



TRADE IN WILD ENDANGERED SPECIES SHOULD BE LEGAL, SUSTAINABLE AND TRACEABLE!

EXTINCTION IS FOREVER!

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TRADE IN WILD SPECIES

Wildlife trade refers to the purchase, sale or exchange of live animals, plants or parts and derivatives thereof. Large numbers of people around the world use wild species for food, energy, materials, medicine and other benefits for human well-being. At the same time, the trade in wild species is one of the most important challenges for the conservation of biodiversity and development in the world.

Many of the species that are commercially traded are listed in Appendix II to the Convention. **Trade in such species requires the appropriate CITES permit or certificate.**



Brazilian rosewood
(*Dalbergia nigra*)



American ginseng
(*Panax quinquefolius*)



Scarlet Macaw (*Ara macao*)



Hermann's Tortoise (*Testudo hermanni*)

more than **40.900**
endangered species



more than
6.600
animal
species



more than
34.300
plant
species



EXAMPLES FOR COMMERCIAL TRADE:

Scientific or biomedical research, commercial trade in captive bred species, professional traders, traveling exhibitions



And you, as a citizen, can help preserve wildlife by supporting and complying with the CITES regulations.

Be careful what you buy and report all illegal wildlife trade activities to the authorities!

To find out whether a particular species is on the CITES appendices and whether you need a permit or certificate for such species, you can check the species database on the Convention's website or by scanning the QR code.

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