

## SUMMARY OF U.S. PROHIBITIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICES OF INFORMATION (NOI)—Continued

[NOI22: Effective July 30, 1991; NOI23: Effective December 22, 1994; NOI24: Effective June 3, 1995; NOI25: Effective Date of Publication]

Country	NOI No.	Species
		Chamaeleo spp. (except Chamaeleo lateralis, C. oustaleti, C. pardalis, C. verrucosus).
		Phelsuma spp. (except Phelsuma laticauda, P. lineata, P. madagascariensis, P. quadriocellata).
Moldova .....	23	Felis lynx.
Peru .....	23	Aratinga erythrogenys.
Solomon Is. ....	24	Ornithoptera urvillianus. Ornithoptera victoriae.
Tanzania .....	23&24	Agapornis fischeri. Eryx colubrinus. Geochelone pardalis. Malacochersus tornieri. Poicephalus crytoxanthus. Poicephalus meyeri. Poicephalus rufiventris. Tauraco fischeri.
Thailand .....	22	All CITES-listed wildlife (animals only).
Turkey .....	25	Testudo graeca.
Ukraine .....	23	Felis lynx.

The subjects of this notice are as follows:

A. SUBJECT: China: ban on imports of specimens of leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*) (= *Felis bengalensis*).

*Source of Foreign Law Information:* CITES Secretariat Notification to the Parties No. 873, issued on August 31, 1995, calls on Parties to lift the suspension of imports of *Prionailurus bengalensis* (= *Felis bengalensis*) specimens from China.

*Action by the Fish and Wildlife Service:* Since the publication of Notice of Information No. 24 (60 FR 26897), the Secretariat has received information from the Management Authority of China relating to its implementation of the recommendations of the Animals Committee on significant levels of trade in *Prionailurus bengalensis* (= *Felis bengalensis*). The Secretariat is satisfied that China has initiated the action necessary to implement these recommendations. Therefore, the Standing Committee's recommendation to the Parties to suspend imports of specimens of *Prionailurus bengalensis* (= *Felis bengalensis*) is hereby withdrawn.

B. SUBJECT: Ghana: ban on imports of specimens of Bell's hinge-back tortoise (*Kinixys belliana*), Eroded hinge-back tortoise (*Kinixys erosa*), and Home's hinge-back tortoise (*Kinixys homeana*).

*This is a Schedule III Notice:* Wildlife subject to this notice is subject to detention, refusal of clearance, or seizure and forfeiture if imported into the United States.

*Source of Foreign Law Information:* CITES Secretariat Notification to the Parties No. 873, issued on August 31,

1995, calls on Parties to suspend imports of Bell's hinge-back tortoise (*Kinixys belliana*), Eroded hinge-back tortoise (*Kinixys erosa*), and Home's hinge-back tortoise (*Kinixys homeana*) specimens from Ghana.

*Action by the Fish and Wildlife Service:* Based on information received, Ghana has not satisfactorily implemented the recommendations of the CITES Standing Committee. Specifically, the Management Authority of Ghana must advise the CITES Secretariat of the following: that export quotas have been established for specimens of *Kinixys belliana*, *Kinixys erosa* and *Kinixys homeana*. Therefore, in accordance with the responsibility of the United States under CITES, and effective immediately and until further notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, no shipments of specimens of Bell's hinge-back tortoise (*Kinixys belliana*), Eroded hinge-back tortoise (*Kinixys erosa*), and Home's hinge-back tortoise (*Kinixys homeana*) may be imported into the United States, directly or indirectly, from Ghana, unless an exemption in CITES Article VII applies.

C. SUBJECT: Turkey: ban on imports of specimens of Greek tortoise (*Testudo graeca*).

*This is a Schedule III Notice:* Wildlife subject to this notice is subject to detention, refusal of clearance, or seizure and forfeiture if imported into the United States.

*Source of Foreign Law Information:* CITES Secretariat Notification to the Parties No. 873, issued on August 31, 1995, calls on Parties to suspend imports of *Testudo graeca* specimens from Turkey.

*Action by the Fish and Wildlife Service:* Based on information received, Turkey has not satisfactorily implemented the recommendations of the CITES Standing Committee. Specifically, the Management Authority of Turkey must advise the CITES Secretariat of the following: that export quotas have been established for specimens of *Testudo graeca*. Therefore, in accordance with the responsibility of the United States under CITES, and effective immediately and until further notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, no shipments of specimens of Greek tortoise (*Testudo graeca*) may be imported into the United States, directly or indirectly, from Turkey, unless an exemption in CITES Article VII applies.

Dated: December 21, 1995.

