

Comments of Ukraine to the proposals to amend CITES Appendices I and II to be considered at CITES COP17

CITES Management Authority of Ukraine having consulted the relevant CITES Scientific Authorities of Ukraine has the following comments to the amendments proposals:

Animal species

According to Proposal 17 (CoP17 Prop. 17) *Falco peregrinus* is suggested to be transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II. While, according to the proponent, the global species population state and trends are considered to be stable and out of concern the state of population of the species in Ukraine is somewhat different.

Ukrainian population of *F. peregrinus* is estimated 100–120 pairs, mostly in Crimea and partly (10–20 pairs) in other parts of Ukraine. Although the Ukrainian population of the species seems to be stable during last 10-20 years it is believed that the population is affected by catching birds for falconry and for international trade. The species is listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine. There is a concern that transferring species from Appendix I to Appendix II may result in increasing impact of international trade and taking from the wild on the population of *F. peregrinus* and this may lead to decline of the population concerned. Thus a precautionary principle may be applied in that case and not to transfer *F. peregrinus* from Appendix I to Appendix II.

Plants species

As both proposals 54 (CoP17 Prop. 54) and 55 (CoP17 Prop. 55) refer to *Dalbergia* spp. and overlap each other these proposals should be considered together.