

# Le commerce des animaux exotiques de compagnie

## L'exemple du Japon et des cafés à animaux exotiques

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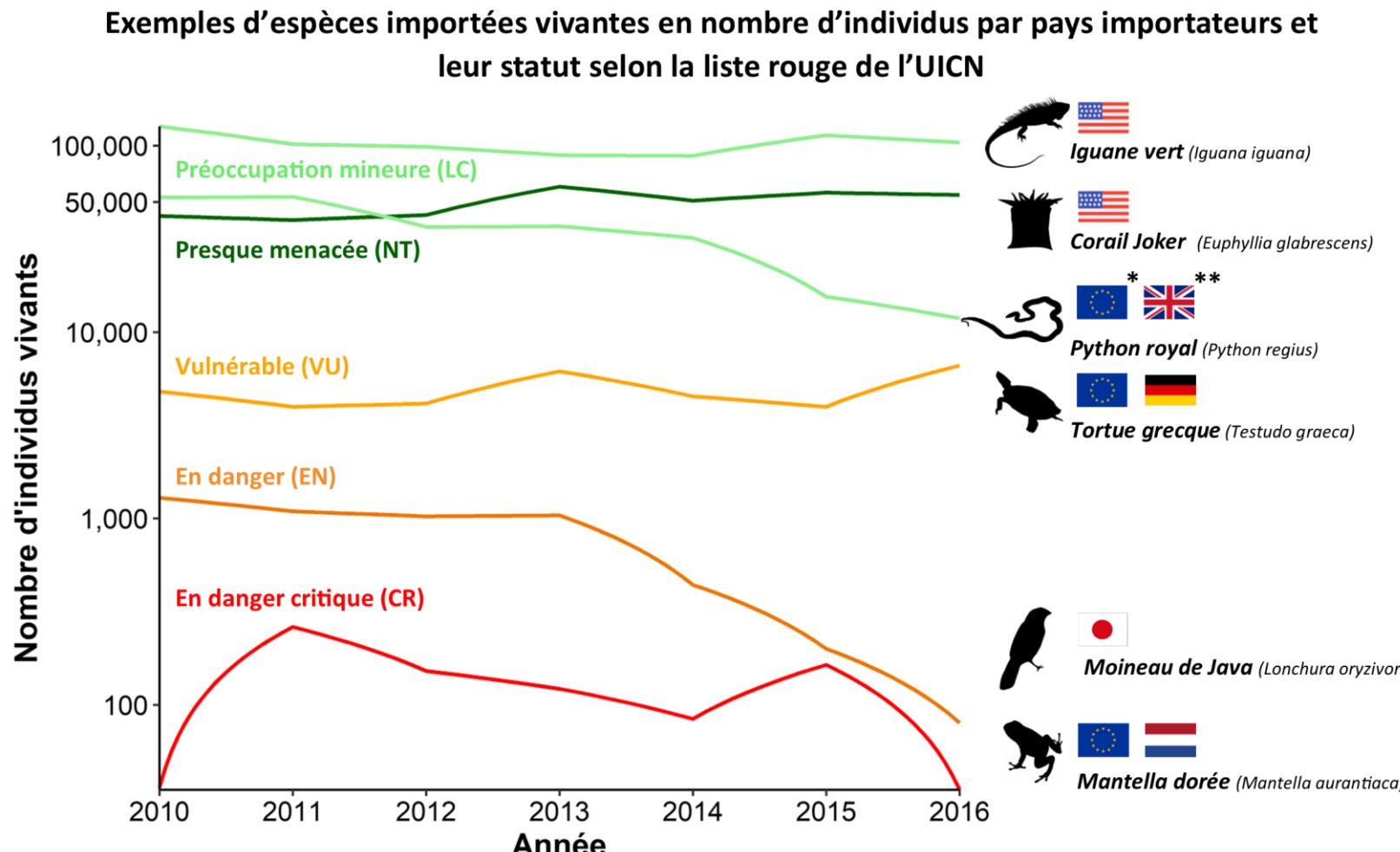
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## • Pays occidentaux, grands consommateurs



