



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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Subject: CITES Trade Restrictions for Algeria, Central African Republic, and Guinea-Bissau

Background: The United States has been notified by the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) concerning the suspension of trade in CITES-listed species with Algeria, Central African Republic, and Guinea-Bissau (Notification No. 2004/023). These CITES member nations did not provide adequate justification for their failure to submit CITES annual reports for three consecutive years. Such reports are required by the treaty.

The Endangered Species Act prohibits trade in specimens contrary to CITES. Articles II and VIII of CITES require that we take appropriate measures to enforce the provisions of the treaty and to prohibit trade in specimens that are in violation of the treaty.

As a member of CITES, the United States is committed to carrying out decisions and policies approved by CITES countries that reflect appropriate interpretations of the treaty.

Action: Effective immediately, the United States will suspend the import, export, and re-export of all CITES species (including tourist souvenirs and personal effects) with Algeria, Central African Republic, and Guinea-Bissau.

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