

CITES Wildlife TradeView – Term conversion tables

Reported term code	Converted to	Additional notes
LEA – Leather SKO – Leather items SHO – Shoe	LPS – Leather product (small)	
BPR – Bone product	BOC – Bone carving	
FRA – Spectacle frame	CAR – Carving	
FRN – Furniture	CAR – Carving	
HEA – Head	SKU – Skull	
HOS – Horn scrap	HOP – Horn piece	
IVS – Ivory scrap	IVP – Ivory piece	
LEG - Frogs leg	MEA – Meat	When reported by weight only
PKY – Set of piano keys	KEY – Piano key	Quantity *52
SCR – Scrap	DER – Derivative	
SID – Side	SKI – Skin	Quantity /2 when reported by number only
SKS - Skin scrap	SKP – Skin piece	
TIC – Timber carving	WPR – Wood product	
TIP – Timber piece	TIM – Timber	
VNM – Venom	EXT – Extract	
WOO – Wood products	WPR – Wood product	

Taxon-specific term conversions

Birds

QUI – Quill	FEA – Feather	Class Aves only
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Reptiles

SHE – Shell	CAP – Carapace	Order Testudines only
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Fish

DER – Derivatives	EXT – Extract	Family Acipenseridae only
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EGG – Eggs	CAV – Caviar	Family Acipenseridae only
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Plants

DER – Derivative	EXT – Extract	Genera <i>Aloe</i> and <i>Euphorbia</i> only
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POW – Powder	EXT – Extract	Genera <i>Aloe</i> and <i>Euphorbia</i> only
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ROO – Root	LIV – Live	Genera <i>Galanthus</i> , <i>Cyclamen</i> and <i>Sternbergia</i> only
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Units

All trade reported in a unit of measure (e.g. by weight, volume) was converted to standardised units (m, m², m³, kg and l) to make the data more comparable. Trade reported without a unit, or without an equivalent unit of measure (e.g. bags, bottles, boxes, cans, cartons, cases, flasks, items, pieces, sets, shipments) was considered to be measured in “number of specimens”. Trade was also considered to be in “number of specimens” when reported in pairs (quantity was multiplied by 2 to give the correct number of specimens in trade), and when “bellyskin”, “hornback” or “backskin” were reported as the unit of measure. Taxon-specific conversions were also applied to corals and select timber taxa. The unit code for ‘number of specimens’ was updated to ‘NAR’ in May 2021 in the [Guidelines for preparation and submission of CITES annual reports](#), but if no code is specified, this will be reflected as ‘blank’ in the CITES Trade Database and assumed to mean ‘number of specimens’. Prior to this, all records with the unit ‘number of specimens’ were reported as ‘no.’ or ‘blank’ and represented as ‘blank’ in the CITES Trade Database. Filtering on ‘number of specimens’ therefore includes data with unit reported as ‘NAR’ and ‘blank’.

Corals

Where possible, trade in live and raw coral was converted to the recommended units of measure using the following conversion factors:

Reported term/unit	Converted to	Conversion factor
Live (kg)	Live (number of specimens)	÷ 0.206
Raw (number of specimens)	Raw (kg)	x 0.580

Source: [Green & Shirley. 1999. The global trade in corals. Cambridge, UK, World Conservation Monitoring Centre](#)

Timber

Where timber densities were available, trade in timber species reported by weight (kg) was converted into volume (m³) by dividing by the following density conversion factors:

Taxon	Density (kg/m ³)	Source
<i>Abies guatemalensis</i>	350	CITES ID Manual - <i>Abies guatemalensis</i> - Timber
<i>Araucaria araucana</i>	570	CITES ID Manual - <i>Araucaria araucana</i> - Timber
<i>Cedrela odorata</i>	440	CITES ID Manual - <i>Cedrela odorata</i> - Timber
<i>Dalbergia nigra</i>	970	CITES ID Manual - <i>Dalbergia nigra</i> - Timber
<i>Fitzroya cupressoides</i>	480	CITES ID Manual - <i>Fitzroya cupressoides</i> - Timber
<i>Gonystylus</i> spp.	660	CITES ID Manual - <i>Gonystylus</i> - Timber
<i>Guaiacum officinale</i>	1230	CITES ID Manual - <i>Guaiacum officinale</i> - Timber
<i>Guaiacum sanctum</i>	1230	CITES ID Manual - <i>Guaiacum sanctum</i> - Timber
<i>Pericopsis elata</i>	725	CITES ID Manual - <i>Pericopsis elata</i> - Timber
<i>Prunus africana</i>	740	CITES ID Manual - <i>Prunus africana</i> - Timber
<i>Swietenia humilis</i>	610	CITES ID Manual - <i>Swietenia humilis</i> - Timber

Taxon	Density (kg/m ³)	Source
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	730	CITES ID Manual - <i>Swietenia macrophylla</i> - Timber
<i>Swietenia mahagoni</i>	750	CITES ID Manual - <i>Swietenia mahagoni</i> - Timber

Source: CITES Identification Manual: Flora. Available at https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/prog/id_material/Identification_materials_Volume6_EN.pdf