

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE IN SPECIMENS OF APPENDIX-II SPECIES  
(AGENDA ITEMS 8.4 AND 8.5)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

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Mandate

**Regarding agenda item 8.4 (Species selected following CoP13): Review the information in the annex to document AC23 Doc.8.4 and the responses received from range States and:**

1. Propose confirmation and if necessary revision of the proposed preliminary categorizations made by the consultant;
2. Propose recommendations for the remaining species and range States in compliance with paragraphs m) to o) of the Resolution. Such recommendations should differentiate between short-term and long-term actions, and may include, for example:
  - a) The establishment of administrative procedures, cautious export quotas or temporary restrictions on exports of the species concerned;
  - b) The application of adaptive management procedures to ensure that further decisions about the harvesting and management of the species concerned will be based on the monitoring of the impact of previous harvesting and other factors; or
  - c) The conducting of taxon- and country-specific status assessments, field studies or evaluation of threats to populations or other relevant factors to provide the basis for a Scientific Authority's non-detriment finding, as required under the provisions of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a) or 6 (a);

with deadlines for implementation of the recommendations which must be appropriate to the nature of the action to be undertaken, and should normally be not less than 90 days but not more than two years after the date of transmission to the State concerned; and

- 3) Identify problems that are not related to the implementation of Article IV, paragraphs 2(a), 3 or 6(a) and propose referral of these to the Secretariat in accordance with paragraph l) of the Resolution.

**Regarding agenda item 8.5 (Selection of species for trade reviews following CoP14):**

1. On the basis of recorded trade levels and information available to the working group propose species of priority concern for review in accordance with paragraph b) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species, taking into account also the information in Document AC23 Doc. 8.5.1.

**Regarding Agenda item 8.4,** the WG agreed on the following recommendations.

Species	Recommendations by the WG
<i>Testudo graeca</i> , population from Lebanon	Trade in the species is considered to be of least concern. Elimination from Sig. Trade Review.
<i>Mantella aurantiaca</i>	Trade in this species is of least concern. Elimination from Sig. Trade Review. Madagascar is asked to review its quota when new research results on the population assessment become available.
<i>Mantella baroni</i>	Trade of this species in considered of least concern. Elimination from Sig. Trade Review. Madagascar is asked to review the quota of this species and agreed to do so.
<i>Mantella bernhardii</i>	Trade in the species is considered to be of least concern. Elimination from Sig. Trade Review. Should a quota be re-established, then the AC may consider the species again.
<i>Mantella betsileo</i>	Trade in this species is considered to be of least concern. Elimination from Sig. Trade Review. Madagascar is asked to analyse the taxonomic split into two species and adapt the export quota accordingly which it agreed to do.
<i>Mantella cowanii</i>	Trade in the species is considered of least concern. Elimination from Sig. Trade Review.
<i>Mantella crocea</i>	Trade in this species is considered of possible concern. Retain in Sig. Trade Review. Madagascar is asked to provide additional data additional data on the population estimates in order for the AC to reconsider its status in AC24.
<i>Mantella expectata</i>	Trade in this species is considered of possible concern. Retain in Sig. Trade Review. Madagascar is asked to provide additional data on the population estimates in order for the AC to reconsider its status in AC24.
<i>Mantella haraldmeieri</i>	Trade in the species is considered of least concern. Elimination from Sig. Trade Review.
<i>Mantella laevigata</i>	Trade in the species is considered of least concern. Elimination from Sig. Trade Review.
<i>Mantella madagascariensis</i>	Trade in the species is considered of least concern. Elimination from Sig. Trade Review.
<i>Mantella manery</i>	Trade in the species is considered of least concern. Elimination from Sig. Trade Review.
<i>Mantella milotympanum</i>	Trade in this species is considered of possible concern. Retain in Sig. Trade Review. Madagascar is asked to provide additional data on the population estimates in order for the AC to reconsider its status in AC24.
<i>Mantella nigricans</i>	Trade in the species is considered of least concern. Elimination from Sig. Trade Review.
<i>Mantella pulchra</i>	Trade in the species is considered of least concern. Elimination from Sig. Trade Review

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<i>Mantella viridis</i>	Trade in this species is considered of possible concern. Retain in Sig. Trade Review. Madagascar is asked to provide additional data on the population estimates in order for the AC to reconsider its status in AC24.

Regarding Agenda item 8.5, the working group made a preliminary selection of taxa to be included in the process of Sig. Trade Review on a basis of further information received by UNEP-WCMC. Based on an analysis of the taxa selected the WG reached the following recommendations.

