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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

OVERVIEW OF THE SPECIES-BASED REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*, the Conference of the Parties directs the Secretariat, for the purpose of monitoring and facilitating the implementation of that Resolution, "to report at each meeting of the Animals Committee on the implementation by the range States concerned of the recommendations made by the Committee". The Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Animals Committee, has to determine whether recommendations made under the Review of Significant Trade have been implemented by the range States and to report to the Standing Committee, which decides on appropriate action.
3. The present document contains information on recent decisions of the Standing Committee in the context of the Review of Significant Trade. As reference for the work of the Committee, the document also lists reviews that have been completed.
4. The Annex to this document presents an overview of recent actions concerning animal species that were selected under the Review of Significant Trade after the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th meetings of the Conference of the Parties (Gigiri, 2000; Santiago, 2002; Bangkok, 2004; and The Hague, 2007). It also indicates the reference documents that provide detailed information on reviews for each species.
5. Detailed information on reviews for species selected by the Animals Committee for the Review of Significant Trade after the 13th and 14th meetings of the Conference of the Parties is provided in Documents AC25 Doc. 9.3 and AC25 Doc. 9.4.
6. The Animals Committee is invited to note the information contained in the present document.

PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPECIES-BASED
REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE IN ANIMAL SPECIES

Key: AC = Animals Committee; SC = Standing Committee

Table 1: Species selected by the Animals Committee for Review of Significant Trade before 2000

Taxon selected	Reference document(s)	Status of review
<i>Agapornis fischeri</i> *	SC59 Doc. 14.2	Completed (see paragraphs 1 and 2 below)
<i>Malacochersus tornieri</i> *	SC59 Doc. 14.2	Completed
<i>Calumma</i> spp.* and <i>Furcifer</i> spp.* (except <i>F. lateralis</i> , <i>F. oustaleti</i> , <i>F. pardalis</i> and <i>F. verrucosus</i>)	SC59 Doc. 14.2	Completed
<i>Phelsuma</i> spp.* (except <i>P. laticauda</i> , <i>P. lineata</i> , <i>P. madagascariensis</i> and <i>P. quadriocellata</i>)	SC59 Doc. 14.2	Completed

- On 25 May 2009, the Standing Committee agreed by postal procedure to withdraw its recommendation to the Parties to suspend imports of specimens of *A. fischeri* from the United Republic of Tanzania until the recommendations of the Animals Committee have been implemented to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee.
- The Secretariat wrote to the United Republic of Tanzania in June 2009 to advise them of the decision of the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee recommendation to suspend trade in *Agapornis fischeri* from the United Republic of Tanzania therefore remains in place.

Table 2: Species selected by the Animals Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP11

Taxon selected	Reference document(s)	Status of review
<i>Cuora amboinensis</i> *	SC58 Doc. 21.1 (Annex 1) SC58 summary record	Completed (see paragraphs 4 and 5 below)
<i>Cuora galbinifrons</i> *	SC58 Doc. 21.1 (Annex 1) SC58 summary record	Completed (see paragraphs 4 and 5 below)
<i>Lissemys punctata</i>	SC58 Doc. 21.1 (Annex 1) SC58 summary record	Completed (see paragraph 3 below)

- The Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee have concluded that the Committee's recommendations for *Lissemys punctata* from Bangladesh have been implemented. After consultation with the Chair of the Standing Committee, the Secretariat notified Bangladesh in July 2010 that this species had been removed from the Review of Significant Trade.
- At its 58th meeting (SC58, Geneva, July 2009), the Standing Committee recommended that, until the recommendations of the Animals Committee had been implemented to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee, all Parties suspend trade in *Cuora amboinensis* with Viet Nam and in *Cuora galbinifrons* with Viet Nam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic. It also instructed the Secretariat to report on these issues at its 61st meeting (SC61, Geneva, August 2011) and to contact and work with Viet Nam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic to address the Animals Committee's recommendations, so that they could be resolved in a manner that addressed the conservation concerns for these species.

* Species currently subject to a recommendation to suspend trade
(see Notification to the Parties No. 2010/012 <http://www.cites.org/eng/notif/2010/E012.pdf>).

5. The Secretariat wrote to Viet Nam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic in September 2009 to convey the recommendation by the Standing Committee. Any response on *Cuora amboinensis* and *Cuora galbinifrons* from these two countries will be considered at the 61st meeting of the Standing Committee.

