

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

BRINGING DRAGONFISH

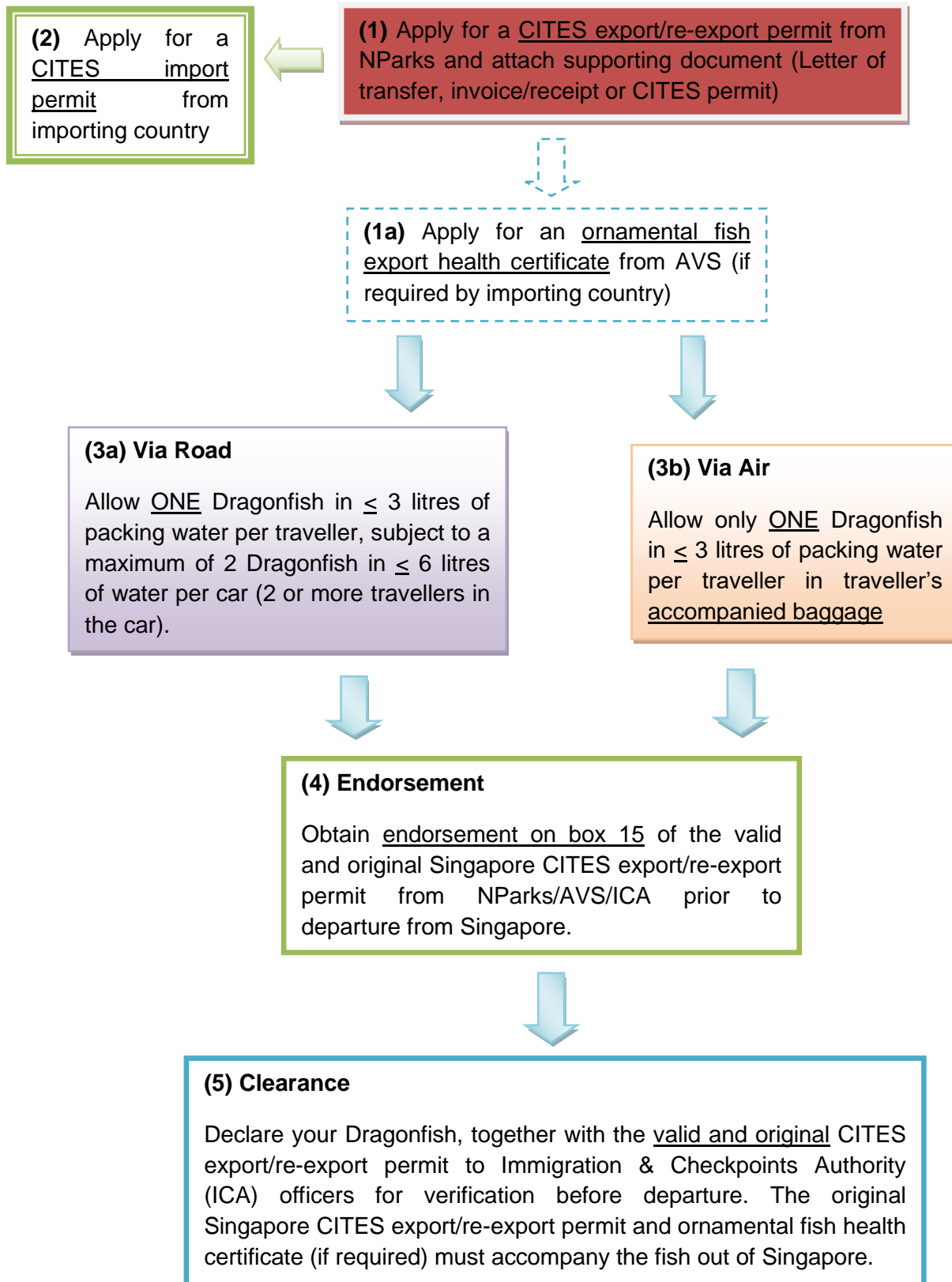


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SOME FACTS.....

- * **Asian arowana** (*Scleropages formosus*), is also commonly known as **Dragonfish**.
- * The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (**CITES**) is an international agreement to ensure that trade ceases to threaten wildlife with extinction. Singapore became a signatory to CITES in 1986 and regulates trade in endangered species through a system of permits. The National Parks Board (NParks) is the national CITES authority in Singapore (wef 1 Apr 2019).
- * Dragonfish is listed as one of the most highly endangered species under **CITES Appendix I**. This listing means that commercial import/export/re-export of the fish is not allowed unless the fish is bred in captivity in operations or farms that are registered with the CITES or used for non-commercial purposes.
- * A personal allowance of **ONE Dragonfish per person** applies to travellers bringing out Dragonfish as personal pets. This personal allowance refers to the maximum quantity a traveller can export without a commercial NParks/Animal & Veterinary Services (AVS) ornamental fish license. A CITES permit from NParks is still required for export of your Dragonfish even if the quantity is within the personal allowance.
- * The export of other species of arowanas such as Pearl arowana (*Scleropages jardini*), Silver arowana (*Osteoglossum bicirrhosum*) and Black arowanas (*Osteoglossum ferreirai*) do **not** require CITES permits as they are **not** listed under CITES.

