

Captive management of wildlife in Mexico

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Abstract: In Mexico there are two types of management: wildlife or free-living, which is carried out with specimens or populations of species that develop in natural conditions, without imposing restrictions on their movements; and intensive or captive management, which is carried out on specimens or populations of wild species in captivity or confinement. To carry out the management and sustainable use of wildlife in Mexico, it is necessary to have a registered Wildlife Conservation Management Unit (UMA) or Property or Facility that Manages Wildlife in Confined Form, Outside its Natural Habitat (PIMVS). UMA are registered properties and facilities that operate in accordance with an approved management plan and their general objective is the conservation of the natural habitat, populations, and specimens of wild species. PIMVS are properties that manage wildlife in a confined manner for the controlled reproduction of species or populations for commercial use. There are 109 intensively managed UMA registered in the country and 73 PIMVS that manage specimens, parts, or derivatives of Morelet's crocodile (*Crocodylus moreletii*), American crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*) and Common caiman (*Caiman crocodilus*) and are located mainly in Veracruz, Campeche, Tabasco, Yucatán and Quintana Roo. The commercialization of wildlife is a legal activity if the legal origin of the specimens, parts and derivatives is demonstrated with the mark and the authorization for commercial use, whose information includes the "official number, breeding farm data (UMA or PIMVS), owner's data, species, use rate, proportion of the rate, must be replicated in sales invoices, which is verifiable at any moment by the competent authorities.

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