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## IUCN GUIDELINES ON PURCHASING SOUVENIRS



### **Protection of Limited Resources and Biodiversity Clause:**

"Under the consideration of animal welfare and for the preservation of biodiversity, we commit not to promote the trade of souvenirs that contain threatened flora and fauna species, as indicated in the CITES treaty (Washington Convention) and the IUCN 'Red List.'"



## List of Forbidden Souvenirs:

### Ask yourself:

- What is this product made of?
- Where did this product come from?
- Does the country allow the sale and export of this product? (A quick Google search will do the trick!)
- Do I need permits or documents from the country to bring this item back home?

### Illegal Souvenirs:

- Ivory (Raw & Carved)
- Animal skins such as Reptile Leather Products & Furs
- Stuffed & Mounted Animals
- Wild Bird Feathers
- Corals, Shells, Starfish & other items made from Marine Life
- Sea Turtle Products & Shark Fins
- Traditional Asian Medicine made from Tigers, Sharks, Birds, Rhinos, etc.
- Caged Primates, Birds, Cats, etc.
- Protected Domestic Flora; Cacti, Orchids & Cycads
- Decoration, Ornaments, Instruments, etc. made from Illegally Harvest Wood such as Rosewood & Teak
- Food & Beverages that contain endangered animals such as Snake Wine & Shark Fin Soup
- Rare Cultural artifacts & Relics (generally protected by their country of origin)

**Remember “When in doubt, DON’T BUY IT!”**