ringing or marking.

3. Number, sex, age need only be completed where applicable. In many cases this will not be known. Where appropriate give an estimate of animals involved.

4. Detail the time period for the activity.

5. Location. State specific sites where the work will occur.

If any proposed work will take place on a nature reserve provide the name of the reserve. Provide details of reserve manager with contact address and confirm that they support your proposed actions. State whether the site is an Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI).

7. Purpose of Application

Please tick the main purposes behind the licensable elements of your work.

Science and Education

Ringing and marking

Examining any ring or mark

Conserving wild animals or introducing them to particular areas

Protecting a zoological collection

Photography

Note: You will only need to apply for a licence if your actions actually involve disturbing or taking otters; in this case the photography could only be licensed if it contributes directly to one of the above listed purposes. Incidental photography may be permitted.

If your work involves any taking of samples or other activities that may require licensing under Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 as amended you must ensure you have these licences in place.

8. Please state whether work is likely to extend into future years so NIEA are aware of the scale of the proposed work.

9. Please state whether the proposed work is part of a wider project such as the Species Recovery Programme or contributing to local biodiversity action plans.

10. Complete Question 10 only if animals are to be kept in captivity or under your control.

a) If you are applying for a licence to possess / keep captive, state how and when the animal came into your possession.

b) Please state under what conditions and for how long the animals will be kept.

c) If the animals will be returned to the wild give the proposed date and place of release and any steps which would be taken to rehabilitate them to the wild.

Note: Animals to be released into the wild following a period of captivity should first be declared healthy and fit for release by a veterinary surgeon or other suitably qualified person.

Licences are not transferable.

11. Complete question 11 only if your application involves marking.

a) State proposed method of marking.

b) State type of mark that would be used.

Part B. Licence Applications For Science Or Educational Purposes. Including Surveys And Monitoring

12. Provide details of your proposed work including the main aims and timings of the work.

13. List any publications you have produced or contributed to regarding this topic (continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

14. Where licences are issues for scientific purposes it is important that the data collected are used to increase scientific knowledge. Please state how the data you collect will be used.

16. How will the effect on the target species be monitored?

Part C. Licence Applications For Conservation Purposes

15. Please explain the conservation aims of the proposed work. If your application is to repopulate or reintroduce a species we may seek additional information.

Part D. Declaration

D1) Have you, or any persons named in this form, been convicted of any wildlife or animal welfare related offences?

Yes No

If YES, please give details, including dates.

Using and sharing your information

The data controller is Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Gasworks Business Park, Lower Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 2JA. Your information will be stored and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. This Act gives you, as an individual, the right to know what data we hold on you, how we use it, with whom we share it and for it to be accurate. It will be used for processing your application.

We may disclose your application and other information relating to it to third parties, such as other Government Departments, in order to consult them about the application. This document will be provided to them for comment by written representations.

Northern Ireland Environment Agency or its appointed agents may use the name, address and other details on your application form to contact you in connection with occasional customer research aimed at improving the services that Northern Ireland Environment Agency provides to you. We will respect personal privacy, whilst complying with access to information requests to the extent necessary to enable Northern Ireland Environment Agency to comply with its statutory obligations under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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 these particulars.

I understand that the deliberate killing, injuring, capturing or disturbing of otters, or damage or destruction of their breeding sites or resting places is illegal without a licence and that it is a legal requirement to comply with the conditions of any licence I may be granted following this application. I understand that Northern Ireland Environment Agency may visit to check compliance with a licence.

Where required I undertake to obtain permission from landowners / occupiers of land to exercise any licence resulting from this application, and to allow any employee or representative of NIEA to monitor or inspect the work described in this application.

Signature

<input type="text"/>	Date
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Name in BLOCK LETTERS

Telephone

Email

Important Advice:

- The Department can modify or revoke at any time any licence that may be issued but this will not be done unless there are good reasons for doing so. Any licence that is issued is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information had been provided which resulted in the issue of a licence.
- Under The Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended), any person who in order to obtain a licence knowingly or recklessly makes a statement or representation, or furnished a document or information which is false in a material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and may be liable to criminal prosecution. Any person found guilty of such offences is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000).

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Type of licence:

Signed:

Valid from:

Until:

Date approved:

Extra conditions:



Our aim is to protect, conserve and promote the natural environment and built heritage for the benefit of present and future generations.

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