



# WILDLIFE IMPORT AND EXPORT:

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After visit to Vantara, global wildlife panel CITES recommends India pause animal imports.

## About Vantara Zoo

- Vantara (meaning Star of the Forest) is a private, non-commercial wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre.
- Located inside the Jamnagar Refinery Township, Gujarat.
- Mission: To provide care, conservation, and rehabilitation for injured, abandoned, and rescued animals.
- First-of-its-Kind in India: Largest privately managed facility for animal welfare and biodiversity rescue.

## About CITES

- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- Originally conceived in 1963 at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) meeting, it entered into force in 1975
- Voluntary international agreement between governments ensuring international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival.
- Secretariat: Administered by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) at Geneva, Switzerland.
- IUCN provides scientific and technical services to the CITES Secretariat.
- Parties: 185 parties (States or regional economic organizations). India ratified in 1976.
- Although CITES is legally binding on the Parties, it does not take the place of national laws, rather each party implements it through its own domestic legislation