



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



December 30, 2016

Subject: CITES References for the U.S. Importer or Exporter

Background: There is much information that U.S. Importers and Exporters can obtain regarding trade with species protected by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) from the CITES website (www.cites.org).

- Species listed on CITES – <https://cites.org/eng/app/appendices.php>
- Trade Suspensions – <https://cites.org/eng/resources/ref/suspend.php> – See [Public Bulletin](#) dated December 23, 2016 for more information.
- Competent CITES Authorities – In order to trade CITES specimens with the United States, a foreign country must have a Management Authority **and** a Scientific Authority. You may check the CITES website to determine whether or not the country you are dealing with has both components: <https://cites.org/eng/cms/index.php/component/cp>
- Quotas – <https://cites.org/eng/resources/quotas/index.php>
 - Sturgeon quotas – <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/common/quotas/2015/SturgeonQuotas2015.pdf>
- Valid Scientific Names – <https://www.speciesplus.net>
- CITES Registers
 - Operations that breed Appendix-I animal species for commercial purposes – https://cites.org/common/reg/e_cb.html
 - Scientific Institutions – https://cites.org/common/reg/e_si.html
 - Registered Caviar Exporters – <https://cites.org/eng/common/reg/ce/AR> – the left side of the webpage lists the countries with registered caviar exporters authorized to trade in sturgeon/paddlefish caviar.

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