

ASK BEFORE YOU BUY

Just because an item is for sale doesn't mean it is legal to bring home.

By asking questions and staying informed, you can make sure that your purchase doesn't violate the law—and doesn't support the black market of wildlife trafficking.

Your choices in the store can make a difference for protected wildlife around the world.

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ABOUT THE U.S. WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING ALLIANCE

We are a coalition of major companies, non-profit organizations and foundations dedicated to reducing U.S. demand for illegal wildlife products.

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A GUIDE FOR TRAVELERS



BUYER BEWARE LIST

AVOID

These items are generally prohibited from being brought into the U.S.

- X All sea turtle and pangolin products
- X Ivory, raw and carved
- X Fur from tigers, most spotted cats, seals, polar bears and sea otters
- X Live monkeys or apes
- X Most live birds, including parrots, macaws, cockatoos and finches
- X Wild bird feathers and mounted birds
- X Medicinals made from rhino, tiger or Asiatic black bear

ASK

These items may be prohibited from being brought into the U.S.

- ! Some live snakes, turtles, crocodilians and lizards
- ! Certain leather products, including some made from caiman, crocodiles, lizards and snakes
- ! Some corals, coral products and shells
- ! Certain plants—particularly orchids, cacti and cycads

ASK BEFORE YOU BUY!

- ✓ What is this product made of?
- ✓ Where did this product come from?
- ✓ Does the country I'm visiting allow the sale and export of this product?
- ✓ Do I need permits or other documents from this country or the U.S. to bring this item home?

REMEMBER: WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T BUY.

QUESTIONS ABOUT A PURCHASE?

Contact local natural resource agencies, the country's CITES Management Authority, or check:

[fws.gov/international/permits](https://www.fws.gov/international/permits)

[fws.gov/le/tips-for-travelers.html](https://www.fws.gov/le/tips-for-travelers.html)

www.cites.org

