# CITES Convention

### ▶ What is "CITES"? "CITES" is an abbreviation of the **C**onvention on **I**nternational



▶ Objective... Its aim is to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their

Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

## survival

CITES Regulates trade,

## it doesn't prohibit it ► Creation of CITES... • The conference referred to the need to find a mechanism to control the international trade of rare wild species of

### Conference in 1963 in Nairobi, Kenya • The convention was opened for signature in March 1973 in New York and entered into force on 1 July 1975

animals or their products

- ▶ Useful Terms ...

• It was created as a result of a decision made by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

"Species" means any species, subspecies, or geographically separate population thereof; "Specimen" means any animal or plant, whether alive or dead; this includes: • in the case of an animal: any readily recognizable part or derivative in relation to the species;

• in the case of a plant: any readily recognizable part or derivative in relation to the species;

- "Trade" means export, re-export, import and introduction from the sea (transportation into a State of specimens of any species which were taken in the marine environment not under the jurisdiction of any State)

▶ Joining CITES is an indication of the UAE's commitment

The Convention doesn't regulate Living animals

& plants only, But their parts and derivatives



Decree No. 86 of 1989 followed by the agreement signing in 1990. It also issued Federal Law No. 11 of 2002 on the organization and control of international trade in endangered fauna and flora

As part of its efforts to protect wildlife from extinction, the UAE joined the CITES under Federal



CITES has three appendices containing about:



Species or wild life refer to live/dead animals or plants listed in the

▶ The three appendices of CITES

Species that are not threatened

... by extinction now, if trading

regulated they will soon be

\* Trade in such species is only

allowed for earning profit under

the condition of obtaining CITES

exporting or re-exporting permits

\* UAE obligates obtaining import

permit for species listed in the

second appendix

Most popular species & products traded in the UAE:

are provided by the country of

origin

in these species is not

agreement and their parts and derivatives



must be obtained from the country of origin and the importing country \* Such animals could be traded only if they were bred in captivity and from accredited breeding centers

Reptiles

(snakes and tortoises)

**Birds and falcons** (parrots, falcons,

some ornamental birds)

**Mammals** 

**Plants** 

(orchids, cactus,

travellers' palm)

Species that are protected...

...at the level of a member state

\* Such species were listed to

regulating the trade of these

It is mandatory to obtain an

exporting permit from the

member state which listed the

species in the third appendix

before actual exporting takes

assist member states in

species

place



watches and hand bags)



When you buy any product from anywhere you should

sandal & rose wood)



species listed in CITES

**Caviar and its products** 



a CITES certificate?

CITES? In which appendix

Does the seller have

is it listed?

in implementing CITES

# The efforts of United Arab Emirates

think carefully before you

buy this product and ask

yourself a few questions:

Borders and

**Ports Control** 

\* All major border

ports will be

monitored and

equipped with

required materials

to combat illegal

trade in species

inspections will be

carried out on shops

and centers for trade

in such species and

\* Continuous

and human resources



rules in the species

authorizations and

in such species

\* Penalties:

permits for the trade

imprisonment

as well as the

mandatory

procedures,

covered by the CITES

up to **Months** fines up to **Dirhams** 

& the confiscation of

species or specimens

in all cases What is your responsibility as



**\*** Exchange of

and

(How you can help)

The UAE, represented by

Change and Environment,

is a member of the Conven-

tion. Thus, as a member of

responsibility to contribute

to the country's efforts for

the protection of endan-

gered species in accord-

and procedures of the

CITES

ance with the regulations

website www.moccae.ae

the UAE community, it's

your ethical and legal

the Ministry of Climate

information with

intergovernmental

non-governmental

organizations and

stakeholders at the

national level



illegal trade

Capacity

Building

\* Regular specialized

training courses will

engineers, customs

relevant parties

authorities and other

\* Campaigns will be

be organized for

veterinarians.

agricultural



\* Responding to

reports and

legislations

strengthening

inquiries received by the

**UAE**, preparing annual

\* The UAE is among the

First category

of countries having local

legislation to ensure the

**CITES** implementation

\* Running several breeding programs for endangered species (Falcons / Houbara / **Arabian Oryx / Arabian** leopard / Cheetahs / Dolphins)

\* Conservation of

turtle)

(Dugongs and Hawksbill

\* Release programs for

Falcons and Houbara

an individual towards this agreement?

Ensure the availability of an

**certificate** to endorse that

the species to be purchased

purchasing any endangered

authenticated health

are free of diseases

Ensure the availability

of certificates when

Make sure that the

purchasing shop is

registered with the

animal or plant

**Ministry** 

Request Status = Complete

Print

Certificate

**Print** 

Certificate

Legal Principle: The owner should prove the legal possession of any species listed in the annexes You can always rely on the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment to get any

assistance and answers to any queries related to legitimate trade in species

covered by the CITES. For further useful information, please visit the Ministry's



System

Customer Service Technical Team Start

**Submit Request** 

**Review Request** 

and Attachments

Request Status = New Request

**Need Updating** 

Approve Request?

**Notify Applicant Notify Notify Notify Customer** to Complete **Applicant Applicant** by Happiness Team Request



