# A. General information

Party	Japan
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2006	1 January 2005 – 31 December 2006
Details of agency preparing this report	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	CITES Management Authorities of Japan CITES Scientific Authorities of Japan CITES Enforcement Authorities of Japan

# B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CI	FES-releva	ant legisla	ation already	Yes (fu	ılly)		$\boxtimes$
	been provided under th	ne CITES	National	Legislation	Yes (p	artly)		
	Project?				No			
	If yes, ignore questions	s 2, 3 and	14.		No info	ormatio	n/unknown	
2	If any CITES-relevant legislation has been planned, drafted or enacted, please provide the following details:						lease provid	e
	Title and date:		S	Status:				
	Brief description of cor	ntents:						
3	Is enacted legislation a	vailable ir	n one of t	the working	Yes			
	languages of the Conv	ention?			No			
					No info	ormatio	n	
4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or legislation attached						tached	
	key legislative provisio	ns that w	ere gaze	tted.	provided previously			
					not a	vailable	, will send	
					later			
5	Which of the following						ick all applic	able
	domestic measures ad			sted species (in	accordan	се		
	with Article XIV of the							
			ne condit			r	prohibition	
	Issue	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No informa	ition
		<u></u>		information		<u> </u>		
	Trade	$\square$				$\square$		
	Taking							
	Possession							
	Transport							
	Other (specify)							

	Additional comments							
	The CITES MA of Japan reviewed the domestic regulations and procedures for the international trade based on relevant resolutions.							
6	What were the results of any re effectiveness of CITES legislation items?				ck all applicable			
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information			
	Powers of CITES authorities				$\boxtimes$			
	Clarity of legal obligations				$\boxtimes$			
	Control over CITES trade				$\boxtimes$			
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use							
	Coverage of law for all types of offences							
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties				$\boxtimes$			
	Implementing regulations				$\boxtimes$			
	Coherence within legislation				$\boxtimes$			
	Other (please specify):				$\boxtimes$			
	Please provide details if availabl	e:						
7	If no review or assessment has	taken place, is	one planned	Yes				
	for the next reporting period?			No	$\boxtimes$			
				No int	formation			
	Please provide details if availabl	e:						
8	Has there been any review of le in relation to implementation of	-	-	bjects Ti	ck all applicable			
	Subject		Yes	No	No information			
	Access to or ownership of natu	ral resources		$\square$				
	Harvesting							
	Transporting of live specimens							
	Handling and housing of live sp	ecimens						
	Please provide details if availabl	e:						
9	Please provide details of any ad	ditional measu	res taken:					

# C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	info	No ormation	
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring opera	tions been	underta	ken?		
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:	$\square$		]		
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	$\square$		]		
	Border controls			]		
	Other (specify)	$\square$		]		
	Check on internet auction					
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?			]		
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of attach details.	violations?	' If avail	able,	please	
	Illegal display of CITES Appendix I species for commer for the Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild Fau				of Law	
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?					
5	If information available:		Numb	ber		
	Significant seizures/confiscations	2	2005: 1	l,152	2	
	Total seizures/confiscations	2	2006: 1	,23C	)	
	If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details.					
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	$\square$				
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If a as Annex.	vailable, ple	ease att	ach d	letails	
	(Information from Customs office)					
	-Violation of Customs Law : 2 cases					
	(Information from Police Agency)					
	-Violation of the Law for the Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (regulating internal trade): 7 cases (17 suspects arrested) in 2005 and 6 cases (32 suspects arrested) in 2006					
	-Violation of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade C Control Order and Import Trade Control Order: 2 cases					
	and 1 case (4 suspects arrested) in 2006					
	(Violations related to not only international trade of CIT domestic regulation of CITES-listed species and nationa					

