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IPPL E-Bulletin

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Protest the Mass Shipment of Macaque Monkeys from Cambodia!

Dear E-Friends,

When one thinks of Cambodia, one has an image of ancient Buddhist temples, saffron-garbed monks, and lush jungles full of wildlife—including chattering monkeys. In the past, Cambodia was never mentioned in statistics of the international monkey slave trade!

Sadly, things have changed in recent years. In September 2005, a Chinese company operating in Cambodia shipped 120 monkeys to the United States; the following December, another 120 monkeys left their homeland forever. Unfortunately, most of these monkeys are likely to live miserable lives in U.S. laboratories, being used in infectious disease and biowarfare experiments—never to see their homeland again.

The situation escalated in 2006 when 2,532 monkeys, purportedly bred in Cambodia, reached the United States. IPPL received reports on alleged unsatisfactory conditions at these facilities, and our contacts expressed their suspicions that wild-caught monkeys were being exported on fake “captive-born” documents.

Please contact the US Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Law Enforcement to request that it undertake an investigation of whether wild-caught monkeys from Cambodia are being exported to the United States and being declared as “captive-born.”

Director of Law Enforcement
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
4401 North Fairfax Drive
Arlington, VA 22204
(Fax: 703-356-2271)

Also, please contact the Ambassador of Cambodia to your country requesting total protection of Cambodia’s monkeys. In the United States the address is:

Royal Embassy of Cambodia
4530 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011
(Fax: 202-726-8381)
mail@embassyofcambodia.org

Sincerely,

Dr. Shirley McGreal, IPPL Chairwoman



▲ Baby monkeys awaiting export from Cambodia; where are their mothers?



▲ Tiny, filthy cages filled with single-housed macaque monkeys at a Cambodian “monkey farm.”

Action Note: Other Cambodian embassies are listed online (<http://www.embassy.org/cambodia/embassies.html>).

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