



Reporting Wildlife Crime

Why report?

- Illegal importing of exotic wildlife and unregulated harvesting of wild animals and plants can cause extinctions and other damage to Australia's environment.
- Exotic animals and plants can cause havoc to the Australian environment and industries by killing or competing with native species or spreading diseases.
- Wildlife trafficking may be linked to other crimes such as drug trafficking.

Reportable wildlife crimes

- Exporting a living Australian native mammal, reptile, bird or amphibian on the CITES list to another country to sell.
- Importing by-products of the above wildlife.
- Importing a pet to Australia if the pet is a wild animal species (such as an exotic snake) or a hybrid of a wild animal (such as a Savannah cat). Live animals can only be imported if they are on the live import list.
- Keeping an animal in Australia that was bred from an animal imported illegally.

What should be reported?

- Wildlife smuggling or trafficking
- Someone who is keeping or importing wildlife or wildlife parts from overseas without approval
- Someone who is exporting native plants and animals to other countries without approval.