STEPS TO EXPORT DRAGONFISH



MORE INFORMATION.....

(Step 1) Singapore CITES Permit

Application	Apply online on GoBusiness Licensing Portal website: https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences	
Supporting document	<p>(a) If you purchased the Dragonfish from a local fish retailer/farm which has captive-bred the fish, please obtain a Letter of Transfer (LOT) or invoice/receipt from the seller and apply for a CITES <u>export</u> permit.</p> <p>(b) If you previously imported or purchase an imported Dragonfish, please provide a softcopy of the foreign CITES export/re-export permit or Singapore CITES import permit or a Letter of Transfer (LOT) and apply for a CITES <u>re-export</u> permit.</p> <p>Attach a softcopy of the document from (a) or (b) in your online application for the CITES export/re-export permit.</p>	
Dragonfish's requirement	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Captive-bred in a CITES-registered operation. For a list of CITES-registered farms, check www.cites.org under Resource>CITES Registers>Register of captive-breeding operations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Implanted with a microchip for identification which must correspond to the microchip number on the Singapore CITES export/re-export permit.</p>	
Type of service	Normal	Express
Duration of processing & issuance	<p>Within 7 working days from submission of complete application and supporting document</p> <p>(Any incomplete or incorrect submission may delay the processing time or may render your application to be rejected)</p>	<p>Within one working day from submission of complete application and supporting document</p> <p>(Any incomplete or incorrect submission may delay the processing time or may render your application to be rejected)</p>
Permit fee	S\$60	S\$120
Status of application	Check online via GoBusiness Licensing Portal for status of your application.	
Payment	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Online payment via GoBusiness Licensing Portal by Paypal or credit/debit card under 'Payment' tab.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment is required to be made before the permit can be generated by NParks.</p>	

Printing of permit	<p><input type="checkbox"/> You may print the permit on your own if you have a compatible watermark printer. Please refer to the GoBusiness Licensing Portal for a list of <u>compatible watermark printers</u>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For self-printing of CITES permit, please login GoBusiness Licensing Portal, go to 'Licenses' tab → Search for the permit number → Click on 'Action' button → Select 'Print'.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Self-print using own compatible watermark printer or via NParks' self-service station at HortPark Visitor Centre. For more information on self-printing, you may refer to <u>NParks</u> website.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Permit is ready for self-print once you receive a 'Notification to Print'.</p>
Permit validity	6 months, no further extension
Usage of permit	Each CITES export/re-export permit can only be used once for only one Dragonfish (due to traveller's allowance)

(Step 1a) Singapore ornamental fish export health certificate

Requirement	Check with the importing country if an ornamental fish health certificate is required from Singapore for your Dragonfish. If a health certificate is required, please check with importing country for specific health certification requirements, if any.	
Application	Apply online on GoBusiness Licensing Portal website: https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences and attach the required supporting documents and specific health certification requirements of the importing countries, if any. During the application, please also specify the date and venue of your requested inspection by AVS.	
Type of service for collection of export health certificate	Normal	Express
Duration of processing & issuance of export health certificate	At least one day after submission of complete application, subject to passing AVS' inspection. (Any incomplete or incorrect submission may delay the processing time or may render your application to be rejected)	On the same day as submission of complete application, subject to passing AVS' inspection. (Any incomplete or incorrect submission may delay the processing time or may render your application to be rejected)
Certificate Fee (exclude inspection fees)	S\$16.80	S\$33.60

Status of application	Check online via GoBusiness Licensing Portal for status of your application.
Payment	Online payment via GoBusiness Licensing Portal by Paypal or credit/debit card under 'Payment' tab.
Collection/ Printing of certificate	<p>For health certificate that require manual endorsement by NParks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Visit our office at Animal & Plant Health Centre (APHC) to collect when approved. <p>For health certificate that does not require manual endorsement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> You may print the permit on your own if you have a compatible watermark printer. Please refer to the GoBusiness Licensing Portal for a list of compatible watermark printers. <input type="checkbox"/> For self-printing of CITES permit, please login GoBusiness Licensing Portal, go to 'Licenses' tab → Search for the permit number → Click on 'Action' button → Select 'Print'. <input type="checkbox"/> Self-print using own compatible watermark printer or via NParks' self-service station at HortPark Visitor Centre. For more information on self-printing, you may refer to NParks website.
Certificate validity	10 days (no extension)
Inspection & charges	AVS would arrange for an inspection of your Dragonfish before approval of the health certificate. A professional inspection fee of S\$63/hr will be charged if the inspection request is made at least one day before the intended inspection date. If the inspection request is made only on the day of the intended inspection, or requested to be inspected after office hours, an inspection fee of S\$133/hr applies.

