

# Law and Wildlife

## BiLL (Birds through a Legal Lens)

### Legal Rules Applicable to the Trade of African Grey Parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*) in Nigeria

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nigeria has permanent sovereignty over its natural resources, including grey parrots and all birds in general. It has the right to freely dispose of, explore, and exploit them, but also has the duty to protect and preserve the environment for present and future generations.

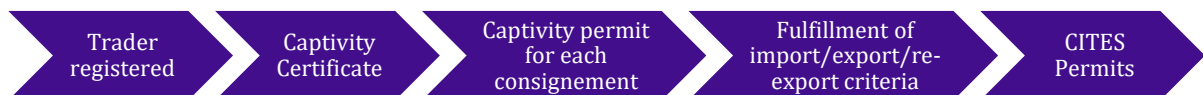
#### AFRICAN GREY PARROT PROTECTION STATUS IN NIGERIA

**Capture and trade** of wild African Grey Parrots (AGPs) within and outside Nigeria (import, export and re-export) is permitted.

**Trade of** captive bred AGPs within Nigeria is permitted as long as the following criteria are fulfilled:



**Import, export or re-export** of captive bred AGPs is permitted as long as the following criteria are fulfilled:



There are at least 9 types of **illegal activities** described in Nigeria's legislation that relate to AGPs illegal capture and trade. The sanctions could go up to 60 months of imprisonment and from 10 thousand to 25 million Nairas of monetary penalty.

The following Nigerian authorities deal with several aspects of the trade of AGPs:

**Legislative authorities:**

Parliament, Minister of Environment, State Governments

- Establish list of totally and partially protected species
- Establish the fundamental principles and implementing rules concerning forestry and the protection of the environment and tourism

**Management Authorities:**

Federal Ministry of Environment - Federal Department of Forestry

- In charge of the administrative procedures required for legal capture, captive breeding, and trade of AGPs, including CITES permits

**Enforcement Authorities:**

Director General of National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA)

- In charge of the observance and compliance of the rules related to nature conservation and wildlife trade