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Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Regulation on trade in Asian Arowana under
the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance**

This department is writing to remind traders of the relevant regulations on trade in Asian Arowana (*Scleropages formosus*) in view of the upsurge in import quantity of the species in recent years.

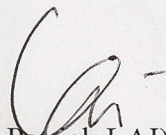
Asian Arowana is listed in the Appendix I to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and its import, possession or re-export is under the control of the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance, Cap. 586 ("the Ordinance"). Trade in Asian Arowana of wild origin is generally prohibited, but those captive bred by operations registered with the CITES Secretariat can be traded in accordance with the Ordinance.

According to the Ordinance, to import live Asian Arowana for commercial purpose, a Licence to Import shall be obtained in advance from this department. Possession of live Asian Arowana for commercial purpose also requires a Licence to Possess from this department. The licensee shall record every transaction, including acquiring and sale, and retain the concerned documents (e.g. a copy of the Licence to Import, a copy of the CITES export permit and the transaction receipts) as proof of legal acquisition of the stock. To re-export Asian Arowana, including re-export to the Mainland of China, a Licence to Re-export shall be obtained in advance from this department.

Import, possession or re-export of Asian Arowana not in accordance with the Ordinance is an offence. The maximum penalty is a fine of HK\$5 million, imprisonment of 2 years and forfeiture of the animals upon conviction.

If you have any enquiry on the above, please contact Mr. IU Ka-po of this department at tel. no. 2150 6969.

Yours faithfully,



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