

Taiwan's Wildlife Protections and Trade Laws

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CITES trade in Taiwan

- Ornamental plants imported from South America.
- Birds and reptiles imported from Africa.
- Biggest Aloes wood trading country in the world.
- Major CITES trading partners: Singapore, Japan, S. Korea, USA, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand.
- Huge economic interest in Taiwan, over 500 billion USD

Violation records outside Taiwan

- Plants
- Taiwan export but arrest/stop by imported country:
 - Ornamental plants: 29250 in US
 - Timbers: 99776 in EU
 - Medical plants: 5818 in NZ & UK
 - Gastrodia(medicine):297 kg in US.
- Animals
- Taiwan exported Annex I species but arrest/stop by imported country:
 - Ivory and products: 168 pic. in US
 - Rhino horns: 5 in Mexico
 - Moschus skin in 145 in NZ
- Annex II 0
- Annex III
Siberian weasel 35539 Pic. In US.

Taiwan and Singapore

- CITES Annex I Parrots,
 - Taiwan imported 92264 birds from Singapore(89.2%).
- CITES Annex II & Annex III Python and products
 - 19% imported from Singapore.
 - Africa states to Singapore, reexport to Taiwan, destination is EU.
- Ornamental plants and red coral reefs.

Regulations to Protect Wildlife in Taiwan

- Foreign Trade Act, 2013
 - Regulations on Import and Export of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna, Flora and Related Products, 2010
- Wildlife Conservation Act, 2013
 - Enforcement Rule
- Culture Heritage Preservation Act, 2011

Enforcement Bureau/Authority Agencies

- Management Agency : Bureau of Foreign Trade(BOFT), Ministry of Economic Affairs
- Scientific Agency
 - Council of Agriculture (COA), Forestry Bureau
- Enforcement Agencies/Authorities
 - Local governments.
 - Customs Administration, Ministry of Finance (財政部關務署)
 - Keelung, Taipei, Taichung, Kaohsiung Customs.
 - Conservation Center/shelter : 7 shelters
 - Taipei Zoo, NCHU Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, Endemic Species Research Institute, COA.....
 - The Seventh Special Police Corps, Ministry of Interior

Foreign Trade Act, 2013

- Article 11, Free to trade.
 - Restriction is allowed from international treaty, trade agreements.....
- Article 13-1
 - CITES endangered species of wild fauna and flora, and products
 - Exportation and importation are *prohibited*.
 - Exportation and Importation *permits* are required.
 - Endangered species of wild fauna and flora: Decided and published by the BOFT.

Regulations on Import and Export of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna, Flora and Related Products, 2010

- Management on Exportation and Importation
- Endangered species of fauna, flora and products
 - BOFT produced the CITES LIST.(瀕臨絕種動植物之物種, 8 documents)
 - No Exportation, unless COA allowed and granted permit.
 - No Importation, unless importer submit CITES certificate.

Penalties: Article 28

- Importation Without CITES certificate: Fines NTD \$ 30,000 - \$ 300,000 (USD 1,000 - \$ 10,000)
- Exportation without COA permits: Fines NTD \$ 30,000 - \$ 300,000 (USD \$ 1,000 - \$ 10,000)
- Stop the exporter/importer from exporting, importing, or exporting/importing goods for not less than one (1) month and not more than one (1) year.

Fauna: Taiwan Wildlife Conservation Act

- Domestic wildlife protection, including endangered species fauna.
- Article 3.3 :
 - **Endangered Species:** those wildlife species whose population size is at or below a critical level so that their survival is in jeopardy.
 - **Rare and Valuable Species:** endemic species or those species with a very low total population.
- Article 4: Schedule of Protected Species.
- Rare and Valuable species.
 - 5 types (Birds, Fish, Mammals, Reptiles, Insects), 23 wildlife.
- Article 24: Exportation and importation of live specimens are prohibited, unless permits issued by COA.
 - Exception: education or academic research purposes.

