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Dear Ms Griffiths

Petition P-05-743: End the Exotic Pet Trade in Wales

I am writing to you after seeing correspondence between yourself and Petitions Committee Chair Mike Hedges AM about the above petition.

You might be interested in the response that we sent to the committee members on this issue and I also enclose a copy of our recent report Wild Caught Ornamental Fish: the trade, the benefits, the facts.

I noticed in your letter dated 8 February to Mr Hedges a reference to a paper that has been presented to the Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group about the trade in exotic pets. If it is possible I would be grateful to see a copy of this paper. I note that this paper will be discussed at a future meeting and I would be happy to assist in any way with this matter.

There has been some discussion about Codes of Practice. As I mention in the enclosed information to the Petitions committee we are currently working on Good Practice Guide for Fishkeeping for Defra and would be very happy to share this if it would assist in your deliberations.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive