



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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Subject: New CITES Appendix-III Listing by China for Four Species of Corallium Coral

Background: CITES Notification to the Parties No. 2008/027 announces that China has requested the CITES Secretariat to include four species of Corallium coral in Appendix III. In accordance with the provisions of Article XVI, paragraph 2, of the CITES Convention, inclusion of these species in Appendix III shall take effect 90 days after the notification.

Appendix III includes species that are protected in at least one country, in which that country has asked other CITES Party countries for assistance in controlling and monitoring international trade in that species. For species to be added or removed from Appendices I or II, a vote is required at a CITES Conference of the Parties, but any CITES Party may add a native species to Appendix III unilaterally, provided that the Party has domestic laws to protect the species.

In order to export or re-export a specimen of an Appendix-III species, a CITES document must be issued by the exporting or re-exporting country's CITES Management Authority. If the Party that included the species in Appendix III is the country of export, a CITES export permit is required.

If a non-listing country wishes to export Appendix-III specimens, it must issue a CITES certificate of origin stating that the specimens originated from its country in order for the export to lawfully occur. In the case of a re-export of an Appendix-III specimen, a re-export certificate issued by the country of re-export is required.

Action: Effective July 1, 2008, imports and exports of *Corallium elatius*, *Corallium japonicum*, *Corallium konjoi* and *Corallium secundum* will require the appropriate CITES Appendix-III documents. For further information, please see our public bulletin on CITES Appendix-III requirements (<http://www.fws.gov/le/PubBulletins/PB040808RevisedCITESAppendixIII.pdf>).

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