

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



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RESPONSE FROM KAZAKHSTAN CONCERNING TRADE IN *CHLAMYDOTIS MACQUEENII*
IN RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION CONF 17.7 ON
REVIEW OF ANIMAL SPECIMENS REPORTED AS PRODUCED IN CAPTIVITY

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Species: *Chlamydotis macqueenii* (Kazakhstan)

Question C1

How many facilities in your country are breeding specimens of the species concerned which are subsequently being exported? For how long have the facilities been established in your country? How does the breeding facility meet the criteria of a closed environment according to Resolution Conf. 10.16 (Rev.) on Specimens of animal species bred in captivity? Since when do the facilities successfully breed to F1/ F2?

- *The SKHBC-KZ was established in 2008 with the first reproduction of the Asian houbara (*Chlamydotis macqueenii*) occurring in 2010. The centre reached full capacity in 2021 breeding around 15,000 chicks annually.*

Question C2

Have all of these facilities been inspected to ensure that the specimens produced comply with Resolution Conf. 10.16 (Rev.) on Specimens of animal species bred in captivity? Please explain further any regulations or measures currently in place for monitoring facilities which claim to be captive breeding this species, for example whether facilities are required to keep records of the acquisition, maintenance or breeding of animals of this species, and whether authorities verify these records?

- *No. The facility has developed its own internal database where all records related to acquisition, birth, exit, reproduction, veterinary history and birds' maintenance are registered daily.*

Question C3

Which authority carries out these inspections and how often are they undertaken?

- *N/A. The centre is not registered yet as a captive breeding operation.*

Question C4

For each facility in question 1, either complete the Data Collection Form (document AC29 Inf. 1 may be of assistance), or provide the information on the form in a different way.

- *N/A. The centre is not registered yet as a captive breeding operation.*

Question C5

How was it determined that the breeding stock was established in accordance with the provisions of CITES and relevant national laws and in a manner not detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild?

- *Any addition of wild individuals to the captive stock was done with respect of local laws and under local agreement that can be provided on demand. The facility is preparing the application to be registered with the CITES as a Captive Breeding Operation. As part of that process all relevant certificates/agreements with local authorities will be provided. In addition, the operations are linked to a constant and significant effort in research programs with the objectives of promoting the survival of the species (e.g. Conservation Genetics, Ecology, Demography, Veterinary sciences, Nutrition, Reproduction Physiology, etc.). A list of all scientific contributions can be provided on demand.*

Question C6

Has the breeding stock received additional specimens from the wild since establishment and if so, how many and when and how was it determined that they were obtained in accordance with the provisions of CITES and relevant national laws and in a manner not detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild?

- *Any addition of wild individuals to the captive stock was done with respect of local laws and under agreements with local authorities that can be provided on demand.*