



Every Time you Buy Nature Pays

Say No to Marine Sales



Green Fins Project Thailand

Hawksbill Turtle Shell

Cheloniidae. All Marine Turtles. Appendix I – CITES Export and Import Prohibited



Increasingly endangered by destruction of beaches for land development, entanglement in fishing gear, wildlife trade, marine debris and pollution. Turtles are caught and their carapace used for jewellery, jewellery such as bracelets and hair combs is made mainly from the carapace of the hawksbill species made from turtle shell

All turtles protected by Thai and International Law

Illegal to buy turtle shell in Thailand

Illegal to take turtle products out of the country

Illegal to take Turtle shell products in to most countries



Shark Meat and Shark Fin Soup

The whale shark *Rhincodon typus* is now protected by law. Appendix II CITES

Most Sharks are not protected by law and there is nothing illegal about consuming a bowl of shark fins soup or shark steak.

Concern of the cruel and wasteful practice of "finning" sharks particularly the whale shark

Whale sharks decline in numbers due to a trade in its meat and fins

Sharks are top predators and therefore often contaminated with high levels of mercury which is deemed to be a health risk especially for pregnant woman and children.

Be wise in the restaurant you choose. Speak up and say No to those with shark on the menu



Triton Trumpet shell *Charonia* and Giant Clam *Tridacnidae* spp. Appendix II of CITES

These may look nice in your home, but not as nice as in their natural habitats, removing these species from their natural environment causes an imbalance in the predator prey relationship in the ecosystem.

Triton Trumpet Shell and Giant clams are protected by law
Illegal to buy Triton Trumpet Shell and Giant Clams

Illegal to take Triton Trumpet Shell and Giant clams out of the country



- Prohibit to hunt (Section 16)
 - Prohibit to cultivate (Section 18)
 - Prohibit to have possession (Section 19)
 - Prohibit of sale (Section 20)
 - Prohibit to import, export or transfer (Section 20,24)
 - Prohibit to relocate (Section 28)
- From Wild Animal Preservation and Protection Tax Act B.E.2535 (A.D.1992)

CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) is an international agreement between governments. Its aim is to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival.



Reef Fish

Reef Fish face extinction as many end up on our dinner tables

Humphead wrasse - *Cheilinus undulatus* is classified as endangered Appendix II Cites

The Humphead wrasse has almost completely disappeared and may face extinction from over fishing. Destructive cyanide fishing used to take it alive, thereby damaging and killing corals as well other fishes and crustaceans

Other marine delicacies such as groupers, lobsters and sea cucumbers are over-fished

No fishing of ~ 400 species of aquarium fishes in environmental protected area (Phuket area & Phi-phi Islands area)



Dead and Live Coral - Appendix II of CITES

corals and sea fans, either living or dead, are protected under fisheries' laws as conserved species. Nobody is allowed to keep corals or sea fans as personal property unless the item was registered before April 1995.

The punishment to the offender is either fining for up to 40,000 baht or being put in jail for up to 4 years or both.

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- Black corals *Antipatharia* spp.
- Blue corals *Helioporidae* spp.
- Stony corals *Scleractinia* spp.
- Tubiporidae Organ-pipe corals *Tubiporidae* spp.
- Milleporidae Fire corals *Milleporidae* spp.
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Marine Curio Trade and Sea Shells

Tourists and visitors find shells washed up on our beaches attractive. Shells of dead molluscs have two important roles in the marine ecosystem. Once broken down they contribute to the formation of sandy beaches we enjoy

Provide homes for hermit crabs as they grow

These shells are often illegal to take back to many of your home countries. Shells for sale as collector items are nearly always collected from live molluscs which has a direct impact on populations

Additional impact from shell collecting is damage to the habitat, as collectors overturn rocks and corals on the reef flat in search of them.

Collection of marine curios is illegal in Thailand's national parks

Nobody can collect marine life in the sanctuary. Offender will be either fined up to 10,000 baht or being put in jail for up to 6 months.



Seahorses

Seahorses now protected by Law *Hippocampus* spp. Appendix II CITES

Large quantities of seahorses traded each year for traditional medicines

You may find seahorses for sale as key chains or encased in paperweight. Buying a product like this is illegal

Seahorses mate for life and the male incubates the eggs; make sure this species can be seen by your future generations



Say No before these species are Sold Out Permanently