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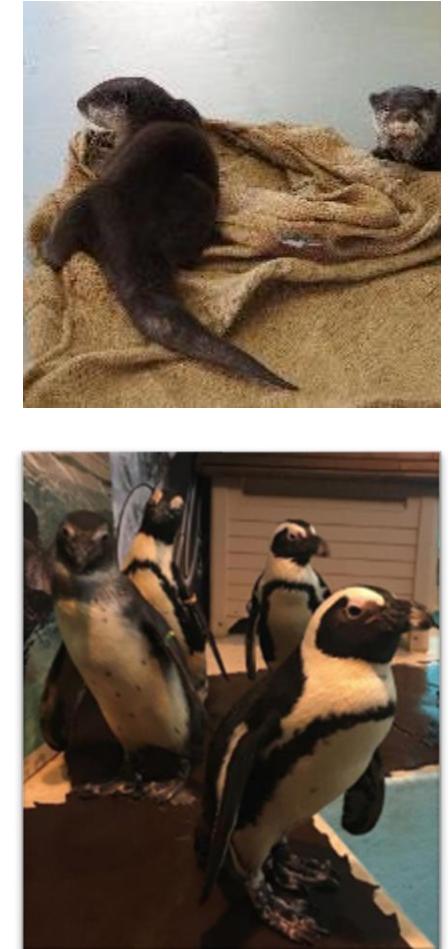
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**Des « pets cafés » présentant des animaux exotiques**

# Café à animaux exotiques

L'offre s'est diversifiée



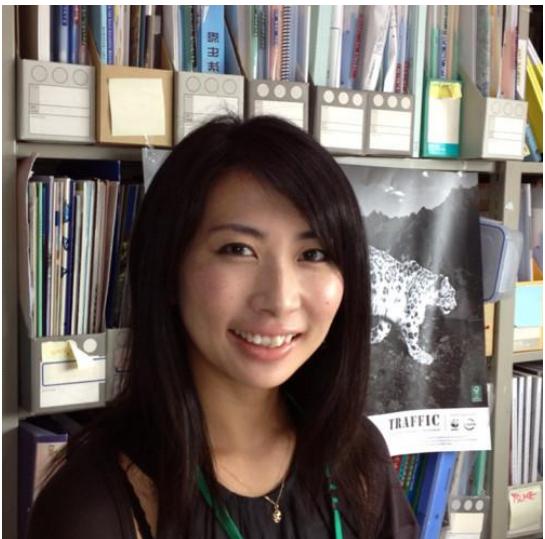




# Café à animaux exotiques

## Objectifs

- Investiguer l'ampleur du phénomène
- Quantifier la diversité des espèces concernées
- Explorer les origines des espèces présentées
- Discuter les implications d'un tel phénomène



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the wildlife trade monitoring network



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# Café à animaux exotiques

## Methods

- **Online surveys** : 136 websites and 301 social media accounts
- **Key words**: “animal café” (動物カフェ) “pet café” (ペットカフェ); “petting zoo”; “owl café” (フクロウカフェ); “hedgehog café” (ハリネズミカフェ); “bird café” (鳥カフェ); “otter café” (カワウソカフェ); and “reptile café” (爬虫類カフェ)
- **Species identification**
- **CITES database, IUCN status, japanese status**



