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To all traders

Dear Sir/ Mdm

INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL WILDLIFE AND TIMBER SPECIES IN THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (ESA)

We would like to inform you about the inclusion of additional wildlife and timber species to be protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

2 Singapore is a Party to CITES, which is an international agreement to ensure that trade does not threaten species with extinction. At the 19th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP19), from 14 to 25 November 2022, the meeting adopted amendments to the CITES Appendices which list the species that are protected under the Convention. This means that international trade (i.e. import, export/re-export and transit) of these animals and plants including live specimens, their parts and products (unless specifically exempted), will require CITES permits.



New changes to the CITES Appendices

3 The following key changes to the CITES Appendices will enter into force **on 23 February 2023**

- a) The inclusion of the White-rumped Sharma (*Copsychus malabaricus*) under CITES Appendix II.
- b) The inclusion of Hammerhead sharks (*Sphyrnidae* spp.) and Guitarfishes (*Rhinobatidae* spp.) under CITES Appendix II.
- c) The uplisting of several freshwater turtle species such as red-crowned roofed turtle (*Batagur kachuga*), indonchinese box turtle (*Cuora galbinifrons*) and Leith's softshell turtle (*Nilssonia leithii*) to CITES Appendix I. Trade in this species for commercial purposes is prohibited.
- d) The inclusion of several freshwater turtle species such as Mata Mata turtles (*Chelus fimbriatus*), alligator and common snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*, *Macrochelys temminckii*), map turtles (*Graptemys* barbouri, *G. ernsti*, *G. gibbonsi*, *G. pearlensis*, *G. pulchra*), neotropical wood turtles (*Rhinoclemmys* spp.), narrowed bridged musk turtle (*Claudius angustatus*), mud turtles (*Kinosternon* spp. (except the species included in Appendix I)), musk turtles (*Staurotypus salvinii*, *S. triporcatus*, *Sternotherus* spp.) and soft shell turtles (*Apalone* spp.) under CITES Appendix II.
- e) The inclusion of Pygmy Blue-tongued skink (*Tiliqua adelaidensis*) and two species of mud turtles (*Kinosternon cora* and *Kinosternon vogti*) under CITES Appendix I. Trade in this species for commercial purposes is prohibited.



- f) The inclusion of several lizard species (*Physignathus cocincinus*, *Cyrtodactylus jeyporensis*, *Tarentola chazaliae* and *Phrynosoma* spp.) under CITES Appendix II.e) The inclusion of several amphibian species such as glass frogs (*Centrolenidae* spp.), Lemur frog (*Agalychnis lemur*, zero export quota for wild-taken specimens traded for commercial purposes) and Laos Warty newt (*Laotriton laoensis*, zero export quota for wild-taken specimens traded for commercial purposes) under CITES Appendix II. The inclusion of several ornamental fishes, namely freshwater stingrays (*Potamotrygon albimaculata*, *P. henlei*, *P. jabuti*, *P. leopoldi*, *P. marquesi*, *P. signata*, *P. wallacei*) and zebra pelco (*Hypancistrus zebra*) under CITES Appendix II.
- g) The inclusion of *Afzelia*¹ spp., *Pterocarpus*¹ spp. and *Khaya*¹ spp. (Only the African populations, no other population is included in the Appendices) under CITES Appendix II.
- h) The inclusion of *Rhodiola*² spp. under CITES Appendix II. It is commonly used in Traditional Chinese Medicine and known as 红景天.
- i) The downlisting of Broad-snouted caiman (*Caiman latirostris*, only for population of Brazil subject to zero annual export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes) and Saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*, only for populations of Palawan Islands, Philippines subject to zero annual export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes) to Appendix II.
- j) CITES permits are not required for the international trade in finished products derived from artificial propagation packaged and ready for retail trade of cosmetics containing parts and derivatives of *Bletilla striata*, *Cycnoches cooperi*, *Gastrodia elata*, *Phalaenopsis amabilis* or *P. lobbii* through amendments to Annotation #4.
- k) CITES permits are not required for the international trade of finished musical instruments, finished musical instrument accessories and finished musical instrument parts that contain Brazil Wood (*Paubrasilia echinata*), through amendments to Annotation #10.

¹Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood and transformed wood.

²All parts and derivatives except: a) seeds and pollen; and finished products packaged and ready for retail trade



The following key changes to the CITES Appendices will enter into force **on the dates as indicated:**

- l) The uplisting of Straw-headed Bulbul (*Pycnonotus zeylanicus*) to CITES Appendix I will enter into effect with a 12-month delay implementation on **25 November 2023**. Trade in this species for commercial purposes is prohibited.
- m) The inclusion of Requiem sharks (*Carcharhinidae* spp.) to CITES Appendix II will come into effect with a 12-month delay implementation on **25 November 2023**.
- n) The inclusion of a Genus of sea cucumbers (*Thelenotia* spp.) under CITES Appendix II will enter into effect with a 18-month delay implementation on **25 May 2024**.
- o) The inclusion of several timber species (*Handroanthus*¹ spp., *Roseodendron*¹ spp., *Tabebuia*¹ spp. and *Dipteryx*¹ spp.) under CITES Appendix II will enter into effect with a 24-month delay implementation on **25 November 2024**.

4 Please refer to the following Notification for the full list:-

https://cites.org/sites/default/files/notifications/E-Notif-2023-005_0.pdf

5 The list of product codes to be used in your TradeNet declarations for the species will be uploaded closer to the effective date of listing of the species. You may visit our NParks website at <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/biodiversity/cites/cites-classification-of-endangered-species> for the updates.

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Declaration of Existing Stocks

6 If your company has existing stocks of the species or related parts and products to declare, you are required to submit the declaration form by scanning the following QR code or weblink below, to NParks by **22 February 2023**. This is to facilitate the issuance of CITES permits if your company plans to re-export the pre-Convention stocks after 23 February 2023. If we do not receive your declaration of existing stock, any application for CITES permits to export/re-export your shipment would be rejected or delayed.



<https://go.gov.sg/wjan7t>

7 Should you require further clarification on the above matter, please feel free to contact the following officers:

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Thank you.