

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Compliance and enforcement

Review of Significant Trade

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUSPEND TRADE  
MADE MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Introduction

2. In the context of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*, the Standing Committee has recommended that Parties do not accept imports of specimens of a number of species from certain States, until recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees made under this Resolution are implemented by those States. A list of such recommendations currently in force, together with their date of application and, in a small number of cases, any limited exceptions to the recommendation, can be found in Notification to the Parties No. 2009/003 of 3 February 2009.
3. Paragraph v) of the Resolution states that:

*the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chairman of the Animals or Plants Committee, shall review recommendations to suspend trade that have been in place for longer than two years and, if appropriate, take measures to address the situation.*
4. In accordance with this paragraph, the Secretariat commissioned a study to review such recommendations to suspend trade established prior to September 2003 and presented this at the 57th meeting of the Committee (SC57, Geneva, July 2008).
5. At 57th the Committee conditionally withdrew a number of recommendations to suspend trade. In paragraphs 6 to 10 below, the Secretariat provides an update on the recommendations of the Standing Committee adopted at SC57. Full background on each case can be found in document SC57 Doc. 29.2.
6. Democratic Republic of the Congo
  - a) *Stigmochelys pardalis*
    - i) **Recommendations of the Standing Committee:** At SC57, the SC agreed to withdraw its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *G. pardalis* from the Democratic Republic of the Congo if the MA confirmed to the Secretariat that it would not issue export permits for this species until it had established a process for making non-detriment findings to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and Chair of the Animals Committee.

- ii) The Secretariat wrote to the Democratic Republic of Congo on 1 September 2008 to advise them of the decision of the Standing Committee but at the time of writing no reply had been received.

b) *Hippopotamus amphibius*

- i) Recommendations of the Standing Committee: At SC57, the SC agreed to withdraw its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *H. amphibius* from the Democratic Republic of the Congo if the MA confirmed to the Secretariat that the above mentioned Ministerial Decree had been signed and is in force.
- ii) The Secretariat has received a copy of ministerial decree No. 020/CAB/MIN/ECN-EF/2006 of 20 May 2006 confirming that *H. amphibius* is totally protected in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Parties were advised in Notification to the Parties No. 2009/003 that the Standing Committee had withdrawn its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *H. amphibius* from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

c) *Poicephalus robustus*

- i) **Recommendations of the Standing Committee:** At SC57, the SC agreed to withdraw its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *P. robustus* from the Democratic Republic of the Congo if the MA established a cautious export quota in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chairman of the AC.
- ii) The Secretariat wrote to the Democratic Republic of the Congo on 1 September 2008 to advise them of the decision of the Standing Committee but at the time of writing no reply had been received.

7. Madagascar

a) *Calumma* spp. and *Furcifer* spp. (except *F. lateralis*, *F. oustaleti*, *F. pardalis* and *F. verrucosus*)

- i) **Recommendations of the Standing Committee:** At SC57 the SC:
  - A. requested the Animals Committee to re-evaluate its recommendations concerning the export of *Calumma* spp. and *Furcifer* spp. (except *F. lateralis*, *F. oustaleti*, *F. pardalis* and *F. verrucosus*) from Madagascar on a species-by-species basis; and
  - B. agreed that its recommendations to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *Calumma* spp. and *Furcifer* spp. (except *F. lateralis*, *F. oustaleti*, *F. pardalis* and *F. verrucosus*) from Madagascar should be withdrawn in cases where the AC considered that the provisions of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a) and 3, of the Convention were being complied with.
- ii) The Animals Committee reviewed these species on a case-by-case basis at its 24th meeting (Geneva, April 2009). The Committee concluded that the provisions of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a) and 3, of the Convention were still not being complied with in the case of *Calumma capuroni*, *C. cucullata*, *C. furcifer*, *C. guibeii*, *C. hilleniusi*, *C. linota*, *C. peyrierasi*, *C. tsaratananensis*, *C. vatosoa*, *Furcifer angeli*, *F. balteatus*, *F. belalandaensis*, *F. labordi*, *F. monoceras*, *F. nicosiai* and *F. tuzetae*. The Committee drew the same conclusion for *Calumma amber*, *C. hafahafa*, *C. jeji*, *C. peltierorum* and *C. tsyscorne* even though these species are not currently included in the taxonomic and nomenclatural references adopted by the Conference of the Parties. The Standing Committee's recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of the above named species in the genera *Calumma* and *Furcifer* from Madagascar is therefore maintained.
- iii) For the species *Calumma andringitraensis*, *C. boettgeri*, *C. brevicornis*, *C. fallax*, *C. gallus*, *C. gastrotaenia*, *C. glawi*, *C. globifer*, *C. guillaumeti*, *C. malthe*, *C. marojezensis*, *C. nasuta*, *C. oshaughnessyi*, *C. parsonii*, *C. vencesi*, *Furcifer antimena*, *F. bifidus*, *F. campani*, *F. minor*, *F. petteri*, *F. rhinoceratus* and *F. willsii*, the Animals Committee concluded that the

