

# International Trade in Live *Brachypelma* Tarantulas



In the years 2007 to 2017

## 39,597 SPECIMENS TRADED

Almost 40,000 live *Brachypelma* tarantulas were traded during 2007–2017. The numbers traded each year varied from 786 (in 2010) to 10,336 (in 2008). On average, 4851 were traded per year.

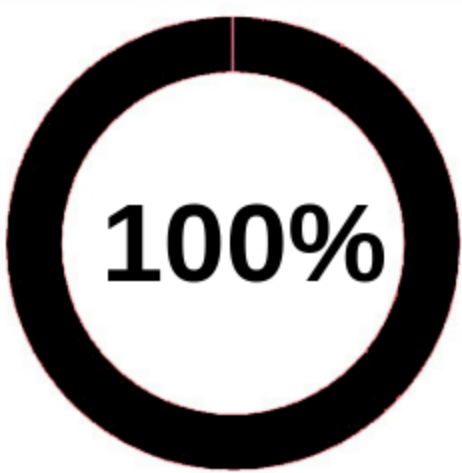


## REGULATED

All species of *Brachypelma* are listed in Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and their international trade is regulated by more than 180 countries.

## CAPTIVE-BRED

Less than 1% of all the *Brachypelma* tarantulas legally traded internationally during 2007–2017 were caught in the wild. It is illegal to collect most species of *Brachypelma* in their native countries.



## COMMERCIALLY TRADED

Less than 1% of all the *Brachypelma* tarantulas legally traded internationally during 2007–2017 were traded for non-commercial purposes, such as for zoos, exhibits or personal purposes.

## IMPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES

The United States was the primary importer of legally traded *Brachypelma* tarantulas in the years 2007–2017. Other significant importers included the European Union (8%) and Japan (5%).

