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To Singapore Reptile Skin Trade Association

Dear Sir

OUTCOME OF CITES COP13 - AMENDMENT OF THE CITES APPENDICES

The 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13) to CITES was held in Thailand from 2-14 October 2004. The COP13 reviewed and adopted changes to the CITES Appendices I and II.

2 We wish to inform you that changes to the Appendix listing of the following species, which you may have interest in, have been adopted:

Transferred from Appendix I to II

- a) *Crocodylus acutus* (Cuban's population of the American crocodile)
- b) *Crocodylus niloticus* (Namibia's population of Nile crocodile)

Inclusion in App II

- c) *Carcharodon carcharias* (Great white shark)

Amendment of annotations (App II)

- d) *Loxodonta africana* (Namibia's population of elephant)
- trade in elephant leather and hair goods for commercial purposes.
- e) *Loxodonta africana* (South Africa's population of elephant)
- trade in leather goods for commercial purposes.

The amendments to the Appendices will enter into effect from **12 January 2005.**

3 The commercial import and export of the abovementioned species and their parts and derivatives (eg shark hide, teeth) shall require CITES import and export/re-export permits.

4 If you need any clarification, please feel free to contact us at tel: 62270670.

6 Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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