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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 20th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP20), from 24 November to 5 December 2025, 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 were the key changes to the CITES Appendices:

MAMMALS

S/N	Effective Date	Species	Description of change	Remarks	
1	5 March 2026	<i>Monachus tropicalis</i> (Caribbean monk seal)	Deleted from Appendix I	CITES permits is not required after the effective date.	
2		<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i> (Bontebok)	Deleted from Appendix II		
3		<i>Arctocephalus townsendi</i> (Guadalupe fur seal)	Transferred from Appendix I to II		
4		<i>Cercocebus chrysogaster</i> (Golden-bellied mangabey)	Transferred from Appendix II to I	All commercial trade is prohibited.	
5		<i>Okapia johnstoni</i> (Okapi)	Included in Appendix I		
6		<i>Gazella dorcas</i> (Dorcas gazelle)			
7		<i>Hyaena hyaena</i> (Striped hyena)	Included in Appendix II		
8		<i>Choloepus didactylus</i> (Two-toed sloth)			
9		<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i> (Hoffmann's two-toed sloth)			



BIRDS

S/N	Effective Date	Species	Description of change	Remarks	
10	5 March 2026	<i>Gyps africanus</i> (White-backed vulture)	Transferred from Appendix II to I	All commercial trade is prohibited.	
11		<i>Gyps rueppelli</i> (Rüppell's vulture)			
12		<i>Sporophila maximiliani</i> (Great-billed seed-finch)	Included in Appendix I		
13		<i>Bycanistes spp.</i>			
14		<i>Ceratogymna spp.</i>			
15		<i>Sporophila angolensis</i> (Chestnut-bellied seed-finch)			
16		<i>Sporophila atrirostris</i> (Black-billed seed-finch)	Included in Appendix II		
17		<i>Sporophila crassirostris</i> (Large-billed seed-finch)			
18		<i>Sporophila funerea</i> (Thick-billed seed-finch)			
19		<i>Sporophila nuttingi</i> (Nutting's seed-finch)			



REPTILES

S/N	Effective Date	Species	Description of change	Remarks	
20	5 March 2026	<i>Amblyrhynchus cristatus</i> (Marine iguana)	Transferred from Appendix II to I	All commercial trade is prohibited.	
21		<i>Conolophus spp.</i> (Land iguanas)			
22		<i>Kinixys homeana</i> (Home's hinge-back tortoise)			
23		<i>Caribicus warreni</i> (Warren's girdle-tailed lizard)	Included in Appendix I		
24		<i>Bitis harenna</i> (Bale Mountains adder)			
25		<i>Bitis parviocula</i> (Ethiopian mountain adder)			
26		<i>Phyllurus amnicola</i> (Mount Elliot leaf-tailed gecko)	Included in Appendix II		
27		<i>Phyllurus caudiannulatus</i> (Ringed thin-toed gecko)			
28		<i>Gallotia spp.</i> (Wall lizards)	Included in Appendix III	At the request of The European Union ("listing country")	



FISH AND OTHER MARINE SPECIES

S/N	Effective Date	Species	Description of change	Remarks
29	5 March 2026	<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> (Oceanic whitetip shark)	Transferred from Appendix II to I	All commercial trade is prohibited.
30		<i>Mobulidae</i> spp.	Transferred from Appendix II to I	
31		<i>Rhincodon typus</i> (Whale shark)	Transferred from Appendix II to I	
32		<i>Glaucostegus</i> spp. (Giant guitarfishes)	A zero annual export quota for wild-taken specimens traded for commercial purposes	Commercial export in wild-taken specimens is prohibited.
33		<i>Rhinidae</i> spp. (Wedgefishes)		
34	5 June 2027	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> (School shark)	Included in Appendix II	
35		<i>Mustelus</i> spp. (Smooth-hound sharks)		
36		<i>Centrophoridae</i> spp. (Gulper sharks)		
37		<i>Holothuria lessoni</i> (Golden sandfish)		



AMPHIBIANS

S/N	Effective Date	Species	Description of change	Remarks
38	5 June 2027	<i>Pelophylax epeiroticus</i> (Epirus water frog)	Included in Appendix II	
39		<i>Pelophylax lessonae</i> (Pool frog)		
40		<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i> (Marsh frog)		
41		<i>Pelophylax shqipericus</i> (Albanian water frog)		

INVERTEBRATES

S/N	Effective Date	Species	Description of change	Remarks
42	5 March 2026	<i>Grammostola rosea</i> (Chilean rose tarantula)	Included in Appendix II	



FLORA (PLANTS)

S/N	Effective Date	Species	Description of change	Remarks
43	5 March 2026	<i>Podocarpus parlatorei</i> (Parlatore's podocarp)	Transferred from Appendix I to II	Zero export quota for wild-taken specimens for commercial purposes
44		<i>Anacampseros quinaria</i>		Formerly known as <i>Avonia quinaria</i>
45		<i>Euphorbia bupleurifolia</i> (Pine cone cactus)		
46		<i>Jubaea chilensis</i> (Chilean wine palm)	Included in Appendix I	All commercial trade is prohibited.
47		<i>Beaucarnea hookeri</i> and <i>Beaucarnea glassiana</i>	Included in <i>Beaucarnea</i> spp. listing in Appendix II	
48		<i>Commiphora wightii</i> (Indian bdellium-tree)	Included in Appendix II	With annotation #19 regarding extracts and finished products
49		<i>Aloe bergeriana</i> , <i>Aloe jeppeae</i> , <i>Aloe subspicata</i> , <i>Aloe welwitschii</i>	Included in <i>Aloe</i> spp. listing in Appendix II	

4 There are inclusion and changes to the Annotation as well. Please refer to the following Notification for the full list:- <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/notifications/E-Notif-2026-005.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 GoBusiness website at <https://hscodechecker.gobusiness.gov.sg/> for the product codes.

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 **27 February 2026**. This is to facilitate the issuance of CITES permits if your company plans to re-export the pre-Convention stocks after 5 March 2026. If we do not receive your declaration of existing stock, any application for CITES permits to export/re-export your shipment may be rejected or delayed.



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

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