

CITES news - Prague



Czech Environmental Inspectorate



Probosciger atterimus



Amazona auropalliata

LARGE CITES EVENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC (found stamp of UK MA CITES and blank EU certificates!!!)

26.7.2011 – Within **twelve house searches** in different breeder's facilities that took place throughout the Czech Republic customs officers in collaboration with wildlife inspectors from CEI seized **34 very rare parrots and 56 turtles (Appendix A, CITES I)**. Specifically 19x *Probosciger atterimus*, 5x *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*, 6x *Amazona brasiliensis*, 2x *Amazona auropalliata*, 1x *Amazona vinacea*, 1x *Amazona pretrei* and 56x *Testudo hermanni*.

This seizure is part of “**Operation Festival**”, which has been prepared after the important seizure of *Anodorhynchus leari* during the “**Operation Lora**” last year - focused on illegal trade of rare parrots, use and production of false CITES EU documents, wrong marking, etc.



The recent realization started early in the morning of 26th July and the last house search finished on the 27th July around 1 a.m. The price of seized animals is approximately nine million Czech crowns (373 000 €).

Amazona brasiliensis

All seized birds were placed to rescue centres around the Czech Republic. Two persons were charged with a criminal offense of unauthorized use of protected wild fauna and flora, and five persons suspected of committing a crime. The investigation is still continuing.

The most important is **seizure of an official stamp of the UK CITES Management Authority (Bristol) and blank originals of UK certificates.**



First health check of seized specimen at the rescue center



Stamp of the CITES Management Authority of Bristol



Seized specimens weighing at the rescue centre

European Community		CERTIFICATE	
Member States only for specimens listed in Annex A:		Not for use outside the European Community	
UNITED KINGDOM		No. /02	
<p>1. Description of specimens (List number, description of parts for look accounts)</p> <p>One live cockatiel Wearing close ring Banded</p>		<p>2. Issuing Management Authority:</p> <p>WILDLIFE LICENSING & REGISTRATION SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT TOLLGATE HOUSE BOULTON STREET BRISTOL, ENGLAND</p>	
<p>3. Scientific name of specimen</p> <p><i>Nympholais japonica</i></p>		<p>4. Quantity</p> <p>1</p>	
<p>5. Date of issue</p> <p>10/01/2007</p>		<p>6. Date of issue</p> <p>10/01/2007</p>	
<p>7. Signature of Issuing Authority</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> James Oliver Name of Issuing Officer Bristol (UK) (01/07)</p>		<p>8. Country of Origin</p> <p>United Kingdom</p>	
<p>9. Country of Destination</p> <p>Czech Republic</p>		<p>10. Date of issue</p> <p>10/01/2007</p>	
<p>11. Special Conditions:</p> <p>(a) Display for public for commercial purposes</p> <p>(b) Keeping for sale</p> <p>(c) Offspring for sale</p> <p>(d) Transporting for sale</p>			

Example of forged certificate

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