



Wildlife-friendly traditional medicine pledge

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- **Acknowledges** that the use of wild animals in traditional medicine is cruel, unnecessary, harms ecosystems and habitats and is a major risk factor in the emergence and spread of zoonotic diseases.
- **Recognises** that many wildlife species, for example, bears, tigers, lions and pangolins, used in traditional medicine are often poached from the wild or cruelly bred in captivity, representing both an animal welfare and conservation concern.
- **Understands** that use of wild animals is cruel, wholly unjustified and unethical as plant- and mineral-based and synthetic alternatives are readily available, safer and cheaper.
- **Believes** that the use of wildlife in traditional medicine is a hindrance to transforming, modernising and globalising the practice.

And therefore:

- **Shares a vision with World Animal Protection that wild animals belong in the wild.**
- **Commits** to advocating against the use of wildlife in traditional medicine creating awareness among Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) societies and other Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) societies, and in any public engagement activities.
- **Commits** to raising-awareness among practitioners, patients, and students about human health risks, animal welfare and conservation concerns associated with traditional medicine containing wildlife and the availability of plant- and mineral-based alternatives.
- **Actively** supports and promotes animal-free traditional medicine in all areas of work to encourage wildlife-friendly traditional medicine.

Signed by:

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