

# United States Fish and Wildlife Service Import Requirements

## Hunter Harvested Trophies

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# United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Branch of the national government (USDI):

- ✓ Administers and enforces CITES (Cites authority)
- ✓ USFWS administers and enforces the U. S. Endangered species act.

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## **United States Endangered Species Act**

A national law, that has international provisions.

- ✓ Allows for listing of wildlife world wide.
- ✓ Authorizes USFWS international law enforcement powers on US citizens and US residents hunting overseas.

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## United States Endangered Species Act

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- ✓ Listing of a species is based on evaluation of the “*best scientific data available*”
- ✓ Species are either listed as “**Threatened**” or “**Endangered**”.

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## United States Endangered Species Act

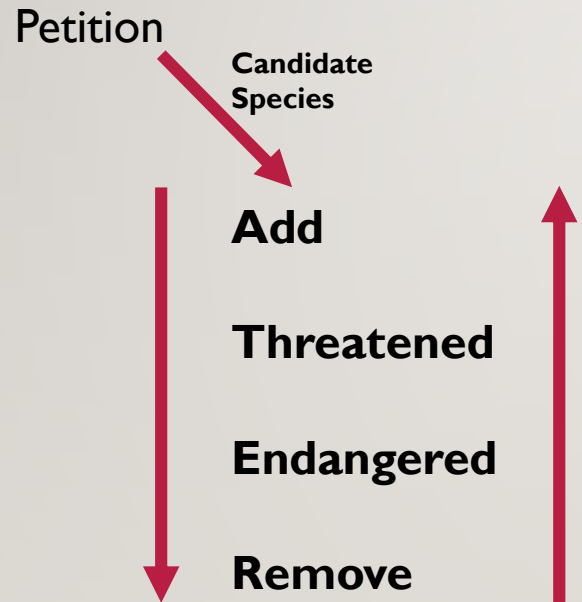
A national law, that has international provisions.

- ✓ **“Endangered”** No legal hunting. (by US citizens)
- ✓ **“Threatened”** Maybe hunting under certain circumstances.



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## United States Endangered Species Act



- ✓ Species may be placed on the list, down listed, up listed, or removed.
- ✓ USFWS reviews “best scientific data available”
- ✓ Proposed decisions by USFWS are advertised for a public review period on the Federal Register.
- ✓ Before a final decision USFWS answers all posed questions.

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## **United States Endangered Species Act**

Selected provisions of ESA:

- ✓ The act requires recovery plans.
- ✓ Requires a monitoring system for candidate species.
- ✓ USFWS also has emergency listing powers.

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USFWS international law enforcement powers?

- ✓ While the ESA or US CITES decisions only apply to US citizens or residents, USFWS can control what US hunters are allowed to do.
- ✓ USFWS supports managed hunting as a tool for conservation, it does not want US citizens contributing to the problem.



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NA hunters make up a significant portion of the market for wild sheep and goats:

- ✓ Wild sheep species are the most popular to US hunters.
- ✓ However, a significant number also hunt Ibex and Markhor.

i.e. For Torghar from 1986-2006 62% of urial, 20 % markhor harvested by NA hunters. (US citizens were not allowed to import markhor)

What does all this have to do with Tajikistan?

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TAJIK, HEPTNER'S or BUKHARAN MARKHOR (*Capra falconeri heptneri*)

## ESA

Not Listed

## CITES

Appendix I Import permit to enter USA

CITES export permit from country of origin

Importation of a CITES Appendix I species requires a special exception ruling by USFWS

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*Argali (Ovis ammon)*

## **ESA**

Threatened (Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan)

Appendix II Cites Import permit to enter  
USA (limited number)

CITES export permit from country of origin

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Urial (*Ovis vignei bocharensis*)

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Maintaining community-based sustainable use hunting programs requires cooperation and coordination between countries.



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