Invasive Species of Japan

# Répartition

**142 EACs (2010 - 2019)**

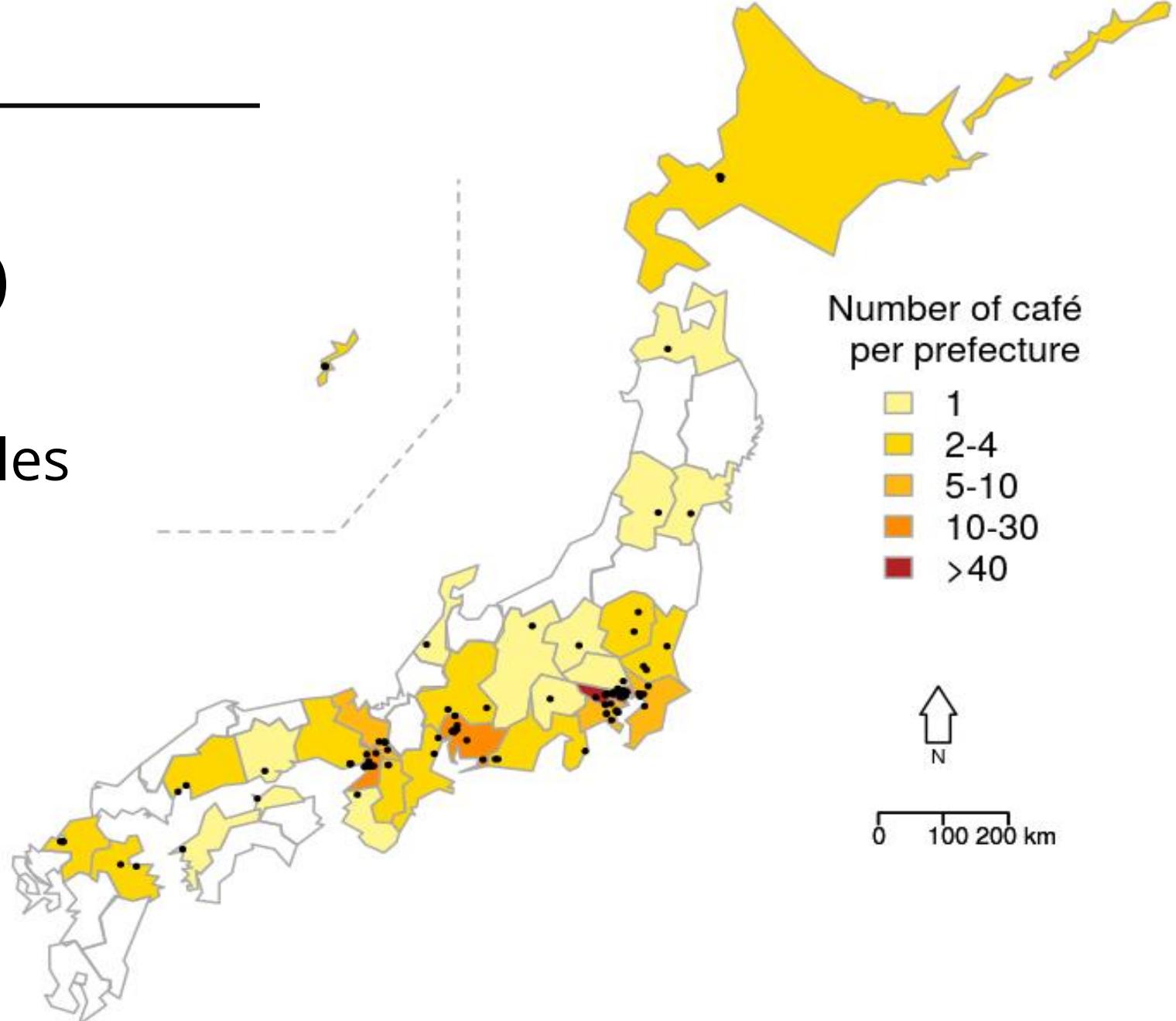
