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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Amendment to the Schedules to the
Animals and Plants (Protection of Endangered Species) Ordinance, Cap.187**

Further to the circular letter No. ES 01/03 of 7 May 2003 issued by this department concerning the amendment to the Appendices to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) as adopted at its 12th Conference of the Parties, and the consequent need to amend the Schedules to the Animals and Plants (Protection of Endangered Species) Ordinance, pleased be informed that the amendments to the schedules have been published in the Gazette on 21 January 2004.

It is anticipated that the above-mentioned new controls will take effect in mid 2004. The trade in the species newly listed under Cap.187 will then be subject to licensing control. Under the Ordinance, import, export and possession of endangered species, including their parts or derivatives, require a licence issued in advance by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. Offenders will be prosecuted and is liable to a maximum fine of \$5 million and 2 years' imprisonment.

Please note that exemption from licensing requirement for the possession of certain species, including Whale Shark, Basking Shark, Seahorses (excluding live animals) and Bigleaf Mahogany, has been provided for under the subject legislative amendment. For details of the amendments, please refer to the Gazette or circular letter ES 01/03 (a copy has been uploaded at our website at www.cites.org.hk).

Should you have any queries, please contact our Miss S.Y. Pang at 2150 6973.

Yours faithfully,

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