	the Law for the Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild F included in the above-mentioned number.)	auna and Flora are	
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-		
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the rest as Annex.	ults? Please attach o	details
10	How were the confiscated specimens usually disposed of?	Tick if appl	icable
	<ul> <li>Return to country of export</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Public zoos or botanical gardens</li> </ul>	$\boxtimes$	
	<ul> <li>Designated rescue centres</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Approved, private facilities</li> </ul>		
	– Euthanasia		
	- Other (specify)		
	Comments:		
	The CITES MA of Japan takes care of all confiscated live a zoos and botanical gardens.	nimals and plants a	at the
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat on	Yes	$\square$
	significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an	No	
	ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted	Not applicable	
	illegal traders and persistent offenders?	No information	
	Commenter		
1.0	Comments:		
12	Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities with other countries	Yes	
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support,	No	
	investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	No information	
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:		
	The CITES MA of Japan exchanged intelligence of the signific with related MAs and the Secretariat to take appropriate action		trade
14	Have any incentives been offered to local communities to	Yes	
	assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to	No	$\boxtimes$
	the arrest and conviction of offenders?	No information	
15	If Yes, please describe:		
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related	Yes	$\boxtimes$
	enforcement?	No	

Not applicable
No information

Comments:17Please provide details of any additional measures taken:<br/>The Government officials of the CITES related ministries and agencies held several<br/>meetings to exchange information of illegal trade on CITES and to take its appropriate<br/>actions. The meeting examined measures and cooperation among the ministries to<br/>prevent illegal trade and its enforcement actions.

#### D. Administrative measures

#### D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or	Yes		
	contact information for the MA(s) which are not yet	No		
	reflected in the CITES Directory?			
	·	No information		
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes he	ere.		
		-		
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA	Yes	$\boxtimes$	
	been designated?	No		
		No information		
4	4 If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in th CITES Directory.			
	a. For Derivatives and Products			
	Trade Licensing Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and	Industry (METI), T	okyo	
	b. For Live Animals, Plants and Raw parts			
	Agricultural and Marine Products Office, Ministry of Econo (METI), Tokyo	omy, Trade and Ind	lustry	
	c. For Introduction from the sea			
	Resources and Environment Research Division, Fisheries A	Agency, Tokyo		
5	How many staffs work in each MA?			
	a. Trade Licensing Division, METI (5 officials for CITES perm	itting)		
	b. Agricultural and Marine Products Office, METI (3 officials a	for CITES permitting	g)	
	c. Regional Bureau, METI (2 or 3 officials in each Bureau for	CITES permitting)		
	d. Resources and Environment Research Division, Fisheries A charge of CITES)	gency (3 officials il	n	

6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters?	Yes No	$\square$
	If yes, please give estimation : 100% (METI)	No information	
	With regard to Fisheries Agency, it is difficult to estimate the ratio of time allocated to CITES-related matter.		
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if app	licable
	- Administration		$\boxtimes$
	– Biology		$\boxtimes$
	– Economics/trade		$\boxtimes$
	<ul> <li>Law/policy</li> </ul>		$\boxtimes$
	<ul> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>No information</li> </ul>		
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research	Yes	
	activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues	No	$\boxtimes$
	(e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	No information	
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the involved.	kind of research	
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

# D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes No No information	
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes he	ere.	
3	Is the designated Scientific Authority independent from the	Yes	$\square$
	Management Authority?	No	
	(Exception: Resource and Environment Research Division of Fisheries Agency is designated as the Scientific and the Management Authority for matters related to "introduction from the sea".)	No information	
4	What is the structure of the SA(s)?	Tick if app	licable
	<ul> <li>Government institution</li> </ul>		$\square$
	<ul> <li>Academic or research institution</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Permanent committee</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Pool of individuals with certain expertise</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ul>		

5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues?		
	4 officials in the Ministry of Environment (MOE)		
	3 officials in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheri	es	
	3 officials in the Fisheries Agency		
	2 officials in the Forestry Agency		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on	Yes	$\boxtimes$
	CITES-related matters	No	
	If yes, please give estimation	No information	
	2 officials: 100%, and 2 officials: 20% for an official(MOE)		
	It is hard to estimate the percentage of time allocated to		
	CITES-related matters in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fosheries.		
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tick if app	licable
<i>'</i>		пск п арр	
	– Botany		$\square$
	– Ecology		$\boxtimes$
	– Fisheries		$\square$
	- Forestry		
	– Welfare		
	– Zoology		$\square$
	<ul> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ul>		
	– No information		
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in	Yes	$\boxtimes$
	relation to CITES species?	No	
		No information	

Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	lllegal trade	Other (specify)
Japan- ese Giant Sala- mander	0	0	0	0	0	Conserva- tion status
Tibetan Antelop e	0	0	0	0	0	Methods of Public aware- ness
Elephan t						ldentifica- tion
Gos- hawk		0				identificat ion
Mink whale	0	0	$\bigcirc$			
Antarcti c Mink whale	0	0	$\bigcirc$			
Fin whale	0	0	0			
Sei Whale	0	0	0			
Beyde's whale	0	0	0			
Sperm Whale	0	0				
					No informa	ation
		als for scientific riat under Resolu			Yes No No informa	ation

#### D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	Has the Secretariat been informed of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes No No information	
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fa		
3	Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Yes No Under consideration No information	
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement The CITES Enforcement Unit of the Government of Japan 2000, which consist of the Customs Office, National Police authorities. This unit is managed by the CITES MA of Japa	has been established in Agency and CITES rela	ted
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

# D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is	CITES	informati	ion comp	uteriz	ed?	Tick if applicable
	<ul> <li>Monitoring and</li> </ul>	report	ing of dat	a on lega	l trad	е	
	- Monitoring and	report	ing of dat	a on illeg	al tra	de	
	– Permit issuance	Э					
	<ul> <li>Not at all</li> </ul>						
	- Other (specify)						
2	Do the following a	authorit	ies have	access to	the I	nternet	? Tick if applicable
	Authority	Yes, continuous and unrestricted	Yes, but only through a dial-up connection	Yes, but only through a different office	Some offices only	Not at all	Please provide details where appropriate
	Management Authority						(MITI has access through a dial-up connection.)
	Scientific Authority						

	Enforcement Authority			
3	Is there an electronic information system	providing inform	nation Ye	s 🛛
	on CITES species?		No	
			No	
			inf	ormation
4	If Yes, does it provide information on:			Tick if applicable
	– Legislation (national, regional or intern			
	<ul> <li>Conservation status (national, regional)</li> </ul>	I, international)?		
	– Other (please specify)?			
5	Is it available through the Internet:		Ye	s 🛛
			No	
			No	t applicable
			No	
			INT	ormation
	Please provide URL:			
	(METI)	, , <u>, , , ,</u>		
	<u>http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/boekikanri/</u> <u>htm</u>	pages/cites/cites	top page.	
	(MOE)			
	http://www.env.go.jp/nature/yasei/hozor	nho/index.html		
	(Only available in Japanese)			
6	Do the authorities indicated have access publications?	to the following		Tick if applicable
	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)			
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)			
	Identification Manual	$\square$	$\square$	
	CITES Handbook		$\square$	

7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access this info	ormation?	
8	<ul> <li>Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on:</li> <li>Mortality in transport?</li> <li>Seizures and confiscations?</li> <li>Discrepancies in number of items in permits and number of ite actually traded?</li> </ul>	Tick if applic	cable
9	Comments: Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements?	Yes No No information	
	If Yes, please give the URL: (MOFA) <u>http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/kankyo/jyoyaku/wasntn.ht</u> <u>ml</u> (METI) <u>http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/boekikanri/pages/cites/cites top</u> <u>page.htm</u> (Only available in Japanese)		
10	<ul> <li>Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better accessibility to and understanding of the Convention's requirements to the wider public?</li> <li>Press releases/conferences</li> <li>Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances</li> <li>Brochures, leaflets</li> <li>Presentations</li> <li>Displays</li> <li>Information at border crossing points</li> <li>Telephone hotline</li> <li>Other (specify)</li> <li>Please attach copies of any items.</li> </ul>	Tick if applica	
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