Proches des grandes villes

Tokyo (n=44)

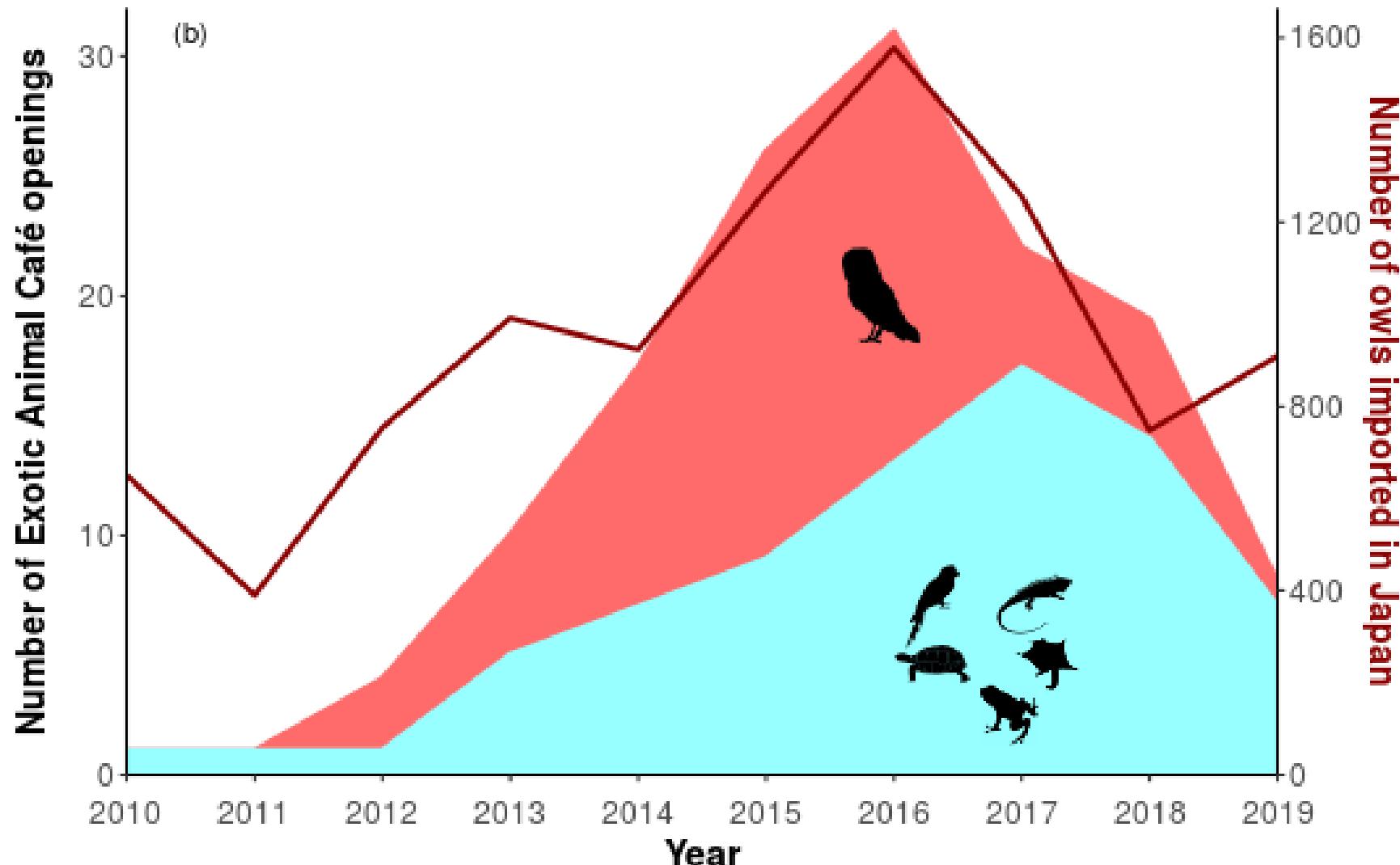
Osaka (n=24)

