

APPENDIX I

Includes species threatened with extinction. International trade is only permitted in exceptional circumstances.

1992

Bog Turtle (*Glyptemys muhlenbergi*)

APPENDIX II

International trade is permitted but controlled based on a system of permits and certificates. It includes species not necessarily threatened with extinction, but for whom trade must be controlled in order to avoid utilization incompatible with their survival in the wild. Includes species that resemble species already included in Appendix I or II.

1977

Mojave Desert Tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*)

Texas Tortoise (*Gopherus berlandieri*)

Sonora Desert Tortoise (*Gopherus morafkai*)

Gopher Tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*)

1992

Wood Turtle (*Glyptemys insculpta*)

1995

Box Turtle (*Terrapene c. carolina*)

Ornate Box Turtle (*Terrapene ornata*)

2013

Spotted Turtle (*Clemmys guttata*)

Blanding's Turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*)

Diamondback Terrapin (*Malaclemys terrapin*)



Species listed in CITES Appendix I or II

A proposal has been submitted by at least one range country at the CITES Conference of the Parties (which occurs once every 3 years) and must be approved by 2/3 majority.

APPENDIX III

Includes species that are protected in at least one country, which has asked other CITES countries for assistance in documenting trade. International trade is permitted but tracked.

2006

Suwannee Alligator Snapping Turtle (*Macrochelys suwanniensis*)

Western Alligator Snapping Turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*)

Barbour's Map Turtle (*Graptemys barbouri*)

Cagle's Map Turtle (*Graptemys caglei*)

Escambia Map Turtle (*Graptemys ernsti*)

Yellow-blotched Sawback (*Graptemys flavimaculata*)

Common Map Turtle (*Graptemys geographica*)

Pascagoula Map Turtle (*Graptemys gibbonsi*)

Black-knobbed Sawback (*Graptemys nigrinoda*)

Ringed Sawback (*Graptemys oculifera*)

Ouachita Map Turtle (*Graptemys ouachitensis*)

Pearl River Map Turtle (*Graptemys pearlensis*)

False Map Turtle (*Graptemys pseudogeographica*)

Alabama Map Turtle (*Graptemys pulchra*)

Sabine Map Turtle (*Graptemys sabinensis*)

Texas Map Turtle (*Graptemys versa*)

2016

Common Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*)

Florida Softshell Turtle (*Apalone ferox*)

Smooth Softshell Turtle (*Apalone mutica*)

Spiny Softshell Turtle (*Apalone spinifera*)

Species listed in CITES Appendix III

A range country can add a species to Appendix III at any time without approval from the full CITES body. It is an international trade tracking tool to determine if an Appendix I or II listing may or may not be warranted.



U.S. CITES export permits are issued only after finding that the species (including parts & products) are:

- legally acquired;
- the export is not detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild (**not required for Appendix III**); and
- live specimen will be prepared and shipped humanely.

Likelihood of proposals to list additional species in the CITES Appendices

- The next CITES Conference of the Parties (CoP) is in November 2022. Species listing proposals must be submitted by June. It is likely an Appendix I or II listing proposal will be submitted by a range country for a species that occurs within the U.S. (e.g., Kinosternon (Mud turtles) due to increased illegal trade of Mexico turtles in the genus).
- Public input solicited by the USFWS in the March 2021 Federal Register Notice resulted in several recommendations for additional turtle listing proposals. The Federal Register Notice denoting the species proposals the U.S. are considering for the CoP should be published soon.
- Conversely, there's been no indication that the USFWS is considering adding any turtles to Appendix III.



AFWA's Amphibian & Reptile Committee is helping gather input from the States Agencies for herpetofauna. Kerry Wixted is our point of contact and has already assisted with a request for info last fall.