### D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in perr signatures of officials em permits/certificates been If no, please provide deta	powered to sig reported previo	n CITES		ariat?	Yes No Not applicable No information
	Changes in permit forr					<b></b>
	Changes in designation		of releva	ant official	s:	
2	To date, has your country for any of the following?	y developed wr	tten peri	mit proced	lures	Tick if applicable
				Yes	No	No information
	Permit issuance/acceptan	ice			$\square$	
	Registration of traders				$\square$	
	Registration of producers				$\square$	
3	Please indicate how many period? (Note that actual question refers to issued	I trade is report				-
	Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re- export	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	Import: 11 Introduction from the sea:9	520	1,400	0	
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?					There were several denied cases, but actual number is not available.
	Year 2 How many documents were issued?	Import: 5 Introduction from the sea: 7	409	1,535	0	
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?					There were several denied cases, but actual number is not available.
4	Were any CITES docume replaced because of serio				ed and	Yes  No  No information
5	If Yes, please give the rea	asons for this.				

6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES docum other countries.	nents fro	om	Tick if applicable
	Reason	Yes	No	No information
	Technical violations	$\square$		
	Suspected fraud	$\square$		
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment		$\square$	
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition		$\square$	
	Other (specify)			
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management procedure for issuance of permits?	tool in ti	he	Yes  No No information
	Comments			
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been re	equester	d to p	rovide opinions?
	26 times (Fisheries Agency) 2005: import 9, export28 / 2006: import 4, expor In addition to the above-mentioned numbers. issurance of permits on CITES Article 3 and 4.			s advies from SA at
9	Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, regist	ration o	r	Tick if applicable
	related CITES activities?			
	<ul> <li>Issuance of CITES documents:</li> </ul>		_	
	<ul> <li>Licensing or registration of operations that produce species:</li> </ul>	Ce CITE	5	
	<ul> <li>Harvesting of CITES-listed species :</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Use of CITES-listed species:</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species:</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Importing of CITES-listed species:</li> </ul>			
	- Other (specify):			
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees.			
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the impleme	ntation	of	Tick if applicable
	CITES or wildlife conservation?			
	– Entirely:			
	- Partly:			
	– Not at all:			
	<ul> <li>Not relevant:</li> </ul>			
	Comments:			
12	Please provide details of any additional measures 経、水	taken:		

### D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities effectiveness of CITES implementation					ance	Tick if applica	ble
	Increased budget for activities		Impro netwo	vemen orks	t of r	natior	nal	$\square$
	Hiring of more staff			ase of oring/e			equipment for nt	$\square$
	Development of implementation tools	$\square$	Comp	uteriza	tion			$\square$
	- Other (specify)							
2	Have the CITES authorities receive building activities provided by exte			from a	any c	of the	following capacity	
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity. Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources	
	Staff of Management Authority	$\square$					NGOs	
	Staff of Scientific Authority	$\square$					Specialists	
	Staff of enforcement authorities	$\square$						
	Traders	$\square$						
	NGOs	$\square$						
	Public							
	Other (specify)							

3	Have the CITES authorities been the activities?	e <i>provi</i>	<i>ders</i> of	any of	the	follo	wing capacity building
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity. Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details
	Staff of Management Authority	$\square$					Training programs
	Staff of Scientific Authority	$\boxtimes$					Oral discussions
	Staff of enforcement authorities	$\square$					Training programs
	Traders						
	NGOs	$\square$					Oral discussions
	Public						
	Other parties/International meetings						
	Other (specify)						
4	Please provide details of any addition	onal me	easures	taken:	-		

#### D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?	Yes	$\square$
		No	
		No information	
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?		
	Inter-Ministerial Coordinating Committee to CITES is composed of Cabinet Office, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and National Police Agency. This Committee is held 2-3 times a year.		

