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Köhlerschildkröten – billige Massenware oder vom Aussterben bedroht?

Red-footed tortoises – cheap bulk article or endangered species?

Abstract

In this article we investigate the numbers of *Chelonoidis carbonaria* in the international animal trade. Even though the tortoise is considered to be endangered, export quotas of wild caught specimens have not been examined for many years. We denounce inadequate controls of quotas, as well as farming and ranching practices by evaluating the official CITES statistical data.

We present data and arguments that provide evidence of inadequate controls of quotas, as well as farming and ranching practices, based on the official CITES statistical data.

Key words

Testudines, *Chelonoidis carbonaria*, threat, conservation, trade volume, CITES quotas

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