provisions of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a) and 3, of the Convention would be complied with if Madagascar:

- A. established conservative annual export quota for wild specimens intended for trade, based on estimates of sustainable offtake and scientific information;
- B. forwarded the quota details to the Secretariat (including zero quotas) and provide information and data used by the Scientific Authority to determine that the quantities would not be detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild;
- C. The Secretariat after consultation with the Animals Committee should publish the quota agreed by the Animals Committee (including any zero quotas). No export should occur until the agreed quotas have been published on the Secretariat's website<sup>1</sup>.
- D. ensured that specimens produced from captive-production systems were distinguished in trade from genuine wild-harvested specimens, that separate export quotas were established and notified to the Secretariat;
- E. conducted a status assessment, including an evaluation of threats to the species; developed and implemented an internationally agreed standard population monitoring programme for the species; and advised the Secretariat of the details of the assessment and the programme; and
- F. based any changes to the conservative annual export quota for wild-taken specimens on the results of the assessment and monitoring programme.

The Animals Committee drew the same conclusion for *Calumma crypticum*, even though this species is not currently included in the taxonomic and nomenclatural references adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

- iv) The Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee recommend that the Standing Committee maintain its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *Calumma* spp. and *Furcifer* spp. (except *F. lateralis*, *F. oustaleti*, *F. pardalis* and *F. verrucosus*) from Madagascar pending compliance with the Animals Committee's recommendations above.
- b) *Coracopsis vasa*
- i) Recommendations of the Standing Committee: At SC57 the SC agreed to withdraw its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *C. vasa* from Madagascar, if the Management Authority establishes a cautious export quota in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee.
  - ii) The Secretariat wrote to Madagascar on 1 September 2008 to advise them of the decision of the Standing Committee at the time of writing, no reply had been received.
- c) *Phelsuma* spp. (except *P. laticauda*, *P. lineata*, *P. madagascariensis* and *P. quadriocellata*)
- i) **Recommendations of the Standing Committee:** At SC57 the SC:
    - A. requested the Animals Committee to re-evaluate its recommendations concerning the export of *Phelsuma* spp. (except *P. laticauda*, *P. lineata*, *P. madagascariensis* and *P. quadriocellata*) from Madagascar on a species-by-species basis; and

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<sup>1</sup> If the Animals Committee agrees by consensus (intersessionally) with the proposal from Madagascar, then the quotas would be posted on the CITES website. If the Animals Committee needs further information or clarification to reach consensus, those issues would be taken up following further consultation with Madagascar at the next Animals Committee meeting.

- B. agreed that its recommendations to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *Phelsuma* spp. (except *P. laticauda*, *P. lineata*, *P. madagascariensis* and *P. quadriocellata*) from Madagascar should be withdrawn in cases where the Animals Committee considered that the provisions of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a) and 3 of the Convention were being complied with.
- ii) The Animals Committee reviewed these species on a case-by-case basis at its 24th meeting. The Committee concluded that the provisions of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a) and 3, of the Convention were still not being complied with in the case of: *Phelsuma antanosy*, *P. berghofi*, *P. flavigularis*, *P. hielscheri*, *P. malamakibo*, *P. masohoala*, *P. pronki* and *P. serraticauda*.