Nagoya (n=8)

Kyoto (n=5)

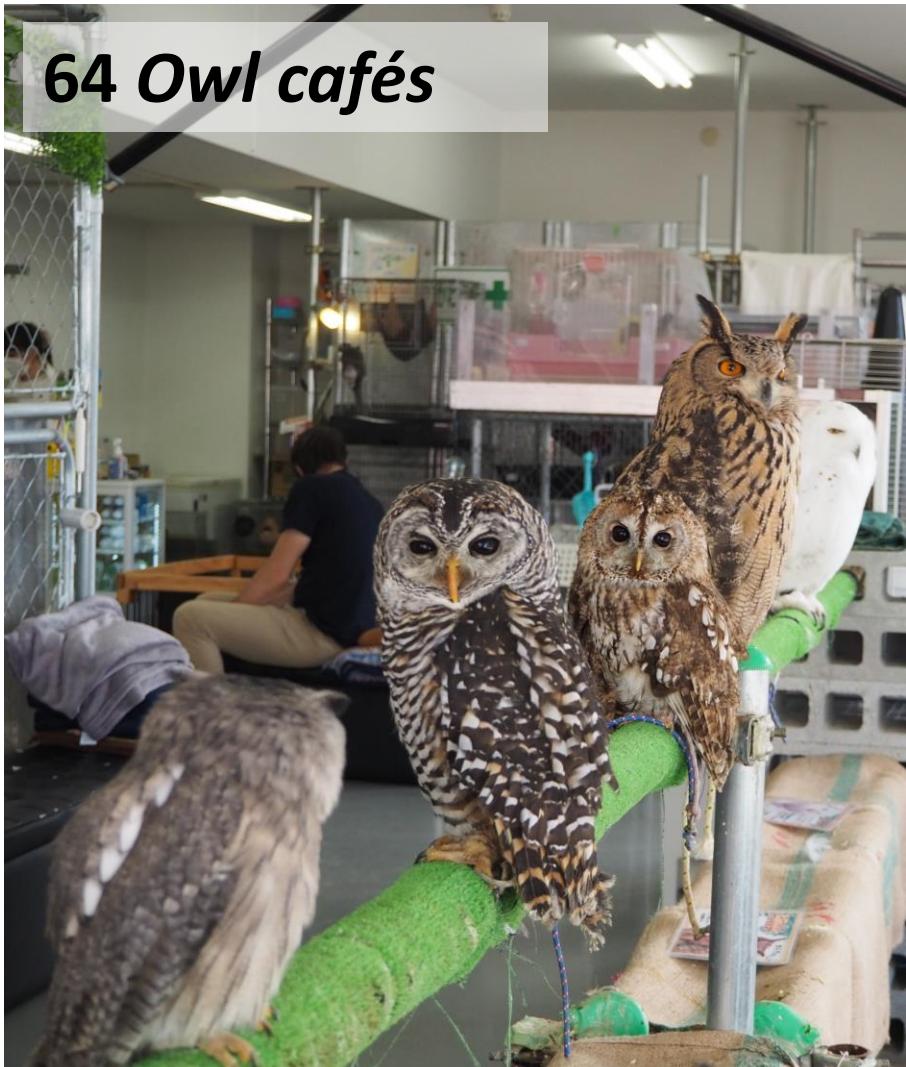


# Patrons temporels d'ouverture



# Importance des thèmes

64 *Owl cafés*



17 *Bird cafés*



7 *Otter cafés*



12 *reptile cafés*



11 *Hedgehog cafés*



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**62% d'oiseaux** (40 % hiboux et chouettes)

**21% de reptiles**

**15% de mammifères**

**2% d'amphibiens**



**Chouette effraie**  
(*Tyto alba*)



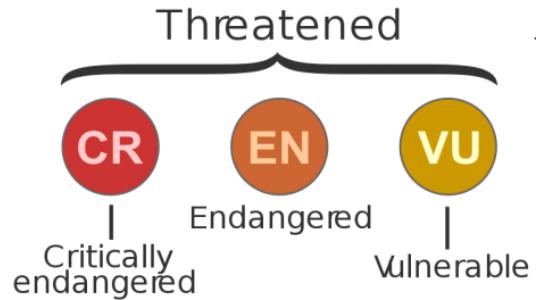
**Grand-duc indien**  
(*Bubo bengalensis*)



**Petit duc à face blanche**  
(*Ptilopsis leucotis*)

**Les plus communs**

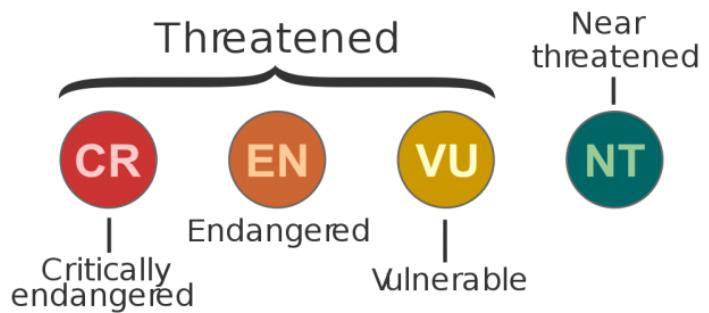
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- **Near threatened : 23 species (123 individuals)**



# Commerce international



Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

- >60% of species listed under Appendix II and III
- 9 species listed under Appendix I (banned from the international trade)



**Grey parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*)**

# Origin of species : in EACs



Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

**30 species mainly imported as 'wild-caught', 'ranched' or 'farmed'**



**Asian water monitor** (*Varanus salvator*)



**Nile monitor** (*Varanus niloticus*)

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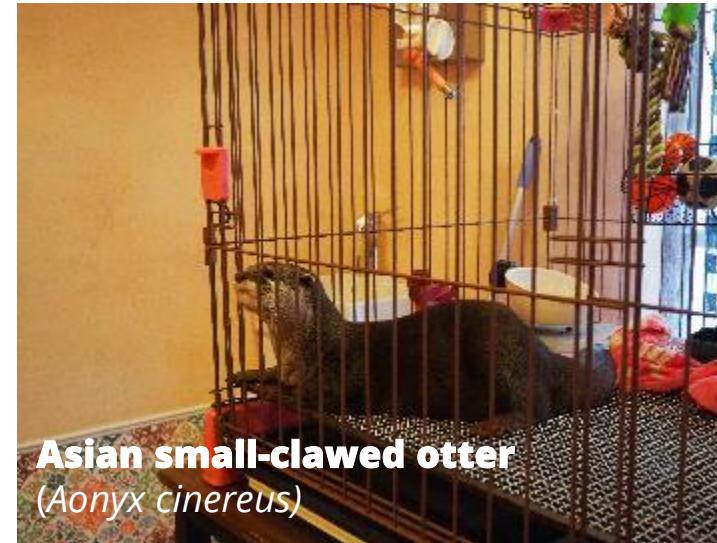


