Subject: Import licence Bernie

The Environment Agency of Iceland has, in accordance with Article 63(1) of the Nature Conservation Act No 60/2013, processed your application dated April 14\textsuperscript{th}, for a permit to import the African white-bellied hedgehog, Bernie, from Hungary to Iceland as a pet.

According to Article 63(3) of the Nature Conservation Act No 60/2013 your application was sent to an expert committee for review on February 10\textsuperscript{th}. The review was received on March 4\textsuperscript{th}. The committee came to the conclusion that it is unlikely that this species can thrive in Iceland. In the event that the animal would escape from captivity it would go into hypermetation and die from starvation. Thus it is unlikely that the import can have negative impact on the Icelandic ecosystem.

The Environment Agency agrees with the expert committee and authorizes the import of the African white-bellied hedgehog, Bernie, to Iceland with the same conditions as in the permit issued by the Ministry of Industries and Innovation, dated March 20\textsuperscript{th}, where the import of the hedgehog was authorized.

Sincerely

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