

WHY ARE WILDLIFE MARKETS A RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH?



The capture, farming, transport, crowding and handling of wild animals causes immense stress and often injury, suppresses their natural defences, and makes them highly vulnerable to infections



The close proximity of lots of animals from different species creates the ideal environment for pathogens to multiply and spread, and potentially mutate into forms that can infect people.



Wildlife markets bring lots of people into close contact with wild animals, or parts and products derived from them.



At many wildlife markets, wild animals are traded live and slaughtered on site in unhygienic conditions and with no consideration for their welfare.

