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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Compliance

Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

OVERVIEW

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Background

2. The role and responsibilities of the Standing Committee in conducting the Review of Significant Trade (RST) in specimens of Appendix-II species are described in paragraph 1 k) to p) and paragraph 2 of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species*.
3. This document provides an update since the last overview of cases subject to review under Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) presented at the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC77; Geneva, November 2023).
4. Details of the 90 cases (species or taxa/country or range State combinations) that are currently in the RST are presented in the Annex to this document. Of these cases, 66 relate to fauna and 24 relate to flora. It includes the 11 species/country combinations that were retained in Stage 3 of the RST process by the Plants Committee (see summary record [PC27 SR](#)) and the 20 species/country combinations retained by the Animals Committee (see summary record [AC33 SR](#)) at their 27th and 33rd meetings respectively (PC27 and AC33; Geneva, July 2024).
5. In document SC78 Doc. 34.3, the Secretariat submitted for consideration of the Standing Committee its determination of implementation of flora cases that are due for reporting at the present meeting or for which there are updates since their retention in Stage 3 of the process at PC27. The determination of implementation of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* as an exceptional case for the eight range States concerned is reported on in document SC78 Doc. 33.2. The recommendations of both documents reflect the outcomes of the consultations with the Plants Committee at its 27th meeting (PC27; Geneva, July 2024), in accordance with paragraph 1 k) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18).
6. In document SC78 Doc. 34.2, the Secretariat has submitted for consideration of the Standing Committee its determination of implementation of fauna cases that are due for reporting at the present meeting. The recommendations of said document reflect the outcomes of the intersessional consultations with the Animals Committee, in accordance with paragraph 1 k) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18).

Updates on flora species/country combinations since SC77

7. At SC77, the Secretariat reported in document [SC77 Doc. 35.3](#) on the actions taken by Parties to implement the recommendations made by the Plants and Standing Committees under RST to ensure compliance with the obligations of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a) of the Convention. The Secretariat informed the Standing Committee of its determination as to whether the recommendations formulated by the Plants Committee had been implemented by the range States concerned.

8. The recommendations of the Standing Committee are found in summary record [SC77 SR](#) and summarized below. The Committee agreed to retain the following species/country combinations:
- Dalbergia retusa* / Nicaragua.
 - Pericopsis elata* / Congo.
9. The Committee also agreed that the following species/country combinations be removed from the process:
- Dalbergia retusa* / Panama.
 - Pericopsis elata* / Democratic Republic of the Congo.
 - Prunus africana* / Cameroon.
 - Prunus africana* / Democratic Republic of the Congo.
 - Pterocarpus santalinus* / India.
10. At SC77, the Standing Committee also considered progress on the eight ongoing *Pterocarpus erinaceus* RST cases, as reported in document [SC77 Doc. 33.2.3](#). Likewise, at PC27, the Plants Committee considered progress on each of these cases through document [PC27 Doc. 15.3](#). Updates on the outcomes of SC77 and PC27 are reported at the present meeting in document SC78 Doc. 33.2 on the *Expedited application of Article XIII for West African rosewood (Pterocarpus erinaceus) for all range States*.
11. At PC27, the Plants Committee considered progress in the implementation of recommendations for species selected following CoP17, through document [PC27 Doc. 15.2](#). Progress on the two cases concerned (Congo / *Pericopsis elata* and Nicaragua / *Dalbergia retusa*) is reported at the present meeting in document SC78 Doc. 34.3 on *Implementation of recommendations of the Plants Committee*.
12. At PC27, the Plants Committee also reviewed species selected following CoP19, which included the available information on the taxa that were selected at PC26, responses received from the range States concerned in accordance with paragraph f) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) and a report compiled by the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) about the biology, management and trade in the species selected. In instances where the Committee was satisfied that Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a), were correctly implemented, the species was eliminated from the Review with respect to the range State concerned, and these range States were notified accordingly by the Secretariat (see document [PC27 Doc. 15.4](#) and summary record [PC27 SR](#)).
13. The taxa and countries that were selected following CoP19 and retained in the Review at PC27 are shown in Table 1 below. The Plants Committee formulated recommendations for each species/country combination as contained in Annex 1 to summary record [PC27 SR](#) and in the [Review of Significant Trade Tracking and Management database](#).

