



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

THAILAND

Regulation for the registration of breeding facilities
for aquatic wild animals listed in the CITES Appendices

1. The present Notification is published at the request of Thailand.
2. Thailand wishes to inform Parties that the Department of Fisheries of Thailand has promulgated the Regulation of the Department of Fisheries on Criteria for the Registration of Breeding Facilities for Aquatic Wild Animals Listed in Appendices to CITES in order to ensure its appropriateness and alignment with current circumstances.
3. The Regulation is intended to facilitate domestic operators who have successfully bred aquatic species listed in the CITES Appendices, such as zebra pleco (*Hypancistrus zebra*), arapaima (*Arapaima gigas*), and seahorses of the genus *Hippocampus*. Such operations are subject to international trade under regulatory oversight and inspection. The key aspects covered under this Regulation include:
 - a) sources of broodstock: Facilities shall ensure verification and traceability of the origin of parent stock.
 - b) breeding and rearing systems: Facilities shall be appropriate for the species and quantity concerned, with proper breeding techniques, nursery practices, feeding management, water systems, and adequate tools and equipment of operations.
 - c) record-keeping: Facilities shall maintain records documenting changes, including annual production output, projected future production, mortality rates, and the number of specimens distributed. Records shall be prepared and updated on a monthly basis.
 - d) issuance of domestic transaction documents: Facilities shall provide proper documentation for all domestic sales and transfers.
4. To ensure compliance with the provisions of CITES, the Department of Fisheries has established a committee to supervise and monitor breeding facilities, evaluate the sustainability of breeding programmes, and oversee farm management practices. This measure ensures that exports of aquatic wildlife species from Thailand are conducted in accordance with the established principles and obligations under CITES.

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