

Important Laws Governing Wildlife Trade

International and US Laws:

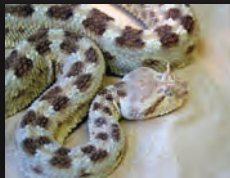
- The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- U.S. Endangered Species Act
- Lacey Act

Military Regulations:

- General Order 1-B:2
- Defense Travel Regulation 4500.9-R:3

You are not exempt!

Military personnel are not exempt from these laws and can face fines for violating them: up to \$250,000, 20 years in prison, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

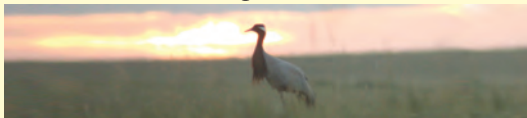


WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Advise Soldiers to avoid purchasing items from on-base or off-base vendors selling wildlife items.

Do not purchase any items containing wildlife. Local vendors are not monitored and proper identification of legal wildlife parts is difficult.

Even if the vendors say a product is ok, it might contain pieces of threatened or endangered wildlife. Purchasing such an item is breaking the law.



Live by the motto:

Leave Wildlife in the Wild
when you are shopping overseas.

Spread the word about this issue.
Visit www.wcswildlifetrade.org/military
to learn more about illegal wildlife trade.

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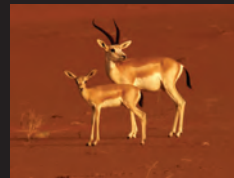
Purchasing or attempting to import products made from many kinds of wildlife into the United States is illegal.



Wildlife Diversity in Afghanistan and Iraq

Leopards, wolves, owls, wild cats, bears, and snakes are some of the awe-inspiring creatures found in Afghanistan and Iraq. International laws protect these animals because they are threatened or endangered due to years of conflict, habitat loss, and hunting. Wildlife products made from these animals are illegal.

Trade in illegal wildlife products is associated with trade in illegal arms, drugs, and may fuel corruption and support insurgencies. When you buy an item, more animals will be killed to meet demand and your money may end up in the hands of those you are fighting against!





Eurasian Lynx Pelt



Mounted Butterflies



Fur Rug

Avoid all products made from wild animals or parts of wild animals including:

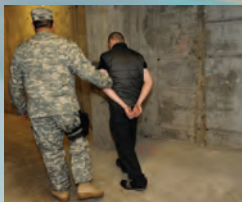
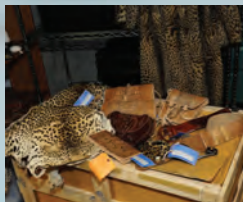
- Fur coats, hats, blankets and rugs
- Pelts, skins, hides and leather items
- Taxidermy or stuffed wildlife
- Trophy items such as antlers, horns, shells, ivory, bone, feathers, claws or teeth
- Meat products or medicines made from wildlife parts

Purchase high quality alternative items as souvenirs for your family and friends:

- Hand-woven carpets and rugs
- Jewelry and pottery
- Other handcrafted items

These items support local livelihoods, represent local culture, and are safe to bring into the United States.

Support the Local Economy, Protect Wildlife, Protect Yourself.



Metal Jewelry



Woven Fabric Shawl



Woven Rug