Table 1. Taxa and countries selected following CoP19 at PC26 and retained in Stage 3 of the RST process at PC27

Species	Country
<i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i>	Mozambique (MZ)
	United Republic of Tanzania (TZ)
<i>Dalbergia tucurensis</i>	Nicaragua (NI)
<i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i>	Equatorial Guinea (GQ)
<i>Osyris lanceolata</i>	Burundi (BI)
	Ethiopia (ET)
	Uganda (UG)
	United Republic of Tanzania (TZ)
<i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	Indonesia (ID)
	Malaysia (MY)
<i>Gyrinops</i> spp.	Papua New Guinea (PG)

14. Following PC27, the Secretariat wrote to all range States retained in the Review to inform them that the species/country had been retained in the RST and forwarded the recommendations made by the Plants Committee. The Secretariat also took the opportunity to draw attention to the new CITES guidance on non-detriment finding (NDF) developed under Decision 19.132, which is available on the page on [non-detriment findings](#) on the CITES website.

Updates on fauna species/country combinations since SC77

15. At SC77, the Secretariat reported in document [SC77 Doc. 35.2 \(Rev. 1\)](#) on actions taken by Parties to implement the recommendations made by the Animals and Standing Committees under RST to ensure compliance with the obligations of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a) of the Convention. The Secretariat informed the Standing Committee of its determination as to whether the recommendations formulated by the Animals Committee had been implemented by the range States concerned.
16. The recommendations of the Standing Committee are found in summary record [SC77 SR](#) and summarized below. The Committee agreed to retain the following species/country combinations:
- a) *Chelonoidis denticulatus* / Suriname;
 - b) *Notochelys platynota* / Indonesia: invited to publish an annual export quota from 2024 of 250 specimens of *Notochelys platynota* with a maximum straight carapace length (SCL) of 15 cm;
 - c) *Strombus gigas* / Grenada;
 - d) *Amazona farinosa* / Suriname: annual export quota of 200 specimens;
 - e) *Ara ararauna* / Guyana: annual export quota of 660 birds;
 - f) *Ara ararauna* / Suriname: annual export quota of 500 specimens;
 - g) *Ara chloropterus* / Suriname: zero annual export quota;
 - h) *Poicephalus gularis* / the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
 - i) *Anguilla anguilla* / Algeria and Tunisia.
17. The Committee also agreed to remove the following species/country combinations:
- a) *Malayemys subtrijuga* / Indonesia, subject to an export quota of 125 for live individuals, including a maximum straight carapace length (SCL) of 10 cm;
 - b) *Trioceros feae* / Equatorial Guinea, subject to the publication of a zero annual export quota;
 - c) *Trioceros quadricornis* / Cameroon, subject to the publication of a zero annual export quota;
 - d) *Cuora amboinensis* / Indonesia, revised export quota of 7,200 specimens from the wild, including a minimum straight carapace length (SCL) of 18 cm;
 - e) *Anguilla anguilla* / Morocco.
18. At AC33, the Animals Committee considered document [AC33 Doc. 14.2](#) on six cases where actions were taken by Parties to implement recommendations made by the Animals and Standing Committees since the Secretariat's last report to the Standing Committee at SC77 [see document [SC77 Doc. 35.2 \(Rev. 1\)](#)]. The fauna species/country combinations reviewed in document [AC33 Doc. 14.2](#) were: *Pandinus imperator*/Togo (this case was subject to a recommendation to suspend trade); *Chamaeleo gracilis*/Togo; *Notochelys platynota*/Indonesia; *Anguilla anguilla*/Algeria; and *Anguilla anguilla*/Tunisia. The recommendations of the Animals Committee are contained in summary record [AC33 SR](#) and in document SC78 Doc. 34.2 on *Implementation of recommendations of the Animals Committee*.
19. At AC33, the Animals Committee also considered document [AC33 Doc. 14.3 \(Rev. 1\)](#) which included the available information on 21 animal species/country combinations that were selected at AC32, and responses received from the range States concerned in accordance with paragraph g) of Resolution Conf. 12.8

(Rev. CoP18). The document also contained a report compiled by UNEP-WCMC about the biology, management and trade in the species selected. In instances where the Committee was satisfied that Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a), were correctly implemented, the species was removed from the Review with respect to the range State concerned, and these range States were notified accordingly by the Secretariat (see summary record [AC33 SR](#)).