(Step 2) Foreign CITES permit

- ☐ Check CITES website (<https://cites.org/eng/parties/country-profiles/national-authorities>) for contact details of CITES authority of the importing country for application and issuance of a CITES import permit.
- ☐ Check with the importing country on their requirements before you export/re-export your Dragonfish.

(Step 3a) Export via road

- ☐ If you are bringing out 2 Dragonfish in the same vehicle, 2 separate Singapore CITES export/re-export permit issued to 2 travellers in the car must be produced.

(Step 3b) Export via air

- ☐ To observe the liquid restrictions and check in the Dragonfish. To check with the airlines for any additional requirements or restrictions.
- ☐ To be packed in accordance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulations to ensure welfare of the fish

(Step 4) Endorsement

- ☐ For fish that requires export health certificate and inspection by AVS prior to approval of health certificate, you can obtain endorsement on box 15 of the Singapore CITES export/re-export permit during inspection.
- ☐ For fish that does not require export health certificate, you can obtain endorsement on box 15 of the Singapore CITES export/re-export permit from ICA at the passenger terminal or [CAPQ](#) (if via cargo). You need to present a Letter of Undertaking (LOU), in lieu of inspection of the fish, together with the Singapore CITES export/re-export permit to ICA/CAPQ for endorsement. The LOU must indicate your name, address, signature, Singapore CITES export/re-export permit number, request for endorsement, date, country of destination, quantity and species of fish. A sample format of the LoU is enclosed for your reference.

(Step 5) Clearance

- ☐ Your Dragonfish may be subject to export inspection by NParks/AVS. NParks/AVS will inform you in advance and arrange for inspection of the Dragonfish.
- ☐ If box 15 of the Singapore CITES export/re-export permit is not endorsed, your Dragonfish may be detained upon arrival in country of destination by the local authorities.

You may wish to know

- ❖ You may bring out other types of non-CITES ornamental fish (including marine invertebrates) together with your Dragonfish without an ornamental fish export permit. All fishes must be within the personal allowance for each of their categories and the total quantity of the fish must not exceed 5kg. For more information on the traveller's allowance, please visit our website: <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/avs/explore-by-sections/pets-and-animals/bringing-animals-into-singapore-exporting/animals>.
- ❖ Other CITES species of fish (eg. hard corals, coral rocks, seahorses, giant clams) can also be exported without an ornamental fish export permit. However, they must be accompanied by Singapore CITES export/re-export permits and must be within the personal allowance. The export of other CITES fish may be subject to inspection by AVS.
- ❖ If you wish to export quantities that exceed the personal allowances for Dragonfish and other ornamental fish or via cargo, an ornamental fish export permit is required to be issued by AVS. As ornamental fish permits are only issued to AVS-licensed ornamental fish exporters, you may wish to contact a licensed ornamental fish exporter for assistance in the export of your fish consignments. A list of licensed ornamental exporters is available at <http://www.agri-biz.com>.

Not sure? Need advice?

If you need clarifications or assistance on the import/re-export procedure, feel free to contact NParks

Contact	https://www.nparks.gov.sg/feedback
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SAMPLE FORMAT OF LETTER OF UNDERTAKING

[DATE]

To NPark/AVS/ICA

Dear Sir/Mdm

LETTER OF UNDERTAKING FOR ENDORSEMENT OF SINGAPORE CITES EXPORT/RE-EXPORT PERMIT

I hereby undertake that I will be exporting/re-exporting the following fish to the below-mentioned country:

Species name (Common & scientific names)	Dragonfish (<i>Scleropages formosus</i>)
Quantity (head)	One (1) only
Microchip no.	
Singapore CITES export/re-export permit	
Country of destination	

I would like to request for NParks/AVS/ICA to endorse on box 15 of the above-mentioned Singapore CITES export/re-export permit. This letter of undertaking is presented in lieu of inspection of the above-mentioned fish.

2 Thank you and best regards.

Yours faithfully

[SIGNATURE]

[OWNER'S NAME]

[OWNER'S ADDRESS]