

# A MESSAGE ON SUSTAINABLE MEDICINAL WILDLIFE

## What is Medicinal Wildlife?

Medicinal Wildlife is any medicinal material derived from a wild animal – the mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, even the fish and the insects. Medicinal wildlife can be the parts or products like the hide/skin, fur, flesh, bone, blood, fats, dung/droppings which are used for the treatment or prevention of illnesses. These could be processed into medicine by being soaked, cooked, roasted, fried, ground, burnt into ashes, etc. before being applied.

## The sad truth about Medicinal Wildlife:

*Unlike for medicinal plants whereby the leaves, the bark, the roots or fruits are collected and the plant is left standing, a wildlife species whose part or product is required for medicine must have been killed or is killed. We need the medicine, but we need the animals too, if only for a sustainable base of traditional medicine. There is therefore the imperative need for the sustainable use/management of the medicinal wildlife species.*

**An Appeal: WE ALL HAVE A DUTY TO MAKE MEDICINAL WILDLIFE SUSTAINABLE!**

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