



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2004/025

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CONCERNING:

### ISRAEL

#### Stricter domestic measures concerning import and export of wild fauna and flora

1. The Secretariat has been requested by the CITES Management Authority of Israel to inform the Parties of its new regulations that impose stricter domestic measures concerning the import and export of wild fauna and flora, in accordance with Article XIV, paragraph 1, of the Convention. These measures include the following points.
2. Israel prohibits the import of any animal that, in the opinion of the Scientific Authority of Israel, may become an invasive species and represent an ecological risk to its native fauna and flora.
3. Israel prohibits the import for commercial purposes of wild-caught specimens of species included in Appendix II or III. Exceptions may be made *inter alia* when appropriate documentation shows that such an import is not detrimental to the survival of the wild population in the exporting country.
4. Israel treats all Appendix-I species in accordance with the provisions of Article III of the Convention and does not apply the special provisions of Article VII, paragraph 4.
5. Israel prohibits the export of specimens of its native wildlife. Exceptions might be made *inter alia* for scientific or educational purposes.
6. Israel does not allow falconry.
7. Israel prohibits the import of specimens of wildlife for circus activities.
8. Israel prohibits the import and export of primates as pets.
9. Israel prohibits the import of poisonous animals or plants except under rare circumstances.
10. All applications for import and export are considered on a case-by-case basis.
11. The Parties are requested to take note of the above information and to assist in ensuring that all wildlife trade to and from Israel is in accordance with these measures.
12. This Notification replaces Notification No. 2000/003 of 31 January 2000.