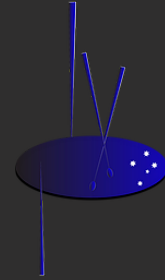


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Travelling players urged to check on need for bagpipe permit

Members may be aware of recent reports that African Blackwood has been added to the list of endangered species under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)

As a result, a CITES permit may now be required to import and export any bagpipes, bagpipe components or practice chanter made from African Blackwood. Previously, this only applied to bagpipes containing ivory.

Pipe Bands Australia understands the addition of African Blackwood came into effect from 2 January 2017. While the Australian Government database of CITES species does not currently list African Blackwood, players planning to take their pipes overseas are advised to consult the Department of Environment website <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/cites/how-cites-works> and email wildlifetrade@environment.gov.au to inquire on the need to obtain a permit.

As further information becomes available, it will be communicated to members.



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