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TWENTY-FIVE FOREIGN SPECIES LISTED AS ENDANGERED

Several gazelles and deer, some from the Peoples Republic of China, and the rednecked Amazon parrot are among the 25 foreign species that have been classified as endangered by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The rule, listing the species from numerous countries in Asia, Africa, and South America, was published in the June 25, 1979, Federal Register.

Habitat destruction and subsistence or uncontrolled killing are the primary causes for most of the species' decline. All are considered endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

Listing the wildlife under the Endangered Species Act will aid in their conservation by prohibiting all interstate or foreign commerce of these species without a permit and by requiring Federal agencies to refrain from funding, authorizing, or carrying out any activities in the affected foreign countries that would jeopardize the species' continued existence. Federal agencies must also utilize their authorities to promote the conservation of these species. As a result of the listings, foreign currencies and U.S. personnel also become available to assist the countries in developing management and conservation programs.

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The newly classified endangered species and their countries of origin are:

| <u>SPECIES</u> | <u>COUNTRY</u> |
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| Cat, Iriomote | Iriomote Island, Ryukyu Islands |
| Civet, Malabar large spotted | India |
| Deer, Bactrian | USSR, Afghanistan |
| Deer, Barbary | Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco |
| Deer, Corsican | Corsica, Sardinia |
| Deer, Yarkand | Chinese Turkestan |
| Duiker, Jentinks | Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast |
| Eland, western | Senegal to Ivory Coast |
| Fox, Simian | Ethiopia |
| Gazelle Arabian | Arabian Peninsula including Israel |
| Gazelle, Pelzeln's | Somalia |
| Gazelle, sand | Arabian Peninsula, Jordan |
| Gazelle, Saudi | Israel, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait |
| Hartebeest, Swayne's | Somalia, Ethiopia |
| Hartebeest, Tora | Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt |
| Muntjac, Fea's | Burma, Thailand |
| Rabbit, Ryukyu | Ryukyu Islands |
| Sika, Formosan | Taiwan |
| Sika, North China | Shansi, China |
| Sika, Ryukyu | Ryukyu Islands |
| Sika, Shansi | Shansi, China |
| Sika, South China | Yangtze Valley, China |
| Suni, Zanzibar | Zanzibar Island, Tanzania |
| Tahr, Arabian | Oman |
| Parrot, rednecked Amazon | Dominica |

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