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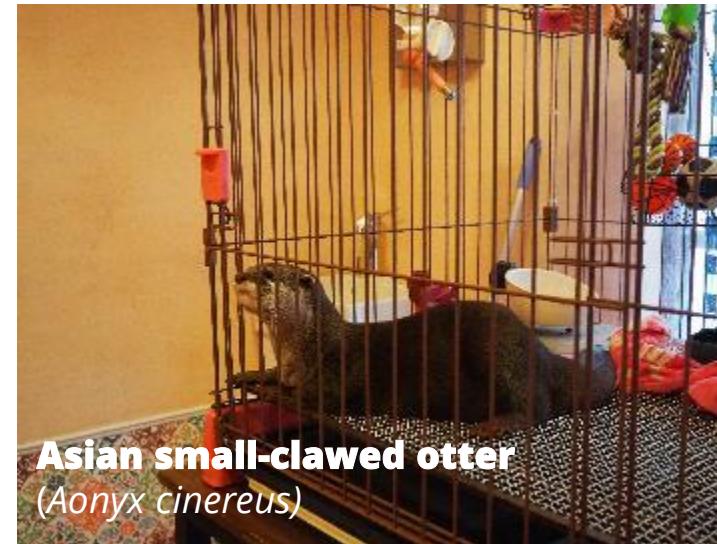
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Illegal trade ?



# Not regulated by the CITES

- **169 species not CITES-listed**

Majority of reptiles species (90 species)



# Species with lack of evaluation



- not CITES-listed and no IUCN evaluation

30 species



**Kuhl's flying gecko** (*Ptychozoon kuhli*)



**red-billed hornbill** (*Tockus rufirostris*)



**Sudan plated lizard**  
(*Broadleysaurus major*)

# Invasive species

- 12 species listed as invasive or potentially invasive in Japan



**White-rumped munia**  
(*Lonchura striata*)



**Siberian chipmunk** (*Tamias sibiricus*)



**Chinese box turtle**  
(*Cuora flavomarginata*)



**Green iguana**  
(*Iguana iguana*)



**Masked palm civet**  
(*Paguma larvata*)

# Implications

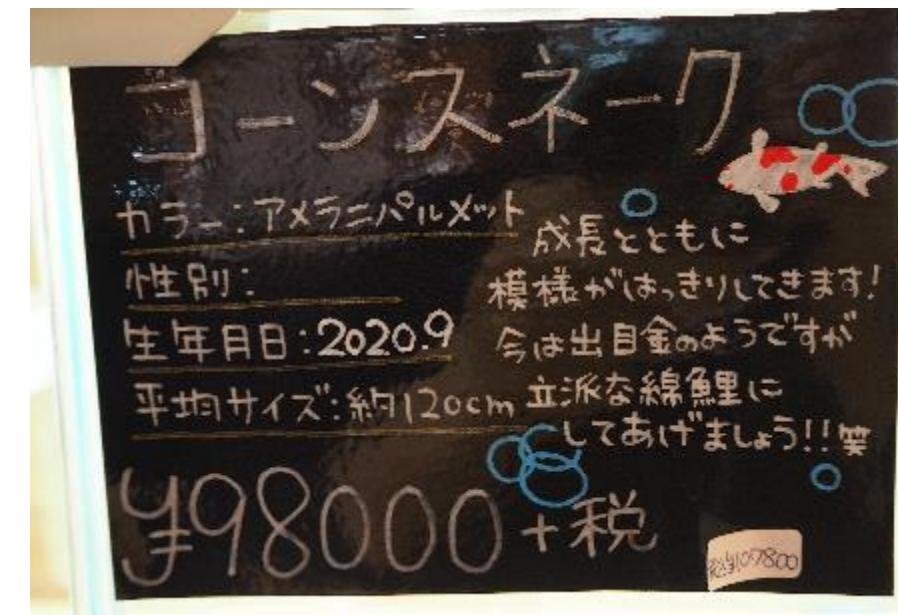
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- **Fueling the pet trade**

Encourage owning exotic pets

Buying options  
>25 % of EACs

Illegal trade ?



# Implications

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- **Impacts on Biodiversity**

Contribution to over-exploitation

Presence of invasive species



**radiated tortoise** (*Astrochelys radiata*)



**Green iguana** (*Iguana iguana*)

# Implications

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- Risks for public health

A word cloud centered around the word "Coronavirus". Other prominent words include "Scabies", "Rabies", "Leishmaniasis", "Toxoplasmosis", "Demodicosis", "Monkeypox", "Psittacosis", "Salmonellosis", "Tularemia", and "Blastomycosis". Smaller words surrounding the center include "Q-fever", "Tuberculosis", "LCMV", "Ancylostomiasis", "Leptospirosis", "Bartonellosis", "Toxocariosis", "Arboviruses", "Paramyxovirus", "Chlamydophilosis", "Ratbite-fever", "Escherichia-col", "Cutaneaous-larva-migrans", "Dermatophytosis", "Baylisascariasis", "Campylobacteriosis", "Ringworm", "Cryptosporidiosis", "Herpesviruses", "Influenza", "Cysticercosis", "Cowpox", "COVID-19", "Blastomycosis", "Giardiasis", "Yersiniosis", "Hantaviruses", "Retroviruses", "Borreliosis", "Anaplasmosis", "Echinococcosis", and "Candidosis".

