

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



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Compliance

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Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Chair: Chair of the Animals Committee (Mr. Loertscher);
- Members: Representative for Asia (Mr. Hamidy), representative for Central and South America and the Caribbean (Mr. Gongora), representative of Europe (Mr. Benyr), nomenclature specialist (Mr. van Dijk);
- Parties: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Morocco, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America; and
- IGOs and NGOs: Convention on Migratory Species, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; International Union for Conservation of Nature; ADM Capital Foundation, Animal Welfare Institute, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Born Free Foundation, Brazilian Association of breeders and Traders of Native and Exotic Animals, Bundersverband für fachgerechten Natur-, Tier- und Artenschutz e.V., Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, Environmental Investigation Agency UK, European Association of Zoos and Aquaria, European Pet Organisation, Fauna and Flora International, German Society of Herpetology, Humane Society International, International Fur Federation, National Association for Biomedical Research, Ornamental Fish International, Parrot Breeders Association of Southern Africa, Pet Advocacy Network, ProWildlife, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, Society for Wildlife and Nature International, Species Survival Network, Sustainable Users Network, Whale and Dolphin Conservation, Wildlife Conservation Society, Wildlife Ranching South Africa NPC, World Association of Zoos and Aquariums, World Wide Fund for Nature.

Mandate

**Concerning agenda item 15.1:**

- a) consider the species/country combination *Varanus exanthematicus*/Ghana, and make recommendations as appropriate;

### Concerning agenda item 15.2:

- b) review the responses from countries in Annex 2 to document AC33 Doc. 15.3, the information in Annex 3 to document AC33 Doc. 15.2 and any additional relevant information and determine if trade is in compliance with Article III and Article IV of the Convention, as well as Article VII, paragraphs 4 and 5;
- c) in instances where this is not the case:
  - i) identify concerns appropriately within the Committee's remit;
  - ii) in consultation with the Secretariat, formulate draft recommendations directed to the relevant country which are time-bound, feasible, measurable, proportionate, transparent, and aimed at ensuring long-term compliance which, where appropriate, aim to promote capacity-building and enhance the ability of the country to implement relevant provisions of the Convention; and
  - iii) prepare supporting information for the Standing Committee on these cases.
- d) identify any concerns that are more appropriately considered by the Standing Committee; and
- e) report its recommendations to the Committee.

### Recommendations

#### ***Varanus exanthematicus* from Ghana**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to remove the species-country combination from the review and invites Ghana to consider the comments made by Europe when developing an NDF (e.g. concerning the need for a complex NDF in future and the new thresholds developed for reptiles at the NDF workshop in Nairobi, harvest methodologies, how the release of juveniles contributes to the population, etc).

#### ***Macaca fascicularis* from Indonesia**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to remove the species-country combination from the review.

#### ***Macaca fascicularis* from Cambodia**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to retain the species-country combination and requests Cambodia to provide clarifications about the high reproduction rates in writing to the Secretariat for review by the Animals Committee.

#### ***Macaca fascicularis* from Philippines**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to retain the species-country combination and ask the same questions again since the Philippines have not provided responses to the initial letter.

#### ***Macaca fascicularis* from Vietnam**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to retain the species-country combination and requests Vietnam to better clarify both the origin of the founder stock and the biological sustainability of the founder stock.

In addition, the Animals Committee may wish to raise concerns to the Standing Committee in relation to the inspection process and the source of the information used in the responses described in the response from Vietnam.

### ***Chlamydotis macqueenii* from Kazakhstan**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to retain the species-country combination. The WG also encourages the Animals Committee to request Kazakhstan to provide the response to the Animals Committee for its consideration.

### ***Chlamydotis undulata* from Morocco**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to release the species-country combination from the process. At the same time it recommends the Animals Committee to invite Morocco to provide more information on the release program and its effect on wild population.

### ***Kinyongia boehmei* from Kenya**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to release the species-country combination from the process.

### ***Gecko gecko* from Indonesia**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to remove the species-country combination from the process.

The working group also recommends the Animals Committee to encourage Indonesia to review the use of source codes in this system of production.

### ***Ctenosaura quinquecarinata* from Nicaragua**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to remove the species-country combination from the process.

### ***Ctenosaura similis* from Nicaragua**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to remove the species-country combination from the process.

### ***Testudo graeca* from Jordan**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to retain the species-country combination as no response was received and request the Secretariat to ask the same questions again.

The WG also recommends the Animals Committee to refer this matter to the Standing Committee for its consideration.

### ***Testudo horsfieldii* from Uzbekistan**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to retain the species-country combination and that Uzbekistan should:

- Provide information and details on source codes for different specimens and how individuals from different sources are differentiated
- Provide evidence on the ability to produce such high numbers of specimens
- Provide more information on cases where wild specimens have been exported as captive bred
- Provide information on whether they intend to move all trade to captive breeding in the future

### ***Testudo kleinmanni* from Syrian Arab Republic**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee since no response was received to retain the species-country combination and ask the same questions again.

### ***Testudo kleinmanni* from Egypt**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to retain the species-country combination and request Egypt to:

- In the short term request the Secretariat to publish a zero-quota for trade in *T. kleinmanni* for commercial purposes (all source codes)

Egypt is further requested to provide information on

- a NDF for the creation of their founder stocks;
- the exact number of current facilities
- more comprehensive details on the keeping and breeding of the species bred to allow an assessment on the plausibility of the figures presented
- the methods for proper and reliable marking of individuals,

The working group further recommends the Animals Committee to inform the Standing Committee of the fact that none of the breeding facilities in Egypt have been registered in compliance with Res. Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15).

### ***Nectophrynoides asperginis* from the United States of America**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to remove the species-country combination from the process.

### ***Dendrobatus auratus* from Nicaragua**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to retain the species-country combination, but to acknowledge the efforts made by Nicaragua to respond to the questions posed by the Animals Committee. Nicaragua is requested to provide an individual response to the questions concerning *D. auratus* and to provide more information, in particular on the acquisition of the founder stock and the mortality rates within the facilities.

### ***Oophaga pumilio* from Nicaragua**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to retain the species-country combination, but to acknowledge the efforts made by Nicaragua to respond to the questions posed by the Animals Committee. Nicaragua is requested to provide an individual response to the questions concerning *O. pumilio* and to provide more information, in particular on the acquisition of the founder stock and the mortality rates within the facilities.

### ***Agalychnis callidryas* from Nicaragua**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to retain the species-country combination, but to acknowledge the efforts made by Nicaragua to respond to the questions posed by the Animals Committee. Nicaragua is requested to provide an individual response to the questions concerning *A. callidryas* and to provide more information, in particular on the acquisition of the founder stock and the mortality rates within the facilities.

***Cheilinus undulatus* from Indonesia**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to remove the species-country combination from the process.

***Hirudo medicinalis* from Azerbaijan**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to remove the species-country combination from the process.

***Batagur borneoensis* from the United States of America**

The working group recommends to the Animals Committee to remove the species-country combination from the process.