

The Department recommends that you contact us to discuss the proposed activity prior to completing the application forms:

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This form must be completed when applying for permits to hold, take, import, export marine mammals for non-research purposes ONLY. If you wish to hold, take, import, export marine mammals for research purposes please fill in [Form 12a](#), available on the DOC website.

Please provide all information requested in as much detail as possible. Applicants will be advised if further information is required before this application can be processed by the Department.

Please note that the application process involves notification in the *Gazette* for 28 days (see s.5.5 of the Act), allow sufficient time when submitting the application for this to be undertaken.

Once you have filled in your application form, please complete this checklist to ensure that all components of your application are complete. This will help prevent any possible delays in the processing of your application.

- D Legal status (company/trust/inc society} registration number (if not an individual)
- D Written consultations (if applicable)
- Q/ Have you read and accept the section regarding the liability of the applicant for payment of fees

Have you signed your application?

All efforts in putting together a detailed application are greatly appreciated and will allow the Department to effectively and efficiently process your application.

A. Applicant Details

Applicant Name
(full name of registered company
or individual, student or university) Grant Rodney Abel

B. Details of Proposed Activity

Take Hold Import Export

NB please tick all applicable activities

C. Purpose of Proposed Activity

- Description of activity

I am a returning New Zealand born citizen who has resided overseas for more than 40 years. In August 2018, I arranged for my family's personal household goods to be shipped from Hong Kong to Nelson, where my wife and I have decided to live. Those goods, include a number of loose small sperm whale teeth, a penguin carved from sperm whale teeth, and a small carving of a seal made from walrus tusk.

- Species of marine mammal item/part (if known):

1. sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*)
2. walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*)

- Type of marine mammal item/part (eg tooth):

Spem, whale teeth, includes one carved into a penguin attached to a section of another tooth cut longitudinally, and a small section of walrus tusk carved into a harbor seal.

- Number of marine mammal items/parts:
 - One carving of a King penguin made from 1.5x sperm whale teeth - origin New Zealand.
 - 4x (approx) small sperm whale teeth and 2x (approx) sections of cut sperm whale tooth - origin New Zealand.
 - One carving of a harbour seal from a section of walrus tusk, attached to a section of tusk used for the base of the seal.
- How was the marine mammal item/part obtained:

The King penguin carving and loose sperm whale teeth were given to my father (Mr Rodney Seaton Abel) sometime around 1972 - 1977 by Mr Joe Perano Jnr, of the Perano family that operated the former whaling station on Arapawa Island in the Marlborough Sounds. Both Joe and my father are now deceased. Their friendship lasted many years and centered around Marineland of New Zealand, which my father was managing from about 1969 until the family moved to Hong Kong in 1973. The whale teeth came into my possession sometime after my father passed away in September, 1998. I have since lived overseas primarily in Hong Kong and Japan, returning to New Zealand in December 2017.

I purchased the seal carving made from walrus tusk at the Vancouver airport during a business trip sometime around 2009 - 2011.

- Proposed dates for import/export if applicable:

These effects are scheduled to arrive Nelson on 22 October.

D. Other

Is there any further information you wish to supply in support of your application?

Throughout the intervening years overseas, the loose whale teeth have been in storage or kept among my possessions. I do not have photographs of these items. The penguin statue has been displayed among other ornaments in my living space and images of the statue are shown in the attached photographs.

E. Consultation Undertaken

Some applications require consultation with whanau/hap0/iwi (local Maori), and other interested parties. Please contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss what is required. Written expert views, advice or opinions concerning your proposal may also be attached to support the application. Attach any proof of consultation to the application.
