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NOVEMBER 2024 – Recently, the National Medical Products Administration and the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine in China jointly announced a policy (notice) regarding the support for the research and development of substitutes for rare and endangered materials including wildlife parts used in traditional Chinese medicine (TCM). These wildlife parts include pangolin scales, antelope horn, cattle bile, and bear bile powder.

This is a significant step towards further protect of wildlife in TCM and follows China’s positive efforts in recent years, including maintaining bans on rhino horn and tiger bone for medicinal use when prior laws were reexamined in 2018, removal of pangolin scales from the 2020 Pharmacopoeia of the PRC, and the “Wildlife Protection Law of the PRC” passed by the National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China in December 2022.

We, the *Coalition for Wildlife Protection in TCM*, welcome and support such an exciting policy. We believe that through investment in research and development of substitutes, this policy will further advance scientific technology to supply effective alternatives for a range of endangered wildlife products in the near future—progress that can eventually lead to total removal of wildlife parts from TCM.

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