

Navigating Commercial International Trade in CITES-listed Sharks and Rays



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WHERE DID YOUR SHARKS/RAYS ORIGINATE?

In U.S. waters (state, federal, or territorial)

To export wild-caught specimens from CITES Appendix II species, apply using [Form 3-200-27](#).

In the “high seas” (marine environment not under the jurisdiction of any country)

Before engaging in activities in the “high seas”:

- If landing in the United States, you will need a U.S. CITES introduction from the sea certificate ([Form 3-200-31](#)).
- If landing in a foreign country, you will need a U.S. CITES export permit ([Form 3-200-27](#)).

To export specimens introduced from the sea to the United States, apply using [Form 3-200-27](#) for CITES Appendix II.

In a foreign Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) or landed outside of U.S. jurisdiction

The United States does not require import permits for CITES Appendix II and III species.

When exporting specimens to the United States, please check with the Management Authority (in the country where the specimens were landed) prior to attempting an import into the United States.

If specimens from CITES-listed species have previously been imported into the United States, apply for a CITES re-export permit ([Form 3-200-73](#)).

Note: CITES Appendix I species cannot be exported or imported for commercial purposes.
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