

World meets to regulate wildlife trade

New measures to conserve and manage sustainably a wide range of species are being proposed by governments attending the three-yearly conference of the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species. Delegates from 175 countries will discuss how to tackle illegal trade in wildlife and protect the livelihoods of the rural poor

POLAR BEAR: Threatened from climate change. U.S. seeking to prohibit international trade completely

BLUEFIN TUNA: Stocks down by over 80% since 1970. Monaco wants total ban on international trade to allow recovery of species

RED/PINK CORALS: Threatened owing to overharvesting and destruction by bottom trawls. U.S. and EU want stricter trade limits

HAMMERHEAD SHARK: Exploited for fins. U.S. and Palau recommend trade controls on three species of hammerhead and three other sharks – dusky, sandbar and oceanic whitetip

SPINY-TAILED IGUANA: Increasingly sought by collectors. Honduras and Guatemala seeking more stringent protection of four species

SATANAS BEETLE: Sought by collectors. Bolivia proposes trade controls

AFRICAN ELEPHANT: Tanzania and Zambia want approval to sell government-owned stocks of ivory. But Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Rwanda and Sierra Leone want 20-year moratorium on any proposals to relax international trade controls

MADAGASCAR PLANTS: Valued for medicinal and ornamental properties. Madagascar wants to impose trade controls on 12 endemic species

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