



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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Subject: CITES CoP20 Amendments to Appendices I and II

Background: Party countries of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) meet approximately every three years for a Conference of the Parties. During these meetings, party countries review and vote on proposed amendments to CITES Appendix I and Appendix II species listings. Adopted amendments become effective 90 days after the last day of the meeting unless Party countries agree to delay implementation. The most recent Conference of the Parties (CoP 20) was held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, November 24 – December 5, 2025.

On January 9, 2026, the CITES Secretariat posted a [Notification to the Parties](#) bulletin (No. 2026/005) announcing amendments to CITES Appendix I and II species listings.

Action: Beginning March 5, 2026 (except those which have a delayed entry into effect date and those which have been deleted from the Convention), all shipments into and out of the United States containing the species listed below (including parts and products) must be accompanied by the appropriate CITES document.

Shipments must be presented for inspection and clearance by the Service's Office of Law Enforcement at a designated port or a port authorized under a Designated Port Exception Permit.

Port contact information can be found here: <https://www.fws.gov/media/wildlife-trade-fish-and-wildlife-ports.pdf>

Species deleted from Appendix I of the Convention

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- *Monachus tropicalis* (Caribbean monk seal)

Species deleted from Appendix II of the Convention

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- *Damaliscus pygargus pygargus* (Bontebok)

Species Transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II

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- *Arctocephalus townsendi* (Guadalupe fur seal) (NOTE: Listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA))

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- *Podocarpus parlatorei* – with annotation P7: zero export quota for wild-taken specimens for commercial purposes

Species Transferred from Appendix II to Appendix I

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- *Cercocebus chrysogaster* (Golden-bellied mangabey)
- *Gyps africanus* (White-backed vulture)
- *Gyps rueppelli* (Rüppell's vulture)
- *Amblyrhynchus cristatus* (Marine iguana)
- *Conolophus spp.* (Galápagos land iguanas)
- *Kinixys homeana* (Home's hinge-back tortoise)
- *Carcharhinus longimanus* (Oceanic whitetip shark)
- *Mobilidae spp* (manta rays and devil rays)
- *Rhincodon typus* (Whale shark)

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- *Anacampseros quinaria* (formally known as *Avonia quinaria*)
- *Euphorbia bupleurifolia* (Pine cone plant)

Species Included in Appendix I

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- *Okapia johnstoni* (Okapi)
- *Sporophila maximiliani* (Great-billed seed finch)
- *Caribicus warreni* (Haitian giant galliwasp)
- *Bitis harenna* (Bale Mountains adder)
- *Bitis parviocula* (Ethiopia viper)

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- *Jubaea chilensis* (Chilean palm)

Species Included in Appendix II

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- *Gazella dorcas* (Dorcas gazelle)
- *Hyaena hyaena* (Striped hyena)
- *Choloepus didactylus* (Linnaeus's two-toed sloth)
- *Choloepus hoffmanni* (Hoffmann's two-toed sloth)
- *Bycanistes spp.* (hornbills)
- *Ceratogymna spp.* (hornbills)
- *Sporophila angolensis* (Chestnut seed finch)
- *Sporophila atrirostris* (Black-billed seed finch)
- *Sporophila crassirostris* (Large-billed seed finch)
- *Sporophila funerea* (Thick-billed seed finch)
- *Sporophila nuttingi* (Nicaraguan seed finch)
- *Phyllurus amnicola* (Leaftail gecko)
- *Phyllurus caudiannulatus* (Barred leaftail gecko)
- *Mustelus spp.* (smooth-hounds)
- Centrophoridae (gulper sharks)
- *Grammostola rosea* (Chilean rose tarantula)

Entry into effect of the inclusion in Appendix II delayed by 18 months until June 5, 2027

- *Pelophylax epeiroticus* (Epirus water frog)
- *Pelophylax lessonae* (Pool frog)
- *Pelophylax ridibundus* (Marsh frog)
- *Pelophylax shqipericus* (Albanian water frog)
- *Galeorhinus galeus* (School shark, Tope shark)
- *Holothuria lessoni* (Golden sandfish sea cucumber)

