

NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



July 20, 2005

Subject: Trade Restrictions on CITES-Listed Wildlife from Nigeria

Background: The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service received notice from the CITES Secretariat that Nigeria and the Secretariat agreed that insufficient progress had been made by Nigeria in relation to its action plan to improve implementation of CITES.

<u>Action</u>: Effective immediately, the United States will prohibit any import from, and export or re-export to, Nigeria of CITES-listed specimens. The United States will also prohibit the commercial re-export of CITES-listed specimens with an origin of Nigeria until further notice. Any such shipments are subject to seizure and forfeiture.

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