

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



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Compliance

REVIEW OF TRADE IN SPECIMENS REPORTED AS PRODUCED IN CAPTIVITY

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of document SC77 Doc. 36 after discussion in the fourth session of plenary (see document SC77 Sum. 4).

Revised recommendations concerning paragraph 25 a) of document SC77 Doc. 36 (see Annex 1 for previous recommendations)

1. Concerning ***Centrochelys sulcata* / Benin**, the Standing Committee is invited to:
  - a) retain *Centrochelys sulcata* from Benin in the review and maintain its current zero export quota for captive bred specimens (C) of *C. sulcata* until such time as it addresses the concerns of the Animals and Standing Committees; and
  - b) encourage Benin to provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations to the Secretariat by 1 March 2024 so that the matter can be considered at the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee (AC33, July 2024, tbc).
2. Concerning ***Centrochelys sulcata* / Ghana**, the Standing Committee is invited to:
  - a) remove *Centrochelys sulcata* from Ghana from the review subject to the publication of a maximum size limit of 15cm straight carapace length with its export quota on the CITES website; and
  - b) remind Ghana of the offer from the United States to provide assistance related to the development and implementation of a unique marking system for the breeding stock at the facilities.
3. Concerning ***Varanus exanthematicus* / Ghana**, the Standing Committee is invited to:
  - a) ~~remove~~ retain *Varanus exanthematicus* from Ghana from in the review;
  - b) request that Ghana clarify if its 2023 export quotas of 3,000 wild (W) and 9,000 ranched (R) were established based on the rapid assessment carried out by the Scientific Authority and explain the scientific justification for how it has arrived at these figures when it has stated that it has not been able to make an NDF;
  - b-c) invite Ghana to share its rapid assessment with the Chair of Animals Committee for review.; and
  - d) encourage Benin to provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations to the Secretariat by 1 March 2024 so that the matter can be considered at the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee (AC33, July 2024, tbc).

4. Concerning ***Cacatua alba* / Indonesia**, the Standing Committee is invited to:
  - a) remove *Cacatua alba* from Indonesia from the review; and
  - b) encourage Indonesia not to accept cases of unnatural high reproductive output in these facilities without further evidence. For example, Indonesia is encouraged to use a genetic parenthood test able to verify parentage claims as part of its future monitoring programme to ensure that wild stock is not being laundered through these facilities, noting that the UK has offered to share its experience with Indonesia in this regard.
5. Concerning ***Centrochelys sulcata* / Mali**, the Standing Committee is invited to:
  - a) retain *Centrochelys sulcata* from Mali in the review-until such time as it addresses the concerns of the Animals and Standing Committees; and
  - b) urge Mali to provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations to the Secretariat by 1 March 2024 so that the matter can be considered at the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee (AC33, July 2024, tbc).
6. Concerning ***Centrochelys sulcata* / Togo**, the Standing Committee is invited to:
  - a) retain *Centrochelys sulcata* from Togo in the review until such time as it addresses the concerns of the Animals and Standing Committees; and
  - b) encourage Togo to provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations to the Secretariat by 1 March 2024 so that the matter can be considered at the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee (AC33, July 2024, tbc).
7. Concerning ***Hippocampus comes* / Viet Nam**, the Standing Committee is invited to:
  - a) remove *Hippocampus comes* from Viet Nam from the review;
  - b) remind Viet Nam that, should it wish to resume trade from these or similar facilities with source code W or F, it should make legal acquisition findings (LAFs) and non-detriment findings (NDFs) prior to authorising trade; and
  - c) invite Viet Nam to share its NDF with the Chair of Animals Committee for review prior to resuming trade.
8. Concerning ***Vulpes zerda* / Sudan**, the Standing Committee is invited to:
  - a) remove *Vulpes zerda* from Sudan from the review; and
  - b) request confirmation from Sudan that specimens of *V. zerda* will not be exported from the breeding facility for commercial purposes without an NDF for the founder stock.
9. Concerning ***Centrochelys sulcata* / Sudan**, the Standing Committee is invited to:
  - a) remove *Centrochelys sulcata* from Sudan from the review; and
  - b) request confirmation from Sudan that specimens of *C. sulcata* will not be exported from the breeding facility for commercial purposes without an NDF for the founder stock.
10. Concerning ***Geochelone elegans* / Jordan**, the Standing Committee is invited to:
  - a) remove *Geochelone elegans* from Jordan from the review;
  - b) request confirmation from Jordan that trade in *G. elegans* from the facility will not resume without first informing the Secretariat and Chair of the Standing Committee; and
  - c) request information on the disposal of the stock that was held at the facility.
11. Concerning ***Testudo hermanni* / North Macedonia**, the Standing Committee is invited to:

a) remove *Testudo hermanni* from North Macedonia from the review; and

b) request the Secretariat to work with North Macedonia to improve its capacity needs concerning captive breeding.

\* Note that the United States of America was not in favour of removing ***Testudo hermanni* / North Macedonia** before the additional guidance concerning the origin of the founder stock is provided by the Secretariat.

Additional general recommendation

12. The Standing Committee is invited to request the Secretariat to consider ways in which the information concerning Parties that are released from the review process under certain conditions can be made easily available in the long term to ensure that conditions are adhered to and can be monitored and bring forward a proposal for accomplishing that task for consideration at the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee.