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## MINISTRY OF FORESTRY OF REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA



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Our Ref. S. 09/KKH-1/2012

To: Mr. John E. Scanlon Secretary General CITES

Re: Indonesia's Objection on Registration of Operation that Breed Appendix I Animal Species in Captivity for Commercial Purposes

Dear Sir,

With reference to the CITES Secretariat's Notification No. 2011/045 dated 11 October 2011 regarding Registration of Operation that Breed Appendix I Animal Species in Captivity for Commercial Purposes of four Indonesian Cacatua species **proposed by the Philippines**, the CITES Management Authority of Indonesia would like to draw your attention on the following issues:

- 1. Founded on the objections that were made by Indonesia for the period of 2004-2008, Indonesia would like to again question the legality of the parent stock which has not been clarified. Indonesia is aware that the Philippines has claimed the pre convention status of the four Indonesian Cacatua species. However, according to our observation, neither records for the export of Cacatua moluccensis nor for the Cacatua sulphurea specimens in the late 1970s or early 1980s could be found and since 1994 catch quota of the species is zero. In addition, the four Indonesian Cacatua species have been fully protected under Indonesian law since 1999.
- 2. Recalling the comments made by the Chair for Animal Committee at the last Philippines registration (Notification No. 2008/002 on Control of Operation That Breed Appendix I Animal Species for Commercial Purposes: Annex 2) which underlines that Philippines can establish cooperation with Indonesian CITES authorities, and considering the increased trend in illicit trafficking/smuggling of species included in the CITES Annexes; Indonesia and the Philippines signed the MoU concerning the collaboration on in-situ conservation of Indonesia Cacatua Species on 18 June 2009. The signing of the aforementioned MoU serves as an exemplary action between the two parties to develop greater cooperation on conservation of Indonesian Cacatua species. One major point emanating from the MoU is that both parties agreed to develop a plan of action to fully implement the MoU.



- 3. On 1 August 2011, Indonesia submitted the draft Plan of Action to the Philippines. To this end, we have never received any written reply on the above mentioned draft from the Philippines.
- 4. On the 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the Standing Committee the Indonesian delegation made an intervention on requesting the Philippines to postpone the registration <u>until there</u> is an agreement between Indonesia and the Philippines on action plan and its implementations. According to the resolution Conf. 13.9, Indonesia views that the review of the feasibility of the Plan of Action should be established prior to the Philippines' submittance of the registration. Herewith the proposed action plan as attached.

Based on the above mentioned issues, the Indonesian Management Authority of CITES would like to present our objection on the Phillipines' Registration of Operation that Breed Appendix I Animal Species in Captivity for Commercial Purposes of four Indonesian Cacatua species. Furthermore, we look forward to your good offices in considering our objection to be included in the CITES Secretariat's assessment on the Philippines registration.

Thank you for your kind attention and consideration,

Sincerely yours,

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For CITES Management Authority of Indonesia

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- 1. Secretary General, Ministry of Forestry
- 2. H.E. Mr. Dian Triansyah Djani, Permanent Representative/Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic Indonesia to the United Nations, WTO and other International Organizations in Geneva
- 3. Director General of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation, Ministry of Forestry
- 4. Director General for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 5. Director General for Legal Affairs and International Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 6. Director of Research Center for Biology, Indonesia Institute of Sciences (CITES Scientific Authority of Indonesia), Cibinong, Bogor.



#### PLAN OF ACTION

# on Collaboration between the Philippines and Indonesia concerning Conservation of Indonesia Cacatua Species for 2011 – 2015

#### Background

- 1. Referring to article 3.3 of the MoU between The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and The Government of the Republic of Indonesia concerning Collaboration on in-situ Conservation of Indonesia Cacatua Species; this action plan/project document is an integral part of MoU.
- 2. Resolution of the Conf. 13.9 concerning Encouraging Cooperation Between Parties with Ex-Situ Breeding Operations and Those with In-Situ Conservation Programmes;
- 3. Resolution of the Conf.10.8 (Rev.CoP14) Conservation of and Trade in Bears.
- 4. Resolution of the Conf.12.10 concerning Registration of Operations That Bred App I Animal Species in Captivity for Commercial Purposes.
- 5. Resolution of the Conf. 5.10 (Rev. CoP15) Definition of Primarily Commercial Purposes
- 6. Resolution of the Conf. 10.16 (rev) concerning Specimen of Animal Species Bred in Captivity.

#### Objectives

- 1. To support and improve in-situ conservation of the Indonesian Cacatua species based upon resources from ex-situ breeding operations
- 2. To strengthen the enforcement of CITES-listed species by enhancing the legality and sustainability of Indonesia Cacatua Species in both ex-situ breeding and in-situ conservation programs/projects

#### Action Plan

The approaches propose to implement the action plan are premised on, but not limited to:

- 1. Status of Parent Stocks
- 2. Support and improve In-Situ Conservation
- 3. Support and Improve Ex-situ Conservation
- 4. Strengthen the enforcement of CITES-listed Species
- 5. Marketing and Building Image

Those approaches are implemented through several activities, among others technical support, contribution of funds, capacity-building and training, technology transfer, combating illicit/illegal wildlife trade, infrastructure development, and other conservation measures

