



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2018/025

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CONCERNING:

AUSTRALIA

Australia's stricter domestic measures for trade in CITES species

1. This Notification is being published at the request of Australia.
2. Australia wishes to remind CITES Parties that it implements stricter domestic measures for trade in CITES specimens.
3. Australia would like to ask for the help of CITES Parties to implement these stricter domestic measures. We respectfully request that CITES Parties do not issue CITES permits for the export of CITES specimens where the import would breach Australia's stricter measures.

Species treated as though they are listed on Appendix I to CITES:

4. Australia implements stricter domestic measures that treat **African lions** (*Panthera leo*), **African elephants** (*Loxodonta africana*) and all **whales and dolphins** (Cetacea) as though they are listed on Appendix I to CITES. Under Australian legislation, imports and exports of Appendix I species can only occur if the specimen:
 - was obtained prior to the first listing of the species on CITES – i.e. a 'pre-Convention' specimen (non-live specimens only);
 - is traded as part of a non-commercial exchange of scientific specimens between registered institutions (non-live specimens only);
 - is traded for research purposes (live and non-live specimens);
 - is traded for education purposes (live and non-live specimens);
 - is traded for exhibition purposes (non-live specimens only); or
 - is traded as part of a Cooperative Conservation Program (for live specimens only).

Appendix I personal items and hunting trophies:

5. Australia does not permit personal imports or exports of species listed on Appendix I to CITES, including hunting trophies, unless they are demonstrated to be pre-Convention specimens and are accompanied by relevant pre-Convention certificates.

Personal and household effects exemptions:

6. Australia does not recognise personal and household effects exemptions for Appendix I specimens. Further detail on Australia's personal and household effects exemptions is at:
<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/travellers-shoppers/personal-effects>

Rhinoceros specimens:

7. The import or re-export of Appendix-II listed rhinoceros hunting trophies is not permitted. Radiocarbon dating is required to conclusively demonstrate the pre-Convention status of a rhinoceros horn specimen before Australia will issue a pre-Convention certificate.

Appendix II specimens:

8. Australia requires import permits for trade in species listed on Appendix II to CITES, except for items covered by personal and household effects exemptions. We would appreciate your assistance in alerting exporters sending goods to Australia, commercially and/or via post, that they are required to obtain an import permit from Australia.
9. For additional information on Australia's stricter domestic measures, please refer to the following web link:
<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/cites/stricter-measures>.
10. The present Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2015/015 of 19 March 2015.