# Implications

## • Risks for public health

Short communication

### Zoonotic potential of *Salmonella enterica* carried by pet tortoises

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*Baylisascaris potosi* n. sp., a new ascarid nematode isolated from captive kinkajou, *Potos flavus*, from the Cooperative Republic of Guyana

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Original Article

### Microbiological survey of sugar gliders (*Petaurus breviceps*) kept as pets in Italy

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### A preliminary assessment of bacteria in “ranched” ball pythons (*Python regius*), Togo, West Africa

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Research

### PET AND CAPTIVE BIRDS AS POTENTIAL RESERVOIRS OF ZOONOTIC BACTERIA

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# Implications

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- **Risks for public health**

*Infectious Disease Control Law* bans importation of primates and bats species

**9 species of primates**

**2 Egyptian rousettes**

# Implications

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- Animal welfare



# Animal Welfare

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**meerkat** (*Suricata suricatta*)



**tawny owl** (*Strix aluco*)



**sugar gliders** (*Petaurus breviceps*)

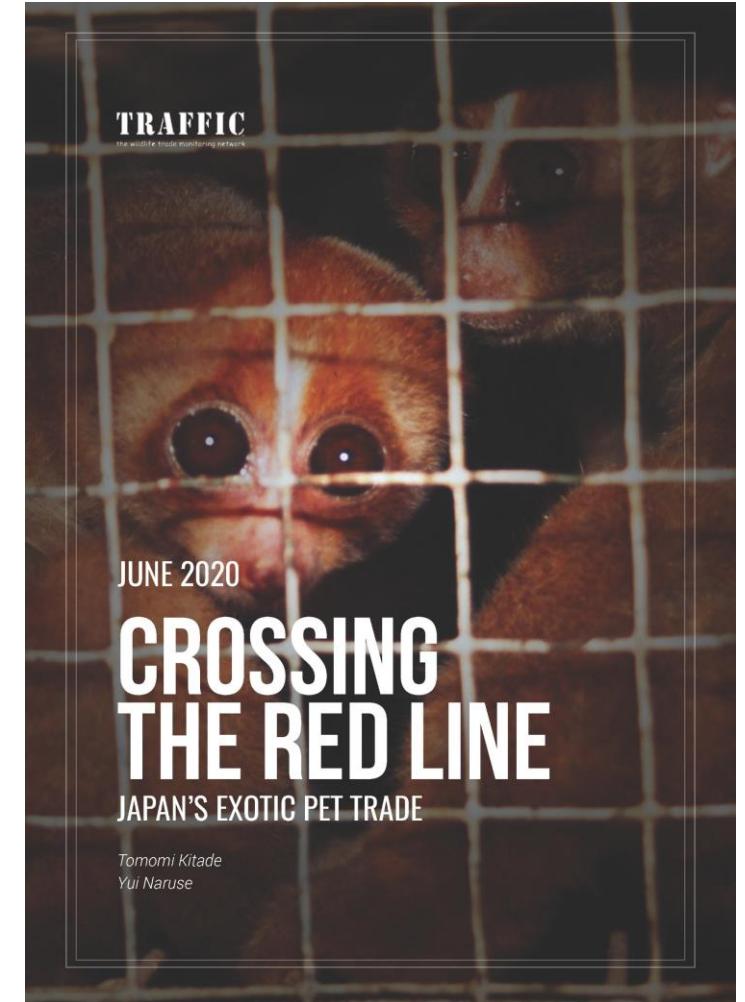


**Sunda slow loris**  
(*Nycticebus coucang*)

# What can be done ?

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- **Improve regulations of the domestic trade**
  - No requirement to establish legality of traceability of most exotic species in Japan (except for Cites Appendix I species)
  - Weak enforcement : low rate of detection and weak sentencing
  - Lack of legal framework to define and regulate zoo-like facilities



# What can be done ?

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- Better understand the motivation of customers
- Trigger behavioural changes



