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Seals and Sealing Network (SSN)
Le réseau des gestionnaires de la ressource du phoque

To whom it may concern,

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement which regulates trade in a number of species of animals and plants, their parts and derivatives, and any products made from them. The Convention is applied in Canada in accordance with the *Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations (WAPTR)* made under the *Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (WAPPRITA)*.

This letter is to inform you that there are only four (4) species of seals protected under CITES. The species protected under CITES are:

- Monk seals (*Monachus spp*)
 - Mediterranean monk seal (*Monachus monachus*)
 - Hawaiian monk seal (*Monachus schauinslandi*)
 - Caribbean or West Indian monk seal (*Monachus tropicalis*)
- South atlantic elephant seal (*Mirounga leonina*)

Any other seal species such as those typically harvested in Canada (e.g. Harp seal - *Pagophilus groenlandicus*, Grey seal - *Halichoerus grypus*, Ringed seal - *Pusa hispida* or Harbor seal - *Phoca vitulina*) are not listed in any of the CITES appendices, nor listed in the species list of WAPTR. This therefore means that no Canadian CITES permits are required to transport specimens or products from those species from Canada.

This confirmation applies for ANY shipment of this species from Canada.

It is recommended to check with the country of destination for any restrictions they may have with the import of such species. Each country has jurisdiction on what they will allow into their country.

Yours Sincerely,

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