

Tibetans say no to wildlife products

A press release from the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI), New Delhi, reports that hundreds of Tibetans from India, Bhutan, Nepal, and Tibet watched the film *"Say No to Wildlife Products"* produced by WTI and pledged that they will not use wildlife products and would prevent others from purchasing such products. The gathering was organised at Bodh Gaya in the Indian state of Bihar from 27 December 2006 to 03 January 2007 as the annual Monlam teaching held by Ugyen Trinley Dorje, the 17th Karmapa and head of the Tibetan Buddhist Karma-Kagyu school. Tenzin Norsang of WTI who organized the screening said: *"The occasion gave an opportunity to present the conservation message of His Holiness the Dalai Lama among the Tibetans"*. Film, CDs and literature were also distributed among the public. One of the Tibetan participants who came from the Amdo region in Tibet said that Chinese fur traders are collecting fur back from people to whom they had sold it earlier. The traders are hoping that the business would revive soon and they would be able to sell fur at higher prices at a later date.

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