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 A Statutory Board

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To Traders

Dear Sir/ Mdm

**INCLUSION OF NEW WILDLIFE AND TIMBER SPECIES ON CITES**

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

2 Singapore is a Party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), which is an international agreement to ensure that trade does not threaten species with extinction. At the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP18), 17 to 28 August 2019, 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 wildlife and timber species added to CITES Appendices**

3 The following key species that have been recently included in the CITES Appendices that will enter into force **on 26 November 2019** (unless otherwise stated):-

- a) The inclusion of short fin and long fin mako sharks (*Isurus oxyrinchus and*

*Isurus paucus*), guitarfishes (*Glaucostegus* spp.), and wedgefishes. (*Rhinidae* spp.) under CITES Appendix II.

- b) The inclusion of teatfishes (*Holothuria (Microthele) fuscogilva*, *Holothuria (Microthele) nobilis*, *Holothuria (Microthele) whitmaei*) under CITES Appendix II will enter into effect with a one-year delay implementation on 28 August 2020.
- c) The inclusion of tokay gecko (*Gekko gecko*) under CITES Appendix II. It is commonly used in traditional Chinese medicine and is known as 大壁虎/ 蛤蚧.
- d) The inclusion of a zero-export quota for wild specimens of Saiga antelopes traded for commercial purposes.
- e) The inclusion of African padauk<sup>1</sup> (*Pterocarpus tinctorius*) and Cedar<sup>2</sup> (*Cedrela* spp.) under CITES Appendix II.

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

<https://cites.org/sites/default/files/notif/E-Notif-2019-052.pdf>

5 For the list of product codes to be used in your TradeNet declarations for the species, please refer to the table in **Annex A** or visit the NParks website ([www.nparks.gov.sg](http://www.nparks.gov.sg)) and SFA website ([www.sfa.gov.sg](http://www.sfa.gov.sg)) for the seafood codes.

### **Declaration of Existing Stocks**

6 If your company has existing stocks of the species or related parts and products to declare, please submit the declaration form in **Annex B** to NParks by **20 November 2019**. This is to facilitate the issuance of CITES permits if your company plans to re-export the pre-Convention stocks after 26 November 2019. 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.

<sup>1</sup> For logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets and plywood.

<sup>2</sup> For logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets and plywood of populations to the neotropics. The entry into effect is delayed by 12 months, i.e. until 28 August 2020.

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

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Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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Wildlife Management Division  
For Director-General  
Wildlife Trade Control

**Annex A – Product Codes**

**REPTILE**

<b>AHTN Code</b>	<b>Product Code</b>	<b>Product Description</b>	<b>Unit Code</b>
05119990	CRP2NGEGE	TOKAY GECKO (GEKKO GECKO) DRIED FOR TCM	PCS

**ORNAMENTAL FISH**

<b>AHTN Code</b>	<b>Product Code</b>	<b>Product Description</b>	<b>Unit Code</b>
01069000	FAO2ZX2AMP	Chinhai spiny newt (Echinotriton chinhaiensis)	PCS
01069000	FAO2ZX2AMP	Mountain spiny crocodile newt (Echinotriton maxiquadratus)	PCS
01069000	FAO2ZX2AMP	Asian warty newts (Paramesotriton spp.)*	PCS
01069000	FAO2ZX2AMP	Crocodile newts (Tylototriton spp.)*	PCS
03011999	FFO2ZX2MFIS	Shortfin mako (Isurus oxyrinchus)	PCS
03011999	FFO2ZX2MFIS	Longfin mako (Isurus paucus)	PCS
03011999	FFO2ZX2MFIS	Giant guitarfishes (Glaucostegus spp.)*	PCS
03011999	FFO2ZX2MFIS	Wedgefishes (Rhinidae spp.) *	PCS
03081110	FMO2UX2SCUM	White teatfish (Holothuria fuscogilva)	PCS
03081110	FMO2UX2SCUM	Black teatfish (Holothuria nobilis)	PCS
03081110	FMO2UX2SCUM	Teatfish (Holothuria whitmaei)	PCS

*\*To specify species during TradeNet declaration*

**Annex B**

**<Please email your declaration form to [Janice\\_yap@nparks.gov.sg](mailto:Janice_yap@nparks.gov.sg) and [Gerald\\_neo@nparks.gov.sg](mailto:Gerald_neo@nparks.gov.sg) by 20 November 2019>**

**DECLARATION OF POSSESSION OF SPECIES OR PARTS AND PRODUCTS THAT  
ARE TO BE INCLUDED UNDER THE CITES APPENDICES**

We hereby declare that we have in possession of the following CITES pre-Convention specimens. Details are as follows:

<b>No</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Description of Specimen</b>	<b>Quantity and Unit (pieces, heads, kg, litre or metric tonnes)*</b>
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
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\* Please indicate quantity units clearly.

We hereby declare that the above information is true and correct.

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Designation</b>	
<b>Name of company</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Contact number</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Company seal</b>	
<b>Signature &amp; date</b>	