



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 20, 2001

H.R. 643

African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on November 8, 2001*

SUMMARY

H.R. 643 would reauthorize funding for projects carried out under the African Elephant Conservation Act. Specifically, the act would authorize annual appropriations for such projects to the Multinational Species Conservation Fund through 2007 at the existing authorization level of up to \$5 million annually. The current authorization expires after fiscal year 2002. The Secretary of the Interior uses this fund primarily to help finance research and conservation programs overseas.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 643 would cost \$18 million over the 2003-2006 period. (An additional \$7 million would be spent after 2006.) The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 643 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 643 is shown in the following table. For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the entire amounts authorized by the act will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Outlay estimates are based on recent spending patterns for this program. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Spending Under Current Law					
Budget Authority	5	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes					
Estimated Authorization Level	0	5	5	5	5
Estimated Outlays	0	3	5	5	5
Spending Under H.R. 643					
Estimated Authorization Level ^a	5	5	5	5	5
Estimated Outlays	1	3	5	5	5

a. The 2002 level is the amount appropriated for African elephant conservation.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 643 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On May 18, 2001, CBO prepared a cost estimate for H.R. 643 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 16, 2001. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the estimated costs.

ESTIMATE PREPARED BY:

Federal Costs: Deborah Reis

Impact on State, Local, and Tribal Governments: Marjorie Miller

Impact on the Private Sector: Lauren Marks

ESTIMATE APPROVED BY:

Peter H. Fontaine

Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis