

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.**