### Plan of Action for 2011 – 2015 (Draft as of August 2, 2011)

No	Action	Activities	Implementing	Time-	Source of	Remarks
			Body, partners	line	Fund	
1.	Status of Parent Stocks	1.1. Field visit to captive breeding facilities	IND & PHI	2011	IND	
	(birds as parent stocks are	of BII, the Philippines	BII		PHI	
	owned by Indonesia in	1.2. Documenting parent stock of	IND & PHI	2011	IND	The amount of parent stocks
	the scheme of breeding	Indonesian Cacatua species in BII	BII		PHI	obtained from Indonesia and their
	loan status)					productivity level
		1.3. Dealing number of the offspring that	MA IND & PHI	2011	PHI	Numbers of the offspring to be
		will be returned to Indonesia				returned by BII are at least as equal
		1.4. Returning the offspring from captive	MA PHI & BII		PHI	as the amount of parents stocks
		breeding of BII for parent stocks	MA IND			obtained from Indonesia. The
		purposes at:				offspring are returned to Indonesia
		- Sanctuary	BTNM	2012		should be pair born, productive,
		- Sister Company	PS & SC	2013		easily traceable genealogical
						records, and haven been sexing.
2.	Support and improve In-	2.1. Infrastructure development of <i>Cacatua</i>	BTNM	2012-	PHI	Activity also includes conditioning
	Situ and Ex-situ	spp. sanctuary in Maluku Province		2015		a conservation area at the natural
	Conservation					habitat of <i>Cacatua spp</i> . as a tourist
		2.2. Habitat rehabilitation and restoration of	BTNM		PHI	attraction
		Cacatua spp.	CRD CFR		IND	
		2.3. Research and Development of	SA IND	2012-	PHI	
		Indonesian Cacatua spp.	CRD CFR	2015	IND	
		<ul> <li>Monitor and inventory population</li> </ul>				
		of <i>Cacatua spp</i> . at its natural habitat				
		and captive breeding				
		- Research on genetic mapping of				
		Cacatua spp.				
		2.4. Infrastructure development of captive			PHI	Transfer of technology by PHI to
		breeding of Cacatua spp. (research/				IND including grant fro
		laboratory scale)				infrastructure development

		2.5. Inspection and patrol			PHI	
					IND	
		2.6. Release and re-introduction of <i>Cacatua</i>	MA-SA Indonesia	2014	MA IND	
		spp. into its natural habitat		2015		
3.	Development of	3.1. Identification and Selection sister	IND	2011	IND	
	commercial captive	company (ies) in Indonesia	PS & SC			
	breeding	3.2. Training for Captive breeding of		2012 -		
		Cacatua spp.		2013		
		<ul> <li>Comparative study and field visit</li> </ul>			PHI/IND	
		- Internship			PHI	
		3.3. Conduct the National Workshop on		2012	IND	Organize two National workshop in
		Captive breeding of Indonesian		2014	PHI	Indonesia
		Cacatua Species				
		3.4. Field pre-condition, develop model/		2011 -	PHI	
		design, standard procedures and		2012	IND	
		management of captive breeding				
		3.5. Technical assistance and transfer of	MA-SA IND	2012-	BII	Transfer of technology (whenever
		technology	PS&SC	2015		necessary)
4.	Strengthen the	4.1. Capacity building for forestry officers,	IND, PHI	2011-	PHI	
	enforcement to combat	forest rangers, customs	BII, PS & SC	2012	IND	
	illegal wildlife trade	4.2. Join Campaign – Green product/trade	IND, PHI	2012 -	PHI	
		of wildlife	Private sector	2015	IND	
		4.3. Export Data Exchange		2012-	PHI	
				2015	IND	
		4.4. Monitoring of import and inform to	MA IND	2012-	PHI	
		Indonesia the suspicious cases of	MA PHI	2015		
		illegal wildlife trade by the Philippines	Customs			
		4.5. Return of confiscated birds to	MA IND	2012-	PHI	Equipped with medical records
		Indonesia at a cost borne by the	MA PHI	2015	(importer)	
		Philippines' importer(s)	Cuctoms			
5.	Marketing and Building	5.1. Registration the captive breeders of	MA IND & PHI	2014	PHI	Registration to CITES Secretariat
	Image	Indonesia and the Philippines to CITES	BII	(2015)	IND	would be carried out together

	Secretariat	PS & SC			between BII and sister company(ies) in Indonesia. Registration is done and can only be done if the sister company(ies) in
	5.2. Statement by the Phili market <i>Cacatua sp.</i> co captive breed into Indo	ome from their	2013	PHI	Indonesia are also ready to register.
	5.3. Join Campaign to wor concerning the healthy birds of captive breedi	and legality of	2012 - 2015	PHI IND	
Nata	and the Philippines, es Cacatua sp.	specially the			

Note:

1.	MA	=	Management Authority 6.	. CRDCFR	=	Centre on Research and Development of Conservation and Forest Rehabilitation
2.	SA	=	Scientific Authority 7.	. BTNM	=	Office of Manusela National Park, Maluku Province
3.	IND	=	Indonesia 8.	. BKSDA Mal	=	Office of Conservation and Natural Resources, Maluku Province
4.	PHI	=	the Philippines 9.	. PS & SC	=	Private Sector and/or Sister Company in Indonesia
5.	BII	=	the Bird International			

In witness whereof, .....in .....

For the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau, the Philippines

For the Directorate of Biodiversity Conservation, Indonesia

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