



? What is CITES

CITES is the acronym for “Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora”. It was signed in 1973, with the aim of regulating the import and export of specimens (whether living or dead, parts or its derivatives) of species listed in the CITES Appendices by means of restrictive measures so as to protect wildlife against survival threats due to over-exploitation or over-hunting arising from international trade. Currently, over 38,000 species are listed under CITES.

CITES categorizes the endangered species of wild fauna and flora into three appendices, in accordance with the degree of threat they are subject to:

I species threatened with extinction which are or may be affected by trade

II species which are not necessarily now threatened with extinction but may become so unless trade in specimens of such species is subject to strict regulation in order to avoid utilization incompatible with their survival

III species which any Party identifies as being subject to regulation within its jurisdiction for the purpose of preventing or restricting exploitation

? What CITES Appendices species have to do with me

We can find a number of CITES species in our daily life. Common examples are:

Traditional Chinese medicines and their products:

Name	Appendix
American Ginseng	II
Dendrobium*	II
Agarwood	II
Crocodilian Meat*	II
Golden coin turtle Carapace	II
Dried seahorse	II

Plants and their products:

Name	Appendix
Slipper orchid/ Orchid*	I / II
Aloe*(except Aloe Vera)-	II
Pitcher plant*	II
Cactus*	II
Cycad*	II
Venus Flytrap	II

*Some species are included in Appendix I

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Animals and their products:

Name	Appendix
Asiatic bonytongue	I
Humphead wrasse	II
Chameleon*	II
Python*	II
Parrot*	II
Stony coral	II

Manufactured products from plants and animals:

Name	Appendix
Ivory and its products	I
Tiger skin	I
Agarwood and its products	II
Crocodilian skin products	II
Giant clam products	II

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For enquires on the species in the Appendices, please browse the Website of the Macao Economic and Technological Development Bureau at:

<http://www.dsedt.gov.mo/cites>

Laws and regulations

With a view to implementing CITES effectively, the trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora is regulated. As far as wildlife conservation is concerned, Law no.2/2017 – Enforcement Law of CITES has been effective since 1 September 2017. Except for the complete prohibition on commercial trade in specimens of species listed in Appendix I, the import and export of CITES specimens are subject to the prior obtainment of CITES Certificates and Licences. In the case of trade carried out in the absence of CITES Certificates or Licences, fines will be imposed and the relevant specimens would be appropriated to the Macao Special Administrative Region.

Fine imposed

Appendix I	MOP 200,000 to 500,000
Appendix II	MOP 5,000 to 100,000
Appendix III	MOP 3,000 to 50,000

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