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Stop the Sale of "Taxidermy Bats"™

Taxidermy bats, often described as "real and very rare," are for sale everyday on eBay. Most come from Southeast Asia, and up to a dozen or more of these mounted bats are listed on a typical day. You can help stop the sale of these bats by asking eBay to end this sad commerce.



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We learned of this problem when several concerned members contacted us, asking if anything could be done. A number of regulations govern the importation of non-native bat species and specimens into the United States, the United Kingdom and other countries. In the U.S., both the USDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have regulatory authority, while importers and exporters must register with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Whether these eBay importers meet such requirements is unknown.

Most "taxidermy bats" are poorly identified, so the bats being killed typically cannot be classified. However, we know that many of the world's bat species are listed as threatened and endangered, and many more are at risk.

Please write to eBay today and ask that they stop the sale of bats through their site or, at a minimum, confirm in every case that the bats were legally obtained and imported under U.S. and international laws and regulations.

You will find a link to an online petition at BCI's website: www.batcon.org. However, we know that your letters to eBay management can have a powerful, direct impact on their business practices. Write to:

Jeff Jordan

Senior Vice President, U.S. Business

eBay Inc.

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