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The internet has revolutionised how we buy and sell all kinds of products and the trade in wildlife is no exception. Numerous online stores, internet auctions and chat rooms have sprung up offering for sale live animals and plants, as well as wildlife products.

Many people are not aware that the restrictions of CITES and the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations apply when trading over the internet. Some traders are using the internet and postal services for illegal activities.

At mail centres across Ireland, increasing numbers of CITES-regulated products such as ivory and oriental medicines are seized, as well as live animals, including turtles, tortoises and scorpions.