20. Concerning trade in *Falco cherrug*, Jordan confirmed that it does not export falcons at all. They are protected according to its national laws. In addition, Jordan stated that it does not have any facility that breeds falcons, but re-exports specimens imported legally into the country. As a result of the data clarifications provided by Jordan, the Secretariat informed Jordan that it would not be taking *Falco cherrug* from Jordan forward as a priority case in Stage 2 of the RST process.
21. The taxa and range States that were selected following CoP19 and retained in the Review at AC33 are shown in Table 2 below. The Animals Committee formulated recommendations for each species/country combination as presented in summary record [AC33 SR](#).

Table 2. Taxa and countries selected following CoP19 at AC32 and the outcome of the deliberations at AC33

Species	Country selected	Outcome of AC33
<i>Falco cherrug</i>	Jordan (JO)	Removed from review for Jordan following AC32.
<i>Kinixys homeana</i>	Ghana (GH)	Retained for Ghana
<i>Python regius</i>	Ghana (GH), Benin (BJ), Togo (TG)	Retained for Ghana, Benin and Togo
<i>Siebenrockiella crassicollis</i>	Indonesia (ID)	Removed from review for Indonesia .
<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	Kenya (KE); Senegal (SN); Oman (OM); Yemen (YE)	Retained for Kenya and Yemen . Removed from review for Oman and Senegal .
<i>Mobula</i> spp.	Sri Lanka (LK)	Retained for Sri Lanka .
<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Mexico (MX); Indonesia (ID); China (CN); Kenya (KE); Nicaragua (NI); Oman (OM); Sri Lanka (LK); Yemen (YE)	Retained for Kenya, Mexico, Nicaragua, Sri Lanka and Yemen . Removed for China, Indonesia and Oman .
<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	Mexico (MX)	Retained for Mexico .
<i>Testudo horsfieldii</i>	Uzbekistan (UZ)	Retained for Uzbekistan

22. On 12 August 2024, the Secretariat wrote to all Parties retained in the Review following AC33 to inform them that the species/country had been retained in the RST and forwarded the recommendations made by the Animals Committee. The Secretariat also took the opportunity to draw attention to the new CITES NDF guidance developed under Decision 19.132, which is available on the page on [non-detriment findings](#) on the CITES website.

Progress in the implementation of Decisions 17.108 (Rev. CoP19) to 17.110 (Rev. CoP19) on *Review of Significant Trade*

23. At CoP19, the Conference of the Parties revised Decisions 17.108 (Rev. CoP19) to 17.110 (Rev. CoP19) on *Review of Significant Trade*, as follows:

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17.108 (Rev. CoP19) *The Secretariat, within six months of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and building on the work done to date, shall develop, test and establish a Review of Significant Trade Tracking and Management database as an essential tool for the effective implementation and transparency of the process.*

17.109 (Rev. CoP19) *The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, within six months of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, shall develop a user-friendly guide to the Review of Significant Trade that can also be included in the initial letter to range States.*

17.110 (Rev. CoP19) *The Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, within nine months of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, shall develop a comprehensive training module on the Review of Significant Trade (including case studies as appropriate).*

24. At SC77, the Standing Committee noted document [SC77 Doc. 35.1 \(Rev. 1\)](#) and agreed that Decisions 17.108 (Rev. CoP19) and 17.109 (Rev. CoP19) have been implemented.
25. Concerning the implementation of Decision 17.110 (Rev. CoP19) and the development of a training module on RST, the Secretariat is currently revising the online courses on the CITES Virtual College which includes a specific module on RST. This should be made available in 2025.

Recommendations

26. The Standing Committee is invited to:
 - a) note this report;
 - b) encourage Parties subject to the Review of Significant Trade process to volunteer as case studies to be included in the RST module on the CITES Virtual College; and
 - c) agree that Decision 17.110 (Rev. CoP19) can be proposed for deletion at the next meeting of Conference of the Parties, pending the launch of the RST module on the CITES Virtual College.

