

Potential Recommendation's on Florida Exotic Wildlife

Stronger provisions to prevent the establishment of undesirable exotics in Florida need to be developed. The GFWFC needs to provide more emphasis on this problem in their regulatory programs operative under the provisions of F.S. 372.265, 372.921 and 372.922. We recommend the creation of an advisory group composed of representatives from the major professional organizations (e.g. The Wildlife Society, American Society of Mammalogists, American Ornithologists Union). The functions of this group should include (but not be limited to) the following.

1. Identification of species or taxonomic groups to be prohibited from importation or possession as personal pets. Prohibition could be accomplished by the addition of these taxa to the list of Class I Wildlife.
2. Review of GFWFC regulations governing importation, sale and possession of wildlife and development of recommendations for specific regulatory changes or additions to provide for adequate safeguards against unintentional introductions.
3. Development of recommendations on specific management actions or programs which might be taken to eradicate or prevent the spread of established populations of exotic species.