

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

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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

SIGNIFICANT TRADE IN SPECIMENS OF APPENDIX-II SPECIES

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 45th meeting (Paris, June 2001), in the context of Resolution Conf. 8.9 (Rev.), the Standing Committee recommended to all Parties that no imports of specimens of *Dendrobates auratus* and *Dendrobates pumilio* be accepted from Nicaragua until it had addressed the primary recommendations of the Animals Committee regarding these species. This recommendation was communicated on 9 July 2001 in Notification to the Parties No. 2001/043.
3. Since then, the Secretariat has held several meetings with the Management Authority of Nicaragua and has corresponded with them on this issue. The Secretariat has received and reviewed a number of documents concerning the management of and trade in Dendrobatidae species in Nicaragua, and in September 2002 visited a major collection site of *Dendrobates auratus* and *Dendrobates pumilio* in Nicaragua. It is currently consulting several experts in tropical frog conservation and management.
4. The Secretariat will complete its evaluation of the action taken by Nicaragua before the 49th meeting of the Standing Committee, and will present recommendations for consideration by the Committee at that meeting.