Species pre-selected	Recommendation by the WG
<i>Lycalopex griseus</i>	Not retained
<i>Lycalopex culpaeus</i>	Not retained
<i>Lycalopex gymnocercus</i>	Not retained
<i>Ursus americanus</i>	Not retained
<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	Not retained
<i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>	Not retained
<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	To be retained due to declining populations as well as considerable and increasing trade. Contact will be taken to all range states, excluding Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo
<i>Lama glama guanicoe</i>	Not retained
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	Not retained, Secretariat is asked to correspond with China in order to clarify specific questions (permit category, size of stocks, origin of stocks)
<i>Gyps africanus</i>	Not retained
<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>	Not retained
<i>Gyps rueppellii</i>	Not retained
<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>	Not retained
<i>Grus canadensis</i>	Not retained
<i>Agapornis canus</i>	Not retained
<i>Callagur bornoensis</i>	Not retained
<i>Heosemys annandalii</i>	To be retained. Large export numbers, considered endangered due to trade.
<i>Heosemys grandis</i>	To be retained. Large export numbers, considered endangered due to trade. Contact to all range states, excluding Malaysia (confirmed a zero export quota).
<i>Heosemys spinosa</i>	To be retained. Large export numbers from Indonesia considered critically endangered.
<i>Leucocephalon yuwonoi</i>	Not retained. The establishment of a zero quota is confirmed by Indonesia.
<i>Notochelys platinota</i>	Not retained
<i>Orlitia borneensis</i>	Not retained. AC asks Secretariat to contact Vietnam and Laos and seek information concerning trade in this species between the two states.
<i>Siebenrockiella crassicollis</i>	Not retained
<i>Indotestudo elongata</i>	Not retained.
<i>Indotestudo forstenii</i>	To be retained. Species considered Endangered. Indonesia has reduced the quota to 270 for 2008. A population survey is conducted. Indonesia will report to AC 24 on the results of this survey.
<i>Manouria emys</i>	Not retained. Indonesia has set a zero quota, Malaysia has set a quota of 170, a zero quota is to be set by 2010.
<i>Testudo horsfieldii</i>	To be retained. Species is heavily traded. Mainly adult specimens are found in trade. With the exclusion of China, all range countries will be contacted.
<i>Amyda cartilaginea</i>	To be retained. Only Indonesia will be contacted and requested to demonstrate its Non Detriment Finding.
Genus <i>Uroplatus</i>	To be retained. Madagascar is requested to present data on the Non Detriment Finding.
<i>Brookesia decaryi</i>	To be retained.

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<i>Chamaeleo africanus</i> , population of Niger	There are large discrepancies between quotas set and exports realised.
<i>Chamaeleo feae</i>	To be retained. Export figures have increased. There are doubts concerning the Non Detriment Finding in Equatorial Guinea.
<i>Cordylus mossambicus</i>	To be retained. Data are requested concerning this endemic species of Mozambique, whose distribution is restricted and Populations presumably are small to determine the reasoning for the quota setting.
<i>Varanus dumerilii</i>	Not retained
<i>Gongylophis muelleri</i>	To be retained. Only Ghana will be contacted.
<i>Naja sputatrix</i>	Not retained
<i>Scaphiophryne gottlebei</i>	To be retained. Madagascar is asked to provide additional data on the population estimates in order for the AC to reconsider its status in AC24.
<i>Huso huso</i>	Not to be retained, to be re-discussed at AC24
<i>Hippocampus kelloggi</i>	Not retained. Will be included in the Workshop on Non Detriment Finding to be held in 2008. Based on the findings it may be included in the Review of Significant Trade Review at AC 24.
<i>Hippocampus spinosissimus</i>	Not retained. Will be included in the Workshop on Non Detriment Finding to be held in 2008. Based on the findings it may be included in the Review of Significant Trade Review at AC 24.
<i>Hippocampus kuda</i>	Not retained. Will be included in the Workshop on Non Detriment Finding to be held in 2008. Based on the findings it may be included in the Review of Significant Trade Review at AC 24.
<i>Pandinus imperator</i>	Not retained. Secretariat is requested to make the report on its missions to the range countries on that subject available to the AC.
Corals	Not retained. Will be included in the Workshop on Non Detriment Finding to be held in 2008. Based on the findings specific taxa may be included in the Review of Significant Trade Review at AC 24.