

# Prohibited invasive animals of Queensland



Iguana (*Iguana iguana*)



Ferret (*Mustela furo*)



Boa constrictor (*Boa constrictor*)



Chameleon (*Calumma crypticum*)

## Biosecurity Act

The *Biosecurity Act 2014* protects Queensland's economy, biodiversity and people's lifestyles from the threats posed by invasive pests and diseases.

Under the Act, certain species of invasive animals are listed as 'prohibited' matter.

Species not listed as prohibited may be listed as restricted invasive animals under the Act or may be declared by a local government under local laws.

## Reporting prohibited matter

All prohibited matter must be reported within 24 hours of being sighted to Biosecurity Queensland by calling **13 25 23**.

By law, everyone has a general biosecurity obligation (GBO) to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risk of the animal escaping until they receive advice from an authorised officer.

Prompt action will protect our valuable agricultural industries, natural resources and the environment.



## What is prohibited matter?

Prohibited matter includes a range of invasive animals and other types of pests and diseases listed in the Act. These animals have the potential to become significant pests if released into the wild. At present, they are absent from the wild in Queensland.

It is an offence to deal with prohibited matter or fail to report its presence.

'Must not deal with' includes that a person must not do any of the following with prohibited invasive animals:

- keep or possess
- conduct experiments
- produce or manufacture
- breed
- propagate
- use
- grow, raise fee or culture
- distribute
- import
- transport
- dispose of
- buy, supply or use.

Prohibited matter permits are available for a limited number of purposes such as scientific research. Zoos and other authorised entities may keep prohibited invasive animals under exhibited animal permits.

All sighting of prohibited invasive animals must be reported to Biosecurity Queensland and no actions taken that moves or spreads the animal.

## Invasive animals that are prohibited matter

All non-indigenous amphibians, reptiles and mammals from around the world are prohibited matter. Some examples are:

- African serval (*Leptailurus serval*)
- American corn snake (*Elaphe guttata*)
- Asian spined toad (*Bufo melanostictus*)
- boa constrictor (*Boa constrictor*)
- Chinese stripe-necked turtle (*Mauremys sinensis*)
- cobra (approximately 30 species in seven genera (*Aspidelaps*, *Boulengerina*, *Hemachatus*, *Naja*, *Ophiophagus*, *Pseudohaje*, *Walterinnesia*))
- ferret (*Mustela furo*, *M. putorius*)
- iguana (*Iguana iguana*)
- Indian mongoose (*Herpestes javanicus*)
- Indian palm squirrel (*Funambulus* species)
- savannah cat (Hybrids of *Leptailurus serval*, *Felis catus*)
- South East Asian box turtle (*Cuora amboinensis kamaroma*)
- stoat (*Mustela erminea*).

## Invasive animals that are NOT prohibited matter

Restricted invasive animals are present and established in Queensland. They have an adverse impact that is significant and, as a result, specific restrictions are placed on a person dealing with these animals:

- Barbary sheep (*Ammotragus lervia*)
- blackbuck antelope (*Antilope cervicapra*)
- hog deer (*Axis porcinus*)
- red-eared slider turtle (*Trachemys scripta elegans*)
- Samba deer (*Rusa unicolor*, syn. *Cervus unicolor*)
- dingo (*Canis familiaris dingo*)
- European red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)
- European rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)
- feral fallow deer (*Dama dama*)
- feral red deer (*Cervus elaphus*)
- cat, other than a domestic cat (*Felis catus*)
- dog, other than a domestic dog (*Canis familiaris*)
- feral chital deer (*Axis axis*)
- feral fallow deer (*Dama dama*)
- feral goat (*Capra hircus*)
- feral pig (*Sus scrofa*)
- feral red deer (*Cervus elaphus*)
- feral rusa deer (*Rusa timorensis*, syn. *Cervus timorensis*).

## Other animals that are NOT prohibited matter or restricted invasive matter

- Mammals, reptiles and amphibians indigenous to Australia, including marine mammals of the orders Cetacea, Pinnipedia or Sirenia
- alpaca (*Lama pacos*)
- Asian house gecko (*Hemidactylus frenatus*)
- axolotl (*Ambystoma mexicanum*)
- bison or American buffalo (*Bison bison*)
- black rat (*Rattus rattus*)
- camel (*Camelus dromedarius*)
- cane toad (*Bufo marinus*)
- domestic cat (*Felis catus* and *Prionailurua bengalensis* x *Felis catus*)
- cattle (*Bos* spp.)
- domestic chital deer (*Axis axis*)
- domestic dog (*Canis lupus familiaris*)
- donkey (*Equus asinus*)
- European hare (*Lepus europaeus*)
- domestic fallow deer (*Dama dama*)
- domestic goat (*Capra hircus*)
- guanicoe (*Lama guanicoe*)
- guinea pig (*Cavia porcellus*)
- horse (*Equus caballus*)
- house mouse (*Mus musculus*)
- llama (*Lama glama*)

- mule (*Equus caballus* x *Equus asinus*)
- domestic pig (*Sus scrofa*)
- domestic red deer (*Cervus elaphus*)
- domestic rusa deer (*Cervus timorensis* syn. *Cervus timorensis*)
- sewer rat (*Rattus norvegicus*)
- sheep (*Ovis aries*)
- water buffalo (*Bubalus bubalis*).

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## Further information

Further information is available from your local government office, or by contacting Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 or visit [biosecurity.qld.gov.au](http://biosecurity.qld.gov.au).



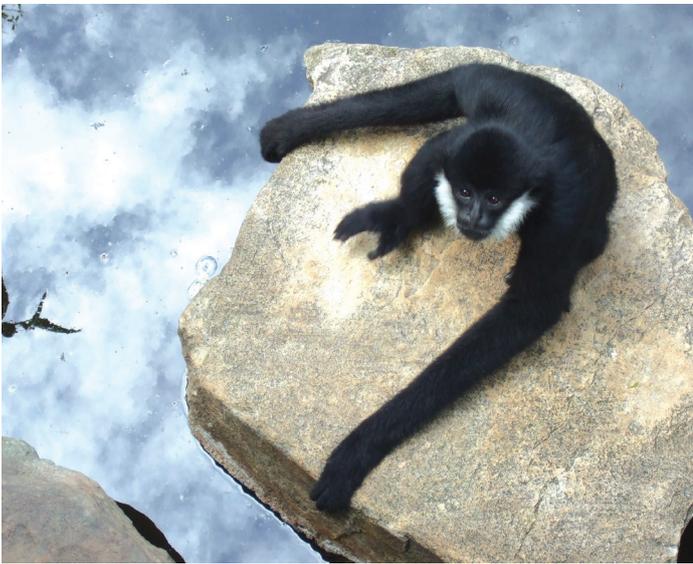
Albino American corn snake (*Elaphe guttata*)



Indian palm squirrel (*Funambulus* species)



American corn snake (*Elaphe guttata*)



Gibbon monkey (*Nomascus siki*)



Asian spined toad (*Bufo melanostictus*)



South East Asian box turtle (*Cuora amboinensis*)

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