



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



May 24, 2005

Subject: Withdrawal of a CITES Appendix III Turtle Species Listing by China

Background: On March 1, 2005, FWS reminded the trade community of new Appendix-III species listings by China for eighteen species of turtles. These listings were effective February 17, 2005. CITES Notification No. 2005/029 announces that China has withdrawn the Appendix-III listing for *Pelodiscus sinensis* with an effective date of June 23, 2005.

Action: Effective June 23, 2005, importers and exporters are no longer required to have CITES Appendix-III documents to trade internationally in *Pelodiscus sinensis*. All other turtle species listed in Appendix-III by China continue to require CITES Appendix-III documents.

Contact:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Office of Law Enforcement
703-358-1949; 703-358-2271 (fax)
lawenforcement@fws.gov (e-mail)