Table 3: Species selected by the Animals Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP12

Taxon selected	Reference document(s)	Status of review
<i>Falco cherrug</i> *	SC59 Doc. 14.2 SC59 summary record	Completed (see paragraphs 6 and 7 below)
<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>	SC58 summary record SC59 summary record	Completed (see paragraph 8 below)
<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2) AC24 Doc. 7.2	Completed
<i>Gracula religiosa</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2) AC24 Doc. 7.2	Completed
<i>Phelsuma comorensis</i> *	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2) AC24 Doc. 7.2	Completed
<i>Phelsuma v-nigra</i> *	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2) AC24 Doc. 7.2	Completed
<i>Uromastix dispar</i> *	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2) AC24 Doc. 7.2	Completed
<i>Uromastix geyri</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2) AC24 Doc. 7.2	Completed
<i>Hippopus hippopus</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)	Completed
<i>Tridacna crocea</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)	Completed
<i>Tridacna derasa</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)	Completed
<i>Tridacna gigas</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)	Completed
<i>Tridacna maxima</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)	Completed
<i>Tridacna squamosa</i>	SC57 Doc. 29.1 (Rev. 2)	Completed

6. At the 59th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC59, Doha, March 2010), the Secretariat reported regarding *Falco cherrug* that the case of Mongolia had been dealt with at SC58. Regarding the other eight States (Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), which had suspended issuance of export permits for the species, the Standing Committee agreed that the Secretariat should publish a zero export quota for wild specimens of *Falco cherrug* from these eight range States. If any State wishes to resume trade it should advise the Secretariat of measures it has taken to comply with the recommendations and the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Animals Committee, shall determine whether they have been implemented and report to the Standing Committee accordingly.
7. SC59 agreed that the suspension of trade in *Falco cherrug* from Armenia, Iraq, Mauritania and Tajikistan could be lifted, with the provision that, if Armenia or Iraq wished to resume export of specimens of this species, they should advise the Secretariat of the measures they had taken to comply with the recommendations of the Animals Committee, and the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Animals Committee, should determine whether the recommendations have been implemented and report to the Standing Committee accordingly. There were still concerns at SC59 regarding Bahrain and the Standing Committee agreed to maintain the recommendation to suspend trade for that country.
8. At SC59, the Standing Committee felt that the situation concerning *Poicephalus senegalus* required firmer action. The Committee instructed the Secretariat to engage further with Mali to carry out a study on the status of this species, to be completed by SC61, and to provide a progress report at SC59. It recommended that until this study was completed, Mali not establish a quota exceeding 5,000 specimens

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per year and that it consider suspending exports on a voluntary basis until a scientifically established quota could be set. Mali reported that they were having difficulties trying to set up a team to study the status of *Poicephalus senegalus*. This was noted and the Standing Committee will consider *Poicephalus senegalus* from Mali at SC61.

Table 4: Species selected by the Animals Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP13 (see document AC25 Doc. 9.3)

Taxon selected	Reference document(s)	Status of review
<i>Mantella milotympanum</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.3 AC24 summary record	Completed (eliminated from the review at AC24)
<i>Mantella crocea</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.3 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Mantella expectata</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.3 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Mantella viridis</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.3 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Mantella aurantiaca</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.3 AC24 summary record	Ongoing (see document AC25 Doc. 9.3)
<i>Mantella baroni</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.3 AC24 summary record	Completed
<i>Mantella betsileo</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.3 AC24 summary record	Completed
<i>Mantella ebenau</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.3 AC24 summary record	Completed
<i>Mantella bernhardii</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.3 AC24 summary record	Ongoing

Table 5: Species selected by the Animals Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP14 (see document AC25 Doc. 9.4)

Taxon selected	Reference document(s)	Status of review
<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Heosemys annandalii</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Heosemys grandis</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Heosemys spinosa</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Indotestudo forstenii</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Completed
<i>Testudo horsfieldii</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Amyda cartilaginea</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Uroplatus</i> spp.	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Brookesia decaryi</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Chamaeleo africanus</i> , population of Niger	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Chamaeleo feae</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Ongoing

Taxon selected	Reference document(s)	Status of review
<i>Cordylus mossambicus</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Gongylophis muelleri</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Ongoing
<i>Scaphiophryne gottlebei</i>	AC24 Doc. 7.4 AC24 summary record	Ongoing