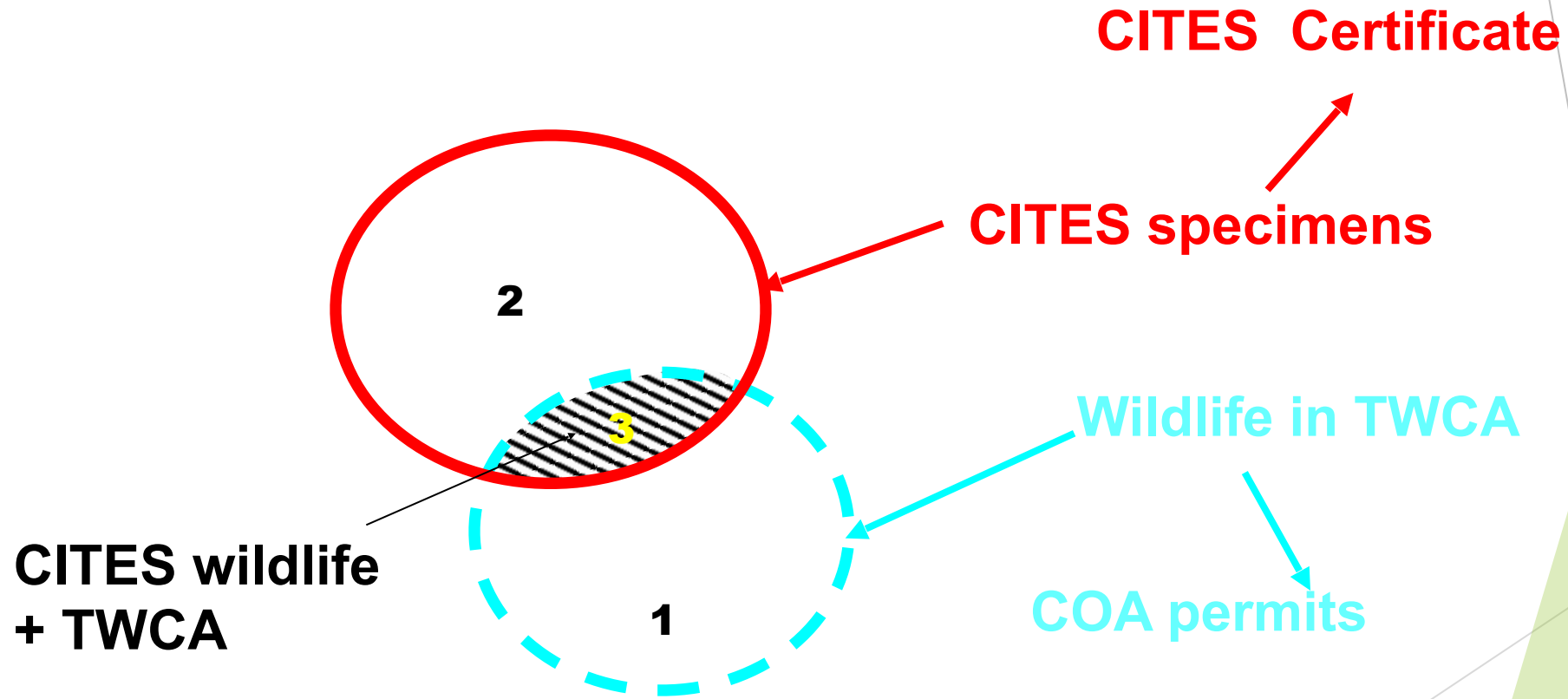
Enforcement Rule of Wildlife Conservation Act, Chapter 3.

- Article 26, Importation
 - live CITES Protected Species or its products from CITES Member States, CITES export certificate is required.
 - Non-CITES states, permits or certificates issued by authorized agency.
- Article 27, Exportation
 - Application documents
 - Wildlife Registration card
 - Export to CITES member States, CITES exportation certificate is required.
 - Export to non-CITES member States, authorized agency permit is required.
 - 6 photocopies of wildlife animal.