3	If No, please ind Management A MAs, SAs, Cus	uthority	to ensure	e co-ordina	-		-		er
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Otl (spe	-
	Meetings								
	Consultations								
4	At the national collaborate with		ave there I	been any e	efforts to	Tick if	applicable	Deta avail	
	Agencies for de	velopm	nent and ti	rade					
	Provincial, state	e or teri	itorial aut	horities					
	Local authorities	s or co	mmunities						
	Indigenous peop	oles							
	Trade or other p	orivate	sector ass	ociations			$\square$		
	NGOs						$\square$		
	Other (specify)								
5	To date, have a arrangements fo agreed betweer agencies?	or instit	utional co	operation	related to C	ITES be		if appli	cable
	Scientific Autho	ority							$\square$
	Customs								$\square$
	Police								$\boxtimes$
	Other border au	Ithoritie	s (specify	)					
	Other governme	ent age	ncies						
	Private sector b	odies							
	NGOs								
	Other (specify)								
6	Have Governme activities related			ated in an	y regional		Tick	if appli	cable
	Workshops								$\square$
	Meetings								$\square$
	Other (specify)								
7	Has there been	-		courage a	ny non-Part	to to	Yes		
	accede to the (	onven	tion?				No		$\square$
							No inform	ation	
8	If Yes, which o	ne(s) ar	nd in what	t way?					

9	Has technical or financial assistance been provided to	Yes	$\square$
	another country in relation to CITES?	No	
		No information	
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was p	rovided?	
	-Financial assistance to the MIKE Projects		
	19,000 USD (November 2005)		
	30,000 USD (March 2006)		
11	Has any data been provided for inclusion in the CITES	Yes	
	Identification Manual?	No	$\boxtimes$
		No information	
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
13	Have measures been taken to achieve co-ordination and	Yes	$\square$
	reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental	No	
	agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related Conventions)?	No information	
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
	In Japan, instead of establishing an inter-ministerial con- multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) including CI Division of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as a diplomatic a matters concerned en bloc. Also, consultation and coordinat the relevant Focal Points of other MEAs by providing informat	TES, Global Environ uthority, administers tion is undertaken al	ment s the
	Inter-Ministerial Coordinating Committee is set up for imple Biodiversity Strategy of Japan under CBD, and consultation a actions on biodiversity conservation are implemented through	nd coordination rega	
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

### D8 Areas for future work

1	Are any of the following activities needed to enhance effective implementation at the national level and what is the respective			
	Activity	High	Medium	Low
	Increased budget for activities	$\square$		
	Hiring of more staff	$\square$		
	Development of implementation tools		$\square$	
	Improvement of national networks			
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement			
	Computerization			$\square$
	Other (specify)			

2	Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	Yes No No information	
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?		
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention	Yes	
	arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	No	$\boxtimes$
		No information	
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attentic required.	on or assistance that	: is
6	Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been	Yes	
	identified within the Convention that would benefit from	No	$\boxtimes$
	review and/or simplification?	No information	
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

#### E. General feedback

Please provide any additional comments you would like to make, including comments on this format.

Thank you for completing the form. Please remember to include relevant attachments, referred to in the report. For convenience these are listed again below:

Question	Item	-	
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	$\square$
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
D4(10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
	Comments		

(Attachment)

## C7 Details of violations and results of prosecutions

(The information of court activity in the following cases is not available.)

- Two persons smuggled radiated tortoises (*geochelone radiate*) by Express Mail Service from Bangkok, Thailand in August 2004, and sold them on an internet auction site during September and October same year.

Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department arrested them on suspicion of the violation of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Control Law, and the Law for the Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and 3 other suspects who bought these tortoises were also arrested in January 2005.

- Okinawa Prefectural Police arrested two Taiwanese smugglers of 1738 pieces of ivory on suspicion of the violation of Customs Law in January 2005.

The attempt of smuggling had been uncovered by customs inspection at Naha International Airport.

- A pet-shop manager, in conspiracy with a zoo director, falsely registered and sold 4 specimens of false gavial (*tomistoma schlegelii*) which had been smuggled from Indonesia, in an illegal manner in 2003. The manager also smuggled radiated tortoise, ground iguanas etc.

Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department has arrested 5 suspects including those manager and zoo director on suspicion of the violation of the Article 157 of the Criminal Law (false entry in a license), the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Control Law, and the Law for the Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora until March 2006.

- Since April 2006, a Chinese student group has smuggled wild specimens of *Paphiopedilum spp.* by Express Mail Service and sold them on an internet auction site.

Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department arrested 7 suspects on suspicion of the violation of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law as well as the Law for the Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and arrested 30 other suspects who bought these plants on suspicion of the violation of the Law for the Conservation of Endangered Species until December 2006.