

Shahfoosh Shawls: These shawls are tainted with the blood of Chiru, a highly endangered antelope. Three to five Chirus are slaughtered to obtain the wool for one shawl.

Skins, bones, derivatives and products fashioned from them: All trade in skins, bones, claws etc. of Leopard, Tiger and other endangered species, and derivatives such as bear bile and musk pods is banned.



Medicinal plants and orchids: International trade in 29 species of orchids, timber species and medicinal plants in the raw form such as logs, whole plant, crude drugs, oil extract and resinoid is prohibited under the EXIM policy. Only value-added products such as medicines derived from a cultivated variety of specified species may be allowed for export.

Collection or sale of plants or derivatives of Scheduled Species such as Kuth (*Saussurea costus*), Red Vanda, Blue Vanda, Ladies Slipper Orchid, Pitcher Plant and Beddomes Cycad is prohibited under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Do not buy illegal wildlife products. Also discourage your friends and family from doing so.
- If you come across any information on illegal wildlife trade, you may please contact the following:
 - Local forest or police officials.
 - Customs at airports, seaports and other international transit points.
 - Regional offices of the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau at:
 - New Delhi - 011-2338 4556
 - Mumbai - 022-2682 8184
 - Kolkata - 033-2287 8698
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Can't resist that **Shahtoosh shawl** or those **Ivory bangles**? Think twice before buying that exquisite **Coral showpiece**! Illegal wildlife trade threatens the survival of many species. You might be violating the law and also endangering wildlife.

Most of the trade in wild animals, plants and their derivatives is illegal in India under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 which covers over 1800 species. Under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), trade in over 830 species of wildlife is banned internationally while trade in over 33,000 species is strictly regulated.

DON'T BUY TROUBLE!

When you buy or acquire an illegal wildlife product or souvenir, you may actually be buying trouble for yourselves.

Hunting of a protected species of wildlife or possession of and trade in them or their derivatives is illegal and severely punishable under the law. Wildlife products made from endangered species bought outside India would require permits for their import to India. Your souvenirs could be confiscated on your return and you could face strict legal action.



BUYERS BEWARE!

WHEN IN DOUBT-DON'T BUY. Ignorance of law is not an excuse. Given below are some of the most widely traded illegal wildlife products.

Marine products: Reef building Corals, Organ-pipe Corals, Black Corals, Fire Corals and Sea Fans are some of the highly endangered marine species offered on sale in our coastal regions and islands. Many endangered species of molluscs such as Nautilus, Horse's Hoof and Horned Helmet may also be offered.



Ivory items: Ivory figurines, carvings and jewellery may be offered for sale at the tourist spots.



Live birds: All trade in wild Indian bird species is prohibited. Species on offer may include parakeets, falcons, Hill Myna, Great horned Owl, and munias. For every bird that reaches its final destination, several die en route.



Reptile skins: Trade in skins and other products of protected species of reptiles such as Marsh and Salt Water Crocodiles, Yellow Monitor Lizard, Cobra and Rock Python is banned. Handbags, belts, wallets and other products made of these reptile skins may cost you much more than you bargained for.