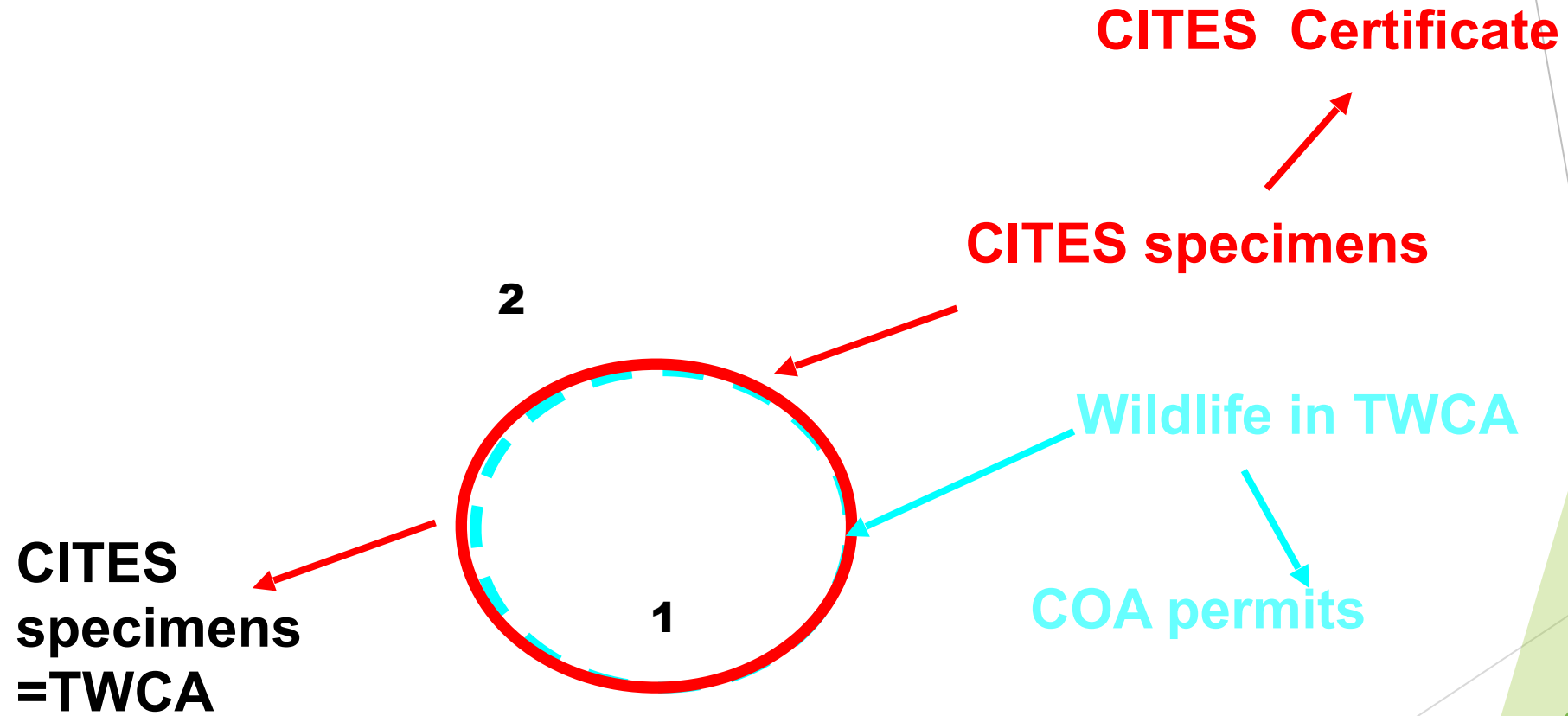
Flora: Taiwan Culture Heritage Preservation Act, 2011

- Article 3.7: Flora belongs to parts of “nature landscape”.
- Article 76: Nature landscape
 - Nature Reserve.
 - Nature Commemoratives.
 - valuable and rare plants.
 - valuable and rare mines.
- Article 4.2: Authorized Competent Agency on Nature Landscape: Council Of Agriculture.
- Article 78: COA shall make a complete file of investigation, research, preservation and maintenance of Natural Landscapes.
- FILE: Plants Conservation and Protection 植物保育

CITES & TWCA



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Violation WCA, 2005-2014

2005	169
2006	210
2007	193
2008	233
2009	225
2010	183
2011	150
2012	205
2013	179

Statistic Year Book, Forest Bureau, 2014

Smuggling livestock and products

<i>Year</i>	<i>Case</i>	<i>Live animals</i>
2007	170	5291
2008	158	4596
2009	114	860
2010	51	928
2011	39	120
2012	19	140
2013	41	7430
2014	223	136
2015, 1-8	31	3226

Taipei Custom: Ivory Smuggling from Japan.
Date: June 14, 2015
Pretended as peanut butter candies.



How Taiwan Learns CITES

- WTO
- TRAFFIC EAST ASIA--Taipei: wildlife trade monitoring network
 - Starting from 1991
 - Training program started from 1996
- International conferences
- International cooperation with other country/authorized agencies
- Foreign media or NGOs

Conclusion

- Lacking official CITES trading data or reporting system.
- Taiwan does not report violation calculation result to CITES.
- Enforcement on CITES trading to be enhanced.
- Regulations modification are needed.

Thank You

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