We decided to use the CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) Wildlife Trade Dataset. Almost every country in UN is part of CITES and they have to report about approximately 5000 animal species and 29000 plant species that are either imported or exported out of the country.

We will use the official CITES website for downloading the data (<https://trade.cites.org/en/cites_trade>), but it is also available on Kaggle (only for 2016).

We will use the data over the last 5 years (2013- 2017) and we are trying to answer the following questions:

1. Which are the most traded species?
2. What are the most common sources of and purposes for trade?
3. Is there any connection between the species being traded and the purpose for which they are traded?
4. Are there any location “hotspots” regarding exporting or importing certain species?
5. What percentage of the trade is represented by alive animals and which percentage by different animal products (skin, leather products, hair etc.)?
6. Is there any trend over the years regarding the main species that are being traded and the purpose for which they are traded?