The Committee drew the same conclusion for *Phelsuma kely*, *P. ravenala* and *P. vanheygeni*, even though these species are not currently included in the taxonomic and nomenclatural references adopted by the Conference of the Parties. The Standing Committee's recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of the above named species in the genera *Phelsuma* spp. from Madagascar is therefore maintained.

- iii) For the species: *Phelsuma abbotti*, *P. barbouri*, *P. breviceps*, *P. cepediana*, *P. dubia*, *P. guttata*, *P. klemmeri*, *P. modesta*, *P. mutabilis*, *P. pusilla*, *P. seippi* and *P. standingi* the Animals Committee concluded that the provisions of Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a) and 3, of the Convention would be complied with if Madagascar:
- A. established conservative annual export quota for wild specimens intended for trade, based on estimates of sustainable offtake and scientific information;
  - B. forwarded the quota details to the Secretariat (including zero quotas) and provide information and data used by the Scientific Authority to determine that the quantities would not be detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild;
  - C. The Secretariat after consultation with the Animals Committee should publish the quota agreed by the Animals Committee (including any zero quotas). No export should occur until the agreed quotas have been published on the Secretariat's website;
  - D. ensured that specimens produced from captive-production systems were distinguished in trade from genuine wild-harvested specimens, that separate export quotas were established and notified to the Secretariat;
  - E. conducted a status assessment, including an evaluation of threats to the species; developed and implemented an internationally agreed standard population monitoring programme for the species; and advised the Secretariat of the details of the assessment and the programme; and
  - F. based any changes to the conservative annual export quota for wild-taken specimens on the results of the assessment and monitoring programme.
- iv) The Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee recommend that the Standing Committee maintain its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *Phelsuma* spp. from Madagascar pending compliance with the Animals Committee's recommendations above.

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## 8. Malawi

### *Hippopotamus amphibius*

- a) **Recommendations of the Standing Committee:** The Standing Committee maintained its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *H. amphibius* from Malawi pending compliance with the AC recommendations by Malawi.
- b) At AC24, the Animals Committee reviewed the biological, trade and other relevant information on *H. amphibius* from Malawi and concluded in accordance with paragraph f) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) that it was satisfied that Article IV, paragraph 2 (a) and 3 were being correctly implemented. Consequently, the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee propose that the Standing Committee withdraw its recommendation to the Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *H. amphibius* from Malawi.

## 9. Suriname

### *Dendrobates tinctorius*

- a) **Recommendations of the Standing Committee:** The Standing Committee withdrew its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *D. tinctorius* from Suriname if the cautious annual voluntary export quota of recent years is maintained.
- b) The cautious annual voluntary export quota of recent years has been maintained and Parties were advised in Notification to the Parties No. 2008/052 of 22 August 2008 that the Standing Committee had withdrawn its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *D. tinctorius* from Suriname.

## 10. United Republic of Tanzania

### a) *Agapornis fischeri*

At SC57, the Committee agreed to address by postal procedure, the question of what measures the United Republic of Tanzania needed to take in order for the Committee to withdraw its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *Agapornis fischeri* from that State. At the time of writing, the Committee was still deliberating on this matter.

### b) *Stigmochelys pardalis*

- i) **Recommendations of the Standing Committee:** The Standing Committee agreed to withdraw its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *S. pardalis* from the United Republic of Tanzania if the Management Authority confirm to the Secretariat that it would maintain its export moratorium on wild-caught specimens until it had established a process for making non-detriment findings to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and Chair of the Animals Committee.
- ii) On 30 December 2008, the Secretariat received confirmation from the United Republic of Tanzania that it would maintain its export moratorium on wild-caught specimens until it had established a process for making non-detriment findings to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and Chair of the Animals Committee. Parties were advised in Notification to the Parties No. 2009/003 that the Standing Committee had withdrawn its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *S. pardalis* from the United Republic of Tanzania.

### c) *Gongylophis colubrinus*

- i) **Recommendations of the Standing Committee:** The Standing Committee agreed to withdraw its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *G. colubrinus* from the United Republic of Tanzania if the Management Authority confirmed to the Secretariat that it would maintain its export moratorium on wild-caught specimens until it had established a

process for making non-detriment findings to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and Chairman of the AC.

