

Discussion on CITES Decision 19.197, paragraph a)

- ☐ identify amphibian species that are in international trade and evaluate whether certain species or groups should be recommended for possible listing in the Appendices;
- ☐ share existing national legislation relevant to the trade in amphibians;
- ☐ evaluate whether current levels of trade are compatible with the conservation of these species in the wild;
- ☐ compile further data on harvesting levels of amphibians subject to high volumes of international trade;
- ☐ explore the emerging threat of diseases to traded amphibians, including amphibian chytrid fungus and rana viruses; and
- ☐ examine current enforcement efforts to deter and detect illegal and unreported trade and identify additional actions needed

Regional priorities – North America

- Main species traded:
- Main exporters: United States (W and C), Canada (C), (Mexico – not in CITES trade database)
- Main importers: United States, EU member States, Republic of South Korea, Taiwan (Province of China), Guatemala.
- Legislation:
- Issues/concerns:

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- *Cynops pyrrhogaster* – endemic to Japan

Regional priorities – Central and South America and the Caribbean

- Main species traded:
- Main exporters:
 - Wild - Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guyana, Nicaragua, Panama, Suriname, Chile.
 - Captive - Ecuador, Nicaragua.
- Main importers: US, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, EU Member States
- Legislation:
- Issues/concerns:

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- *Ceratophrys ornata* – Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil
- *Bolitoglossa dofleini* – Honduras and Guatemala

Discussion topics from Annex 4 of background study

- ☐ Conversion factors of amphibians reported in units of mass versus units of number
- ☐ Use of trade terms and variability in interpretation
- ☐ Anomalous reporting of amphibian countries/regions of origin and/or sources
- ☐ Incorrect species identification of traded amphibians
- ☐ Spread of emerging infectious diseases through the international trade in amphibians

Topics for discussion submitted by participants

- ☐ Most traded species online
- ☐ Traceability of captive-bred amphibian specimens
- ☐ The importance of amphibians in their ecosystems
- ☐ The importance of working with communities
- ☐ Reducing demand for amphibians as 'disposable pets' and end capture of wild amphibians for the pet trade

Topics for discussion submitted by participants (continued)

- ☐ What kind of information do law enforcement and management authorities expect from scientific authorities?
- ☐ How can trade and species use information for red list categorization be improved?
- ☐ What funding mechanisms are available to address gaps in amphibian population information
- ☐ Sustainability and regulation of trade in frogs' legs
- ☐ Review of international trade of amphibians claimed as captive bred/farmed