



## NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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### **Subject: Update on 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.

As a member of CITES, the United States is committed to carrying out decisions and policies approved by CITES countries that reflect appropriate interpretations of the treaty. 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. Any export permit or re-export certificate issued for the species by the country under review is considered invalid.

CITES Notification No. 2009/032 announced the withdrawal of several previous trade suspensions and the imposition of several new trade suspensions.

The following trade suspensions were lifted:

- *Poicephalus cryptoxanthus*, *Poicephalus meyeri*, *Poicephalus rufiventris* and *Tauraco fischeri* from the United Republic of Tanzania
- *Falco cherrug* from Mongolia
- *Hippopotamus amphibious* from Malawi

The following trade suspensions were imposed:

- *Cuora amboinensis* and *Cuora galbifrons* from Vietnam
- *Cuora galbifrons* from Lao People's Democratic Republic

**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 commercial and noncommercial imports including tourist souvenirs and personal effects. All such shipments or specimens are subject to seizure and forfeiture. We are providing as an attachment to this bulletin, the current list of CITES species-specific trade restrictions. Members of the CITES trade community can find information on additional CITES trade restrictions currently in effect at: [http://www.cites.org/eng/news/sundry/trade\\_suspension.shtml](http://www.cites.org/eng/news/sundry/trade_suspension.shtml).

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## Annex

Standing Committee's recommendations to suspend trade  
made in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13)

State	Species	Date of Standing Committee recommendation	Date of first Notification to the Parties
Armenia	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
Bahrain	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
Comoros	<i>Phelsuma comorensis</i>	SC57, July 2008	22 August 2008
	<i>Phelsuma v-nigra</i>	SC57, July 2008	22 August 2008
Democratic Republic of the Congo	<i>Poicephalus robustus</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
	<i>Stigmochelys</i> (formerly <i>Geochelone</i> ) <i>pardalis</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
	<i>Prunus africana</i>	SC57, July 2008 (with effect from 1 January 2009)	3 February 2009
Equatorial Guinea	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	SC57, July 2008	22 August 2008
	<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
Iraq	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
Kazakhstan	<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	SC45, June 2001	10 August 2001
	Except for the export of live specimens from breeding facilities for conservation purposes	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
Lao People's Democratic Republic	<i>Cuora galbinifrons</i>	SC58, July 2009	27 July 2009
	<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

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Madagascar	<i>Coracopsis vasa</i>	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
	<i>Calumma</i> spp. and <i>Furcifer</i> spp. [formerly <i>Chamaeleo</i> spp. (except <i>F. lateralis</i> , <i>F. oustaleti</i> , <i>F.pardalis</i> and <i>F. verrucosus</i> )]	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
	<i>Phelsuma</i> spp. (except <i>P. laticauda</i> , <i>P. lineata</i> , <i>P. madagascariensis</i> and <i>P. quadriocellata</i> )	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
	Cycadaceae, Stangeriaceae and Zamiaceae	SC54, October 2006	6 December 2006
Mali	<i>Poicephalus robustus</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
	<i>Uromastyx dispar</i>	SC57, July 2008	22 August 2008
Mauritania	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
Mozambique	<i>Cordylus tropidosternum</i>	SC45, June 2001	10 August 2001
	Cycadaceae, Stangeriaceae and Zamiaceae	SC54, October 2006	6 December 2006
Russian Federation	<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	SC45, June 2001	10 August 2001
	Except for the export of live specimens from breeding facilities for conservation purposes.	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
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
Tajikistan	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
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>	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
Viet Nam	<i>Cuora amboinensis</i>	SC58, July 2009	27 July 2009
	<i>Cuora galbinifrons</i>	SC58, July 2009	27 July 2009
	Cycadaceae, Stangeriaceae and Zamiaceae	SC54, October 2006	6 December 2006