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- *Beaucarnea hookeri* and *Beaucarnea glassiana* included in *Beaucarnea spp.* listing in Appendix II
- *Commiphora wightii* (Indian bdellium-tree, Guggul) (Annotation #19: Extracts (including resins, gums and essential oils) and powder, except the following finished products, packaged and ready for retail trade: finished tablets, capsules, pills, perfumes, cosmetics, solutions, emulsions or suspensions (such as infused oils, hydrolates, tinctures), and manufactured incense products (such as incense sticks and incense cones))
- *Aloe bergeriana*, *A. jeppeae*, *A. subspicata* and *A. welwitschii* included in *Aloe spp.* listing in Appendix II

Amendments to Annotations:

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- *Saiga tatarica* – Annotation A3: A zero export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes, except for specimens from the population of *Saiga tatarica* of Kazakhstan under the following conditions:
 - a) Trade in only government owned whole horns, originating in Kazakhstan, stockpiled and marked in accordance with marking and traceability requirements developed by Kazakhstan;
 - b) Prior verification by the Secretariat and Kazakhstan, in consultation with the Standing Committee through its Chair, that sufficient control mechanisms and traceability systems are already in place in Kazakhstan and trade partners;
 - c) Kazakhstan supervises the first shipment to each new trading partner to ensure the marking and traceability systems are in place and working adequately; and
 - d) Limited to a total amount of 30 tons until CoP21 to be reviewed in order to determine a potential for further trade based on a revised proposal.

NOTE: On a proposal from the Secretariat, the Standing Committee can decide to cause this trade to cease partially or completely in the event of non-compliance by exporting or importing countries, or in the case of proven detrimental impacts of the trade on the saiga population.

- *Loxodonta africana* (Only the populations of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe; all other populations are included in Appendix I) – Annotation A11: For the exclusive purpose of allowing:
 - a) trade in hunting trophies for non-commercial purposes;
 - b) trade in live animals to appropriate and acceptable destinations;
 - c) trade in hides;
 - d) trade in hair;
 - e) trade in leather goods;
 - f) trade in individually marked and certified ekipas incorporated in finished jewelry for non-commercial purposes for Namibia and ivory carvings for non-commercial purposes for Zimbabwe;

NOTE: The Standing Committee can decide to cause this trade to cease partially or completely in the event of non-compliance by exporting or importing countries, or in the case of proven detrimental impacts of the trade on other elephant populations.

All other specimens shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix I and the trade in them shall be regulated accordingly.

- *Glaucostegus spp.* (guitarfish) – Annotation A25: A zero annual export quota for wild-taken specimens traded for commercial purposes
- *Rhinidae spp.* (wedgefish) – Annotation A25: A zero annual export quota for wild quota for wild-taken specimens traded for commercial purposes

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- Annotation #4 was amended as follows;
All parts and derivatives, except:
 - seeds (including seedpods of Orchidaceae), spores and pollen (including pollinia). The exemption does not apply to seeds from Cactaceae spp. exported from Mexico, and to seeds from *Beccariophoenix madagascariensis* and *Dypsis decaryi* exported from Madagascar;
 - seedling or tissue cultures obtained in vitro transported in sterile containers;
 - cut flowers of artificially propagated plants;
 - fruits, and parts and derivatives thereof, of naturalized or artificially propagated plants of the genus *Vanilla* (Orchidaceae) and of the family Cactaceae;
 - stems, flowers, and parts and derivatives thereof, of naturalized or artificially propagated plants of the genera *Opuntia* subgenus *Opuntia* and *Selenicereus* (Cactaceae);
 - finished products packaged and ready for retail trade of *Aloe ferox* and *Euphorbia antisyphilitica*; and
 - finished products derived from artificial propagation packaged and ready for retail trade of cosmetics containing parts and derivatives of *Bletilla striata*, *Cycnoches cooperi*, *Gastrodia elata*, *Phalaenopsis amabilis* or *P. lobbii*.
- Annotation #10 for *Paubrasilia echinata* was amended as follows;

All parts and derivatives, except finished musical instruments, finished musical instrument accessories and finished musical instrument parts for non-commercial trade only for the purpose of paid and unpaid performance, personal use, display, loan, competition, teaching, appraisal, or repair, provided that this does not change the ownership and that such transport is not for sale, transfer or disposal of the specimen outside of the owner's usual State of residence. Zero quota for wild-harvested specimens (source code W) traded for commercial purposes.

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