SPECIES/COUNTRY COMBINATIONS CURRENTLY
IN THE REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE
(AS OF NOVEMBER 2024)

- Countries or range States are shown in the first column, arranged in alphabetical order, with the relevant species in the second column.
- Cases retained at AC33 and PC27 and recommendations drafted by the relevant Committee are indicated as “retained”
- Cases where deadlines for implementation of recommendations have now passed are indicated in the third column as “Ongoing”
- Where a recommendation to suspend trade is in place for a particular species or taxa/country or range State combination, this is highlighted in **bold** and green and the date of validation is indicated in the third column.
- Cases marked (*) refer to exceptional cases, pursuant to paragraph 1 c) of the RST process.
- Where information has been received by the Secretariat from the country concerning updates on the implementation of the recommendations of the Animals, Plants or Standing Committees, and the case is reviewed in another SC78 document, this is indicated in the fourth column

Country	Species	Retained, Ongoing or Date of validation of a recommendation to suspend trade	Comments
Algeria	1. <i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	For review at SC78. See SC78 Doc. 34.3
Belize	2. <i>Myrmecophila tibicinis</i>	15 June 2010	
Benin	3. <i>Pandinus imperator</i>	2 May 2013	
	4. <i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	3 February 2016	
	5. <i>Chamaeleo senegalensis</i>	3 February 2016	
	6. <i>Kinixys homeana</i>	3 February 2016	
	7. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	<i>Ongoing*</i>	For review at SC78. See SC78 Doc. 33.2
	8. <i>Python regius</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at AC32; retained at AC33
Burkina Faso	9. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	<i>Ongoing*</i>	For review at SC78. See SC78 Doc. 33.2
Burundi	10. <i>Osyris lanceolata</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at PC26; retained at PC27
Congo	11. <i>Pericopsis elata</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	For review at SC78. See SC78 Doc. 34.3.
Côte d'Ivoire	12. <i>Pericopsis elata</i>	7 September 2012	Retained at SC74.
Democratic Republic of the Congo	13. <i>Poicephalus fuscicollis</i>	9 July 2001	
	14. <i>Poicephalus gulielmi</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	
Equatorial Guinea	15. <i>Prunus africana</i>	3 February 2009	Retained at SC74
	16. <i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at PC26; retained at PC27. Updates on this case are reported in document SC78 Doc. 34.3
Ethiopia	17. <i>Osyris lanceolata</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at PC26; retained at PC27

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Gambia (the)	18. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Ongoing*	For review at SC78. See SC78 Doc. 33.2.
Ghana	19. <i>Pandinus imperator</i>	12 August 2014	
	20. <i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	3 February 2016	
	21. <i>Chamaeleo senegalensis</i>	3 February 2016	
	22. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Ongoing*	For review at SC78. See SC78 Doc. 33.2.
	23. <i>Kinixys homeana</i>	Retained	Selected at AC32; Retained at AC33
	24. <i>Python regius</i>	Retained	Selected at AC32; Retained at AC33
Grenada	25. <i>Strombus gigas</i>	12 May 2006	
Guinea	26. <i>Hippocampus algiricus</i>	3 February 2016	
Guinea Bissau	27. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Ongoing*	For review at SC78. See SC78 Doc. 33.2
Guyana	28. <i>Amazona festiva</i>	Ongoing	
	29. <i>Chelonoidis denticulatus</i>	Ongoing	
	30. <i>Amazona farinosa</i>	Ongoing	
	31. <i>Ara ararauna</i>	Ongoing	
	32. <i>Ara chloropterus</i>	Ongoing	
Haiti (non-Party)	33. <i>Strombus gigas</i>	29 September 2003	
Indonesia	34. <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	Retained	Selected at PC26; retained at PC27. Updates on this case are reported in document SC78 Doc. 34.3.
Jordan	35. <i>Testudo graeca</i>	Ongoing	
Kenya	36. <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	Retained.	Selected at AC32; Retained at AC33
	37. <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Retained	Selected at AC32; Retained at AC33
Lao People's Democratic Republic	38. <i>Dendrobium nobile</i>	3 February 2009	
Madagascar	39. <i>Coracopsis vasa</i>	20 January 1995	
	40. <i>Furcifer labordi</i>	20 January 1995	
	41. <i>Phelsuma borai</i>	20 January 1995	
	42. <i>Phelsuma gouldi</i>	20 January 1995	
	43. <i>Phelsuma hoeschi</i>	20 January 1995	
	44. <i>Phelsuma ravenala</i>	20 January 1995	
Malaysia	45. <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	Retained	Selected at PC26; retained at PC27. Updates on this case are reported in document SC78 Doc. 34.3.
Mali	46. <i>Uromastyx dispar</i>	22 August 2008	
	47. <i>Uromastyx geyeri</i>	24 January 2024	
	48. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	Ongoing*	For review at SC78. See SC78 Doc. 33.2.
Mexico	49. <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Retained	Selected at AC32; Retained at AC33
	50. <i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	Retained	Selected at AC32; Retained at AC33

