State Forestry Administration announces first batch of species on the "List of Terrestrial Wildlife under Special State Protection for Captive Breeding"

Xinhua. Beijing. June 28, 2017 (Guo Xiangyu). On June 28, the State Forestry Administration issued an announcement and published the first batch of species on the "List of Terrestrial Wildlife under Special State Protection for Captive Breeding", including nine species: sika deer, red deer, ostrich, rhea, giant Asian pond turtle, Nile crocodile, saltwater crocodile, Siamese crocodile, and Indian bullfrog.

This list has been issued in accordance with Article 28 of the newly-revised Wildlife Protection Law, using evaluation criteria proposed by experts, following the extensive soliciting of opinions from wildlife departments of various provinces and relevant society groups, and having been assessed scientifically by experts. The wildlife included on the list have established techniques for captive breeding and are bred on a relatively large scale; do not require the capturing of seed stock from the wild, or can satisfy rational demand for the species and its products for use in legal applications without reliance on wild populations; and breeding operations are beneficial in relieving pressure on wild populations.

This list will be formally in effect from July 1, 2017. When the list is in effect, units breeding these species shall obtain 'special markings' in line with production quotas authorised by the wildlife protection department at the provincial level, and with this 'special marking' may carry out selling, purchasing and utilisation activities, thereby shortening the examination and approval process between the captive breeding of wildlife for which there exists established breeding techniques and commercial activities, improving the efficiency of this examination and approval, strengthening the management of sources of wildlife products, and avoiding the leakage of illegally-sourced wildlife products into legal channels.

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