



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



September 11, 2012

Subject: CITES Species-Specific Trade Restrictions

Background: The Endangered Species Act prohibits trade in specimens contrary to the CITES Convention. Articles II and VIII of CITES require that we take appropriate measures to enforce the provisions of the treaty and to prohibit trade in specimens that are in violation of the treaty. Article III of CITES requires that we consider permits and certificates to be valid only when the exporting country has made the required determination that trade in the specimens will not be detrimental to the wild population.

When the CITES Parties, through the CITES Standing Committee or the CITES Conference of the Parties, determine that a country is not making the required non-detriment findings for a species, the United States cannot establish that trade in the species is sustainable and not detrimental to the wild population. An export permit or re-export certificate issued for the species by the country under suspension is considered invalid (see 50 CFR § 23.26 (c)(12)).

CITES Notification No. 2012/057 announced the withdrawal of several previous CITES trade suspensions and the imposition of several new trade suspensions.

The following trade suspensions were lifted:

- *Prunus africanus* from the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- *Calumna cryptium* from Madagascar (note: a zero quota imposed by Madagascar).
- *Rauvolfia serpentina* from Myanmar.
- *Cuora amboinensis*, *Cuora galbinifrons*, *Christensonia vietnamica*, *Cycadaceae*, *Stangeriaceae* and *Zamiaceae spp.* from Vietnam.

The following trade suspensions were imposed:

- *Hippopotamus amphibius* from Cameroon and Mozambique.
- *Chamaeleo africanus* from Niger.
- *Chamaeleo feae* from Equatorial Guinea.
- *Cordylus mossambicus* from Mozambique.
- *Heosemys annandalii* and *Heosemys grandis* from the Lao People's Democratic Republic.
- *Pericopsis elata* from Côte d'Ivoire.
- *Swietenia macrophylla* from Belize.

Action: The United States will continue to prohibit the import of any species subject to a CITES species trade suspension. This prohibition applies to all imports except specimens that meet the personal or household effects (50 CFR §23.15), artificial propagation (§23.40), bred-in-captivity (§23.41), pre-Convention (§23.45), registered scientific institution (§23.48) or traveling exhibition (§23.49) exemption. All such prohibited shipments or specimens are subject to seizure and forfeiture. Attached to this bulletin is the list of CITES species-specific trade restrictions. Additional information about other CITES trade restrictions can be found at: <http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/ref/suspend.php>.

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Annex

Standing Committee's recommendations made in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.8
(Rev. CoP13), not to accept permits issued under Article IV of the Convention

State	Taxa	Date of Standing Committee recommendation	Date of first Notification to the Parties
Bahrain	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
Belize	<i>Myrmecophila tibicinis</i>	SC59, March 2010	15 June 2010
	<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	SC62, July 2012	7 September 2012
Cameroon	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	SC62, July 2012	7 September 2012
Comoros	<i>Phelsuma comorensis</i>	SC57, July 2008	22 August 2008
	<i>Phelsuma v-nigra</i>	SC57, July 2008	22 August 2008
Côte d'Ivoire	<i>Pericopsis elata</i>	SC62, July 2012	7 September 2012
Democratic Republic of the Congo	<i>Poicephalus robustus</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
	<i>Stigmochelys¹ pardalis</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
Equatorial Guinea	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	SC57, July 2008	22 August 2008
	<i>Chamaeleo feae</i>	SC62, July 2012	7 September 2012
	<i>Prunus africana</i>	SC57, July 2008 (with effect from 1 January 2009)	3 February 2009
Grenada	<i>Strombus gigas</i>	Intersessional decision, September 2003	12 May 2006
Haiti	<i>Strombus gigas</i>	Intersessional decision, September 2003	29 September 2003
Lao People's Democratic Republic	<i>Cuora galbinifrons</i>	SC58, July 2009	27 July 2009
	<i>Heosemys annandalii</i>	SC62, July 2012	7 September 2012
	<i>Heosemys grandis</i>	SC62, July 2012	7 September 2012
	<i>Naja</i> spp. (= <i>N. atra</i> , <i>N. kaouthia</i> , <i>N. siamensis</i>)	SC50, March 2004	30 April 2004
	<i>Dendrobium nobile</i>	SC57, July 2008 (with effect from 1 January 2009)	3 February 2009

¹ Formerly Geochelone.

State	Taxa	Date of Standing Committee recommendation	Date of first Notification to the Parties
Madagascar	<i>Coracopsis vasa</i>	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
	<i>Calumma</i> spp. ² and <i>Furcifer</i> spp. ² (except <i>C. andringitraense</i> , <i>C. boettgeri</i> , <i>C. brevicorne</i> , <i>C. crypticum</i> , <i>C. fallax</i> , <i>C. gallus</i> , <i>C. gastrotaenia</i> , <i>C. glawi</i> , <i>C. globifer</i> , <i>C. guillaumeti</i> , <i>C. malthe</i> , <i>C. marojezense</i> , <i>C. nasutum</i> , <i>C. oshaughnessyi</i> , <i>C. parsonii</i> , <i>C. vencesi</i> , <i>F. antimena</i> , <i>F. bifidus</i> , <i>F. campani</i> , <i>F. lateralis</i> , <i>F. minor</i> , <i>F. oustaleti</i> , <i>F. pardalis</i> , <i>F. petteri</i> , <i>F. rhinocerotus</i> , <i>F. verrucosus</i> and <i>F. willsii</i>)	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
	<i>Phelsuma</i> spp. (except <i>P. grandis</i> , <i>P. kochi</i> , <i>P. laticauda</i> , <i>P. lineata</i> , <i>P. madagascariensis</i> and <i>P. quadriocellata</i>)	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
Mali	<i>Poicephalus robustus</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
	<i>Uromastix dispar</i>	SC57, July 2008	22 August 2008
Mozambique	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	SC62, July 2012	7 September 2012
	<i>Cordylus mossambicus</i>	SC62, July 2012	7 September 2012
	<i>Cordylus tropidosternum</i>	SC45, June 2001	10 August 2001
	Cycadaceae, Stangeriaceae and Zamiaceae	SC54, October 2006	6 December 2006
Niger	<i>Chamaeleo africanus</i>	SC62, July 2012	7 September 2012
Solomon Islands	<i>Corucia zebrata</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
	<i>Ornithoptera urvillianus</i>	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
	<i>Ornithoptera victoriae</i>	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
Togo	<i>Poicephalus robustus</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
United Republic of Tanzania	<i>Agapornis fischeri</i>	SC29, March 1993	20 April 1993
	<i>Malacochersus tornieri</i> This suspension does not apply to specimens of this species produced from ranching or captive-breeding operations, for which the annual export quota has to be agreed between the Management Authority and the Secretariat	SC29, March 1993 SC40, March 1998	20 April 1993 30 June 1998
	<i>Prunus africana</i>	SC57, July 2008 (with effect from 1 January 2009)	3 February 2009

² Formerly *Chamaeleo* spp.