



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



Date: March 27, 2023

Subject: CITES Trade Suspension – All Commercial Trade in CITES species to/from Mexico

Background: The Endangered Species Act prohibits trade in specimens contrary to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Article I of the Convention defines “trade” to mean export, re-export, import, and introduction from the sea. Article XIII designates the Secretariat to communicate to the Parties when species in Appendix I and II are being adversely affected in trade or that the provisions of the Convention are not being implemented effectively.

An import permit, export permit, or re-export certificate issued for the species by the country under suspension is considered invalid (see [50 CFR § 23.26 \(c\)\(5\)](#)).

The CITES Secretariat issued CITES Notification No. 2023/037 on March 27, 2023, announcing the trade suspension for all commercial trade with Mexico, effective immediately.
See [Notification to the Parties 2023 \(cites.org\)](#).

The complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the CITES website under Documents/Trade suspensions (see <http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/ref/suspend.php>).

Action: The United States implements all CITES recommendations to suspend trade, including the import, export, and re-export of any CITES species subject to a trade suspension. Effective immediately, all shipments containing CITES specimens traded for commercial purposes under an import permit, export permit, or re-export certificate issued by Mexico for the species, are subject to enforcement action.

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