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



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Periodic review of animal species included in the CITES Appendices

SPECIES SELECTED FOR REVIEW FROM COP13 (2004) TO COP15 (2010)

- 1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
- 2. In Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP15) on *Establishment of committees*, the Conference of the Parties resolves that Animals Committee shall undertake a periodic review of animal species included in the CITES Appendices by *inter alia*:
 - a) establishing a schedule for reviewing the biological and trade status of these species;
 - b) consulting the Parties on the need to review specific species, working directly with the range States in the selection process, and seeking their assistance in such reviews; and
 - c) preparing and submitting amendment proposals resulting from the review, through the Depositary Government, for consideration at meetings of the Conference of the Parties.
- 3. In compliance with these provisions, the Animals Committee selected at its 22nd meeting (AC22, Lima, July 2006) 32 taxa for its periodic review for the period between the 13th and 15th meetings of the Conference of the Parties (2004-2010) (see the summary record of AC22).
- 4. In accordance with Decision 13.93 (Rev. CoP15), the Animals Committee also included the Felidae (representing 39 taxa) in its Review of the Appendices after the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 5. The status of the Periodic Review of the 71 taxa referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above is summarized in the Annex to document AC26 Doc. 13.1.
- 6. Following the 25th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC25, Geneva, July 2011), 51 taxa remained for which no volunteer had been identified to initiate the review. These are shown in the table below.

Animals species selected for the Periodic Review from CoP13 (2004) to CoP15 (2010) that still require a detailed review

Order	Family	Taxon	
CLASS MAMMALIA			
CARNIVORA	Felidae	Catopuma badia	
		Felis bieti	
		Felis chaus	
		Felis manul	
		Felis margarita	
		Felis nigripes	
		Felis silvestris	

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Order	Family	Taxon
		Leopardus braccatus
		Leopardus colocolo
		Leopardus geoffroyi
		Leopardus guigna
		Leopardus jacobitus
		Leopardus pajeros
		Leopardus pardalis
		Leopardus tigrinus
		Leopardus wiedii
		Prionailurus bengalensis
		Prionailurus iriomotensis
		Prionailurus planiceps
		Prionailurus rubiginosus
		Prionailurus viverrinus
		Profelis aurata
		Puma concolor
		Puma yagouaroundi
	С	LASS AVES
GALLIFORMES	Phasianidae	Argusianus argus
		Catreus wallichii
		Crossoptilon crossoptilon harmani (formally adopted
		as Crossoptilon [crossoptilon] harmani under CITES)
		Gallus sonneratii
		Ithaginis cruentus
		Lophophorus impejanus
		Lophophorus Ihuysii
		Lophophorus sclateri
		Lophura imperialis
		Mitu mitu
		Polyplectron bicalcaratum
		Polyplectron germaini
		Syrmaticus humiae
		Tetraogallus caspius
		Tetraogallus tibetanus
		Tragopan melanocephalus
	CLA	SS AMPHIBIA
ANURA	Bufonidae	Bufo periglenes
		Bufo superciliaris
		Nectophrynoides tornieri
		Nectophrynoides viviparus
		Spinophrynoides osgoodi
	Microhylidae	Dyscophus antongilii
	Ranidae	Euphlyctis hexadactylus
		Hoplobatrachus tigerinus
	Rheobatrachidae	Rheobatrachus silus
		Rheobatrachus vitellinus
CAUDATA	Cryptobranchidae	Andrias davidianus

- 7. At AC25, the Animals Committee created an intersessional working group to address the review of the species of Galliformes listed above. The outputs of the working group, which is expected to conclude its reviews by the present meeting, are discussed under agenda item 13.2.1.
- 8. At the 61st meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, August 2011), the Chair of the Animals Committee gave an oral report on the Periodic Review of the Appendices, highlighting the backlog of periodic review cases due to a lack of volunteers to undertake the reviews. He considered that financial support for this exercise may help. The Standing Committee agreed that there was a need to accelerate

- the Review and that the matter should be reconsidered at its 62nd meeting in July 2012. The Committee further noted that Parties that were members of the European Union would be prepared to submit concrete suggestions to this effect, and that other Parties should also submit ideas.
- 9. At the request of the Animals Committee, the Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No. 2011/038 on 21 September 2011, in which the Committee invited volunteers to complete outstanding reviews of animal species selected for the period 2004-2010. Parties were requested to contact the Chair of the Animals Committee if they could assist with these reviews.
- 10. At the time of writing (end of January 2012), Australia had replied offering to conduct reviews of *Rheobatrachus silus* and *Rheobatrachus vitellinus*, and China had submitted a review of *Andrias davidianus* to the Secretariat (see the Annex, in the language in which it was submitted).

Action by the Animals Committee

11. The Chair of the Animals Committee is invited to provide any additional comments he may have received from volunteers in response to Notification No. 2011/038. The Animals Committee is invited to decide on the steps to take next with the species mentioned in paragraph 10 above, and whether the reviews of the remaining species should be kept or terminated.