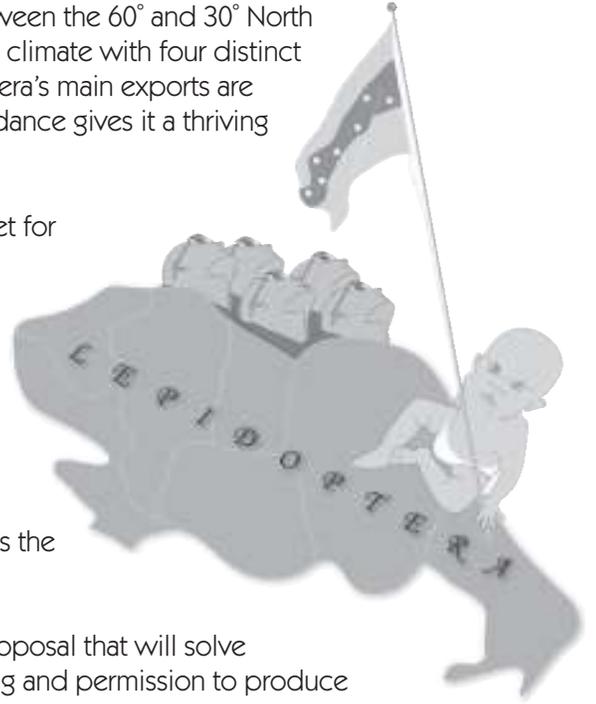




# Protecting the Nation of Lepidoptera

Lepidoptera is a wealthy industrialized nation located between the 60° and 30° North latitudes. It is bordered by two oceans, enjoys a moderate climate with four distinct seasons, and has rich and fertile soil throughout. Lepidoptera's main exports are oil, natural gas, wheat, corn and timber. The nation's abundance gives it a thriving economy and a well cared for and productive populace.

Unfortunately, Lepidoptera's abundance has made it a target for neighboring nations greedy for its land and resources. The country has been attacked a number of times by land, air and sea, but each time has managed to defend its borders. These victories have not come without a cost, however. Lepidoptera has lost many people in the battles and now its overall population is diminished and birth rates are low. Worried about future attacks and the nation's inability to swiftly repopulate, Lepidoptera's leaders and military figures are holding a meeting to discuss the vulnerable future of their nation.



A group of genetic scientists have come forward with a proposal that will solve Lepidoptera's dilemma. The scientists are asking for funding and permission to produce clones of soldiers known for their skill on the battlefield. Not only will this increase the number of military personnel, but it will also produce soldiers with physical characteristics that are superior in battle. The clones will be well cared for by loving military families and trained until it is time for them to serve their country.

Is this a case where human cloning should be funded and allowed? Consider this question from one or more of the following viewpoints.

- 1) A citizen of Lepidoptera
- 2) The General in charge of Lepidoptera's military
- 3) The parents or spouse of a soldier the group is hoping to clone
- 4) A soldier the group is hoping to clone