ASK BEFORE YOU BUY

When you travel in the Caribbean, you’ll find wildlife and plant products for sale—as jewelry, clothes, pets, souvenirs, and more. But just because something is for sale doesn’t mean it’s legal to take 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.

OUR PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION

U.S. Wildlife Trafficking Alliance

WWF

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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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BUYER BEWARE LIST

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

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

QUESTIONS ABOUT A PURCHASE?
Contact local natural resource agencies, the country’s CITES Management Authority, or check:

fws.gov/international/permits
fws.gov/le/tips-for-travelers.html
www.cites.org

REMEMBER: WHEN IN DOUBT, DON’T BUY!