

# ILLEGAL PET TRADE DESTROYS WILD POPULATIONS

## A TRUE STORY



**1 MARCH 2008**

A consignment of about 800 reptiles arrives at OR Tambo Airport en route from Madagascar to the Czech Republic.



**6 MARCH 2008**

150 reptiles have died. SPCA and Johannesburg Zoo staff unpack, sort and treat the animals.

The very sick are euthanased.



**12 MARCH 2008**

All animals correctly housed and fed. Very stressed animals continue to die.



**23 APRIL 2008**

Period of quarantine comes to an end. Only 437 animals have survived.



**30 APRIL 2008**

The President of Madagascar announces that he will prosecute the exporter, who could face imprisonment of 10 years.



**AUGUST 2008**

The surviving animals need a home and are sent to the Two Oceans Aquarium and Butterfly World in the Western Cape, uShaka Sea World in Durban and the Johannesburg Zoo.

**THESE ANIMALS WERE COLLECTED FROM THE WILD  
BECAUSE PEOPLE WANTED THEM AS PETS.**

**DANGEROUS  
CREATURES**