



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

MADAGASCAR

Trade in *Geochelone yniphora*

1. *Geochelone yniphora* (Madagascar angulated tortoise) is found only in Madagascar. The species has been listed in Appendix I of the Convention since 1 July 1975 and has been protected by the national legislation of Madagascar since 1961.
2. Commercial trade in specimens of this species is apparently taking place on some parts of the world. The CITES Management Authority of Madagascar has advised the Secretariat that no export permit has ever been issued to authorize exports of specimens of this species for commercial trade but only for scientific purposes.
3. In view of the above information, the Secretariat recommends that any trade in this species should be investigated and be reported to the Secretariat.