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Mozambique	51. <i>Smaug mossambicus</i>	7 September 2012	
	52. <i>Cordylus tropidosternum</i>	10 August 2001	
	53. <i>Trioceros melleri</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	
	54. <i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at PC26; retained at PC27. Updates on this case are reported in document SC78 Doc. 34.3.
Nicaragua	55. <i>Dalbergia retusa</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	For review at SC78. See SC78 Doc. 34.3
	56. <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at AC32; Retained at AC33
	57. <i>Dalbergia tucurensis</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at PC26; retained at PC27
Niger	58. <i>Chamaeleo africanus</i>	7 September 2012	
Nigeria	59. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	<i>Ongoing*</i>	For review at SC78. See SC78 Doc. 33.2.
Papua New Guinea	60. <i>Gyrinops</i> spp.	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at PC26; retained at PC27
Senegal	61. <i>Hippocampus algiricus</i>	3 February 2016	
Sierra Leone	62. <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	<i>Ongoing*</i>	For review at SC78. See SC78 Doc. 33.2
Solomon Islands	63. <i>Corucia zebrata</i>	9 July 2001	
	64. <i>Ornithoptera priamus</i>	20 January 1995	
	65. <i>Ornithoptera victoriae</i>	20 January 1995	
	66. <i>Tridacna derasa</i>	3 February 2016	
	67. <i>Tridacna crocea</i>	3 February 2016	
	68. <i>Tridacna gigas</i>	3 February 2016	
	69. <i>Tridacna maxima</i>	3 February 2016	
	70. <i>Tridacna noae</i>	3 February 2016	
	71. <i>Tridacna squamosa</i>	3 February 2016	
Sri Lanka	72. <i>Mobula</i> spp.	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at AC32; Retained at AC33
	73. <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at AC32; Retained at AC33
Suriname	74. <i>Amazona farinosa</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	
	75. <i>Ara ararauna</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	
	76. <i>Ara chloropterus</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	
	77. <i>Chelonoidis denticulatus</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	
Togo	78. <i>Pandinus imperator</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	AC33 recommended the removal of the recommendation to suspend trade under the Review of Significant Trade and agreed an annual export quota of 20,000 specimens.
	79. <i>Poicephalus fuscicollis</i>	9 July 2001	
	80. <i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	AC33 agreed an annual export quota of 500 specimens.
	81. <i>Kinixys homeana</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	

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	82. <i>Varanus ornatus</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	
	83. <i>Python regius</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at AC32; Retained at AC33
Tunisia	84. <i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	
United Republic of Tanzania	85. <i>Balearica regulorum</i>	2 May 2013	
	86. <i>Dalbergia melanoxylon</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at PC26; retained at PC27. Updates on this case are reported in document SC78 Doc. 34.3.
	87. <i>Osyris lanceolata</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at PC26; retained at PC27. Updates on this case are reported in document SC78 Doc. 34.3.
Uzbekistan	88. <i>Testudo horsfieldii</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at AC32; Retained at AC33
Yemen	89. <i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at AC32; Retained at AC33
	90. <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	<i>Retained</i>	Selected at AC32; Retained at AC33