# Campagne de sensibilisation



WWFジャパン

## 動物たちの知られざる あんな顔、こんな顔



最近ペットとしても注目されている  
動物の、知られざる姿を大公開！  
飼育員さんにだけ見せる、  
あんな表情も、  
こんな仕草も、  
特別にお見せしちゃいます。

**NEXT »**



# Campagne de sensibilisation



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飼育員さんだけが知ってる

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コモンマーモセットのウラのカオ動画

二川原さん(那須どうぶつ王国)

アニー マル

コモンマーモセットのウラのカオ動画

\*イメージ

決まった場所でトイレをしない

飼育員さんだけが知ってる

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コモンマーモセットのウラのカオ動画

おしっこのにおいが独特で強烈

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コモンマーモセットのウラのカオ動画

二川原さん(那須どうぶつ王国)

集まれば集まるほど鳴き声も重なっていくので  
音もより大きくなっていくんです

アニー マル

飼育員さんだけが知ってる

コモンマーモセットのウラのカオ動画

二川原さん(那須どうぶつ王国)

それに加えてもっと大変なことがあって…

アニー マル

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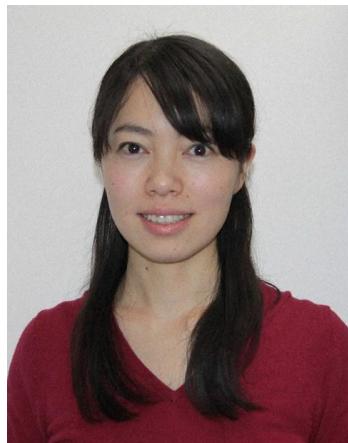
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**ESTIMATED GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN OF SMALL-CLAWED OTTERS KEPT IN JAPAN**

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**1. Introduction**

● Small-clawed otter (*Aonyx cinerea*)

➤ Distribution



• India, Indonesia (Java, Sumatra, Borneo), Cambodia, Kingdom of Thailand, Southern People's Republic of China, Nepal, Bangladesh, Philippines (Palawan Island), Bhutan, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos

• Classified as Vulnerable Species (VU) on the IUCN Red List.

• Listed in Annex I under the Washington Convention.

• Regulates international trade.

➤ No record of imports from Thailand to Japan since 1988.

➤ Illegal trade of otters from Southeast Asia to Japan has been reported in recent years.

➤ The otter pet boom in Japan is one of the reasons for the increase in exports to Japan (Kitade 2019).

• The appearance of otters kept as pets spread on SNS and mass media (Fig.1).

• Pet cafes where you can interact with otters have opened in major cities (Fig.2).

**3. Materials and Methods**

● Samples

	Numbers	Number of facilities
Pet cafe	19	5
Seized individuals	4	3
Zoo and aquarium	9	6

Table 1. Number of individuals per sampling facility

◆ Seized individuals were brought to Japan by smugglers and protected, and are kept in zoos and aquariums in Japan.

➤ Collect swabs and feces.

◆ One seized individual and 40 zoo and aquarium captive individuals are now being analyzed (Additionally to the individuals in Table 1.).

● Genetic Analysis

➤ Geographic origin inferred using cytochrome b (CytB) and Control Region (CR) of mitochondrial DNA.

➤ Comparison with haplotypes identified from wild otters in Thailand.

**4. Result and Discussion**

● Mitochondrial DNA Haplotype

➤ 11 haplotypes were identified.

Table 2. Haplotypes and population size  
\* Color-coding: Similar sequences are considered as one group.

Haplotype	Number of individuals			
	Pet cafe	Seized individuals	Zoo and aquarium	all
1	11	1		12 Thailand
2		1		1 Thailand
3		1		1 Thailand
4	3			3 Thailand
5			4	4 Thailand
6			1	1 Other
7	2			2 Other
8			1	1 Other
9			3	3 Other
10		1		1 Thailand
11	3			3 Thailand
all	19	4	9	32

\* "Other" did not match any sequences from any region of Thailand. Probably it is from an unsurveyed area in Thailand or from a country other than Thailand.

➤ Haplotypes 1-5 and 10-11 match haplotypes identified in Thailand.

➤ Haplotypes 1-3 were very closely related and the largest group.

➤ No zoo and aquarium captive individuals matched the haplotype of the seized individuals.

• Only one individual was closely related to an individual from a pet cafe (origin is likely outside of Thailand)

# Le commerce des reptiles en France

- > 2 000 000 de reptiles/amphibiens en France
- > 280 espèces de reptiles/amphibiens proposés à la vente
- Importance de la vente en ligne



# Le commerce des reptiles en France



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