- ii) On 30 December 2008, the Secretariat received confirmation from the United Republic of Tanzania that it will maintain its export moratorium on wild-caught specimens until it has established a process for making non-detriment findings to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and Chairman of the AC. Parties were advised in Notification to the Parties No. 2009/003 that the Standing Committee had withdrawn its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *G. colubrinus* from the United Republic of Tanzania.

d) *Poicephalus cryptoxanthus*

- i) **Recommendations of the Standing Committee:** The Standing Committee agreed to withdraw its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *P. cryptoxanthus* from the United Republic of Tanzania if the Management Authority confirmed that, if it lifted its export moratorium a cautious export quota would be established in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee.
- ii) The Secretariat wrote to the United Republic of Tanzania on 1 September 2008 to convey the recommendations of the Standing Committee, but to date has not received an assurance that the United Republic of Tanzania will maintain an export moratorium or that, if such a moratorium is lifted, a cautious export quota will be established in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee.

e) *Poicephalus meyeri*

- i) **Recommendations of the Standing Committee:** The Standing Committee agreed to withdraw its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *P. meyeri* from the United Republic of Tanzania if the Management Authority confirmed that, if it lifted its export moratorium a cautious export quota would be established in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee.
- ii) The Secretariat wrote to the United Republic of Tanzania on 1 September 2008 to convey the recommendations of the Standing Committee, but to date has not received an assurance that the United Republic of Tanzania will maintain an export moratorium or that, if such a moratorium is lifted, a cautious export quota will be established in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee.

f) *Poicephalus rufiventris*

- i) **Recommendations of the Standing Committee:** The Standing Committee agreed to withdraw its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *P. rufiventris* from the United Republic of Tanzania if the Management Authority confirmed that, if it lifted its export moratorium a cautious export quota would be established in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee.
- ii) The Secretariat wrote to the United Republic of Tanzania on 1 September 2008 to convey the recommendations of the Standing Committee, but to date has not received an assurance that the United Republic of Tanzania will maintain an export moratorium or that, if such a moratorium is lifted, a cautious export quota will be established in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee.

g) *Tauraco fischeri*

- i) **Recommendations of the Standing Committee:** The Standing Committee agreed to withdraw its recommendation to Parties not to accept imports of specimens of *T. fischeri* from the United Republic of Tanzania if the Management Authority confirmed that, if it lifted its export moratorium a cautious export quota would be established in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee.

- ii) The Secretariat wrote to the United Republic of Tanzania on 1 September 2008 to convey the recommendations of the Standing Committee, but to date has not received an assurance that the United Republic of Tanzania will maintain an export moratorium or that, if such a moratorium is lifted, a cautious export quota will be established in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee.
11. Funds have not been available for the Secretariat to undertake further detailed studies of more recent cases where the Standing Committee has recommended that Parties do not accept imports of specimens of species from certain States. Outstanding cases which were decided more than two years ago are as follows:

Armenia: *Falco cherrug*

Bahrain: *Falco cherrug*

Grenada: *Strombus gigas*

Haiti: *Strombus gigas*

Iraq: *Falco cherrug*

Kazakhstan: *Saiga tatarica*

Lao People's Democratic Republic: *Naja* spp., Cycadaceae spp., Stangeriaceae spp. and Zamiaceae spp.

Mauritania: *Falco cherrug*

Mozambique: Cycadaceae spp., Stangeriaceae spp. and Zamiaceae spp.

Russian Federation: *Saiga tatarica*

Tajikistan: *Falco cherrug*

Viet Nam: Cycadaceae spp., Stangeriaceae spp. and Zamiaceae spp.

The Secretariat intends to have such a study prepared during 2009 so that it can report at the 59th meeting of the Committee.

12. The Standing Committee is invited to note the information in paragraphs 6, 7 a) ii), 7 b), 7 c) ii), 9, 10 b) to f) and 11 above. The Committee is further invited to complete its deliberations on paragraph 10 a) and to adopt the recommendations of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee in paragraphs 7 a) iv), 7 c) iv) and 8.