



Application to Exceed Possession Limits of Native Turtles

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

South Carolina Code of Laws Section 50-15-70(B) established possession limits for all native turtle species in South Carolina. Section 50-15-70(C) states the department may permit the possession of native species of turtles in excess of the limits established in 50-15-70(B) for scientific, zoological, and conservation purposes.

Return completed application to: **SCDNR Wildlife Permitting, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202**
or via email at herps@dnr.sc.gov or fax at 803-734-3691

For questions/information email herps@dnr.sc.gov or call 803-734-3887

Date: _____ County _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Total Native Turtles Requesting to Possess
Number of Species

Number of Individuals

Institution Represented (if applicable): _____

Physical location where turtles will be held (if different from address above):

Turtle Species Native to South Carolina to be reported include:

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| (1) Florida cooter (<i>Pseudemys floridana</i>) | Total _____ | Possession limit=5 |
| (2) Chicken turtle (<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>) | Total _____ | Possession limit=5 |
| (3) Spiny softshell turtle (<i>Apalone spinifera</i>) | Total _____ | Possession limit=5 |
| (4) Eastern mud turtle (<i>Kinosternon subrubrum</i>) | Total _____ | Possession limit=5 |
| (5) Common musk turtle (<i>Sternotherus odoratus</i>) | Total _____ | Possession limit=5 |
| (6) Common snapping turtle (<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>) | Total _____ | Possession limit=5 |
| (7) Diamondback terrapin (<i>Malaclemys terrapin</i>) | Total _____ | Possession limit=2 |
| (8) River cooter (<i>Pseudemys concinna</i>) | Total _____ | Possession limit=5 |
| (9) Eastern painted turtle (<i>Chrysemys picta</i>) | Total _____ | Possession limit=5 |
| (10) Florida softshell turtle (<i>Apalone ferox</i>) | Total _____ | Possession limit=5 |
| (11) Striped mud turtle (<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>) | Total _____ | Possession limit=5 |
| (12) Yellow-bellied slider (<i>Trachemys scripta</i>) | Total _____ | Possession limit=5 |
| (13) Eastern box turtle (<i>Terrapene carolina</i>) | Total _____ | Possession limit=2 |

The following turtles are state-listed species and may only be possessed through a permit issued pursuant to SCDNR Regulations R123-150 and R123-151.

- Bog turtle
- Spotted turtles
- Gopher tortoise

This application does not cover these species.

It is unlawful for a person to sell, barter, trade, ship, or remove from this State, or attempt to sell, barter, trade, ship, or remove from this State any native species of turtles, including parts, products, eggs, offspring, and derivatives thereof.

Please describe your experience and purpose for exceeding possession limits below and how it will contribute to science and conservation on the next page. (Attach additional documentation as necessary)

Applicant's Signature: _____

By signing this application, the applicants affirms this information to be true and accurate. SCDNR may require verification of the turtles in your possession.



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