George T. Frampton, Jr.,  
Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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**Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Notification; Clarification of Prohibitions Based on Recommendations From CITES Secretariat on Prohibitions of Trade in Certain Animal Species From Certain Countries**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to clarify the import restrictions that were announced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in Notice of

Information (NOI) No. 23, published in the Federal Register on December 7, 1994 (59 FR 63101), and NOI No. 24, published in the Federal Register on May 19, 1995 (60 FR 26897), by establishing an exception to the prohibitions described in these notices. These Notices were issued pursuant to Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Notification to the Parties No. 800, issued on April 21, 1994, and No. 833, issued on January 20, 1995, respectively. This notice establishes that, until further notice, shipments of specimens of a species of wildlife from countries that are subject to the prohibitions announced in Notices of Information No. 23 and No. 24 and CITES Notifications No. 800 and No. 833 for that species, may be imported into the United States from an intermediary country (country of re-export) *only* if: such shipments are accompanied by acceptable CITES documents proving that the wildlife specimens involved were imported into that re-exporting country prior to the date of issuance of the earliest CITES Notification (No. 800 or No. 833) that applied to that specimen.

**DATES:** This notice is effective on January 23, 1996. This notice will be effective until further notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Dr. Susan Lieberman, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420C, Arlington, VA 22203, regarding Notifications to the Parties, or Thomas Striegler, Special Agent in Charge, Investigations, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Law Enforcement, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 500, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Susan S. Lieberman, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, telephone (703)358-2093, regarding Notification to the Parties, or Thomas Striegler, Special Agent in Charge, Investigations, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Law Enforcement, telephone (703)358-1949, for enforcement actions.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Since the publication by the Service of NOI 23 and NOI 24, concern has been expressed by some of the CITES Party countries (especially those that re-export finished products containing wildlife) that existing stockpiles of specimens of species that were in fact imported into these Party countries prior to the issuance of CITES Notification numbers 800 and 833 are still subject to the prohibitions established in NOI 23 and NOI 24. The Service agrees that such specimens should not be subject to the

prohibitions established in NOI 23 and NOI 24. Therefore, the Service will allow the import of shipments of such re-exported specimens into the United States only in the circumstance that these shipments are accompanied by a copy of an original CITES permit that proves that these specimens were imported into the country of re-export prior to the issuance of the earliest CITES Notification (No. 800 or No. 833) that applied to the specimen. Shipments of specimens of species that are subject to NOI 23 must be accompanied by a copy of an original CITES permit that proves that such specimens were imported into the country of re-export prior to April 21, 1994. Shipments of specimens of species that are subject to NOI 24, that were not subject to NOI 23, must be accompanied by a copy of an original CITES permit that proves that such specimens were imported into the country of re-export prior to January 20, 1995. This acceptable documentation must be in the form of a copy of the actual export permit or re-export certificate issued by the country of export or re-export that documents the legal shipment of the specimens in question into the country that wishes to ship the same specimens to the United States, and a document that shows that actual import took place prior to April 21, 1994, or January 20, 1995, whichever date applies.

Dated: December 21, 1995.  
George T. Frampton, Jr.,  
*Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.*

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## National Park Service

### General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement for Oregon Caves National Monument, Oregon

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service will prepare a General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for Oregon Caves National Monument.

A General Management Plan sets forth the basic management philosophy for a unit of the National Park System and provides the strategies for addressing issues and achieving identified management objectives for that unit. In the GMP/EIS and its accompanying public review process, the National Park Service will formulate and evaluate the

environmental impacts of a range of alternatives to address distinct management strategies for the park, including resource protection and visitor use. The plan will guide the management of natural and cultural resources and visitor use of those resources for the next 15 years. Development concept plans for selected facilities may be included with the GMP.

Scoping is the term given to the process by which the scope of issues to be addressed in the GMP/EIS is identified. Representatives of Federal, State and local agencies, American Indian tribes, private organizations and individuals from the general public who may be interested in or affected by the proposed GMP/EIS are invited to participate in the scoping process by responding to this Notice with written comments. All comments received will become part of the public record and copies of comments, including any names, addresses and telephone numbers provided by respondents, may be released for public inspection.

Among the major issues likely to be addressed in the Oregon Caves GMP/EIS are the protection of cave resources, the relationship of forest ecology to cave ecosystems, water quality, viewshed protection, and the array of visitor services that may be provided by park and concession staff. A full range of alternatives, including "no action" and "minimum requirements" alternatives, will be considered in the GMP/EIS to address these and other issues that may emerge during the planning process.

The draft GMP/EIS is expected to be available for public review by early 1997 with the final version of the GMP/EIS and the Record of Decision to be completed by the end of 1997.

The responsible official is Stanley T. Albright, Field Director, Pacific West Area, National Park Service.

**DATES:** Public scoping meetings will be held Tuesday, 19 March 1996, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 E. River Street, Cave Junction, OR 97523 and Thursday, 21 March 1996, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Grants Pass City Council Chambers, 101 NW "A" Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526. Written comments on the scope of the issues and alternatives to be analyzed in the GMP/EIS should be received no later than 30 April 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning the GMP/EIS should be sent to the Superintendent, Oregon Caves National Monument, 19000 Caves Highway, Cave Junction, OR 97523.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**