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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

OVERVIEW OF THE SPECIES-BASED REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species* directs the Secretariat, for the purpose of monitoring and facilitating the implementation of that Resolution and the relevant paragraphs of Article IV, "to report at each meeting of the Animals or Plants Committee on the implementation by the range States concerned of the recommendations made by the Committee". The Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman of the Animals Committee, has to determine whether recommendations made under the Review of Significant Trade have been implemented by the range States and report to the Standing Committee, which decides on appropriate action. The present report therefore contains information on recent decisions of the Standing Committee in the context of the Review of Significant Trade, and gives brief updates on ongoing reviews.

Species selected before 2000

3. Paragraph v) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) states that "the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chairman of the Animals or Plants Committee, shall review recommendations to suspend trade that have been in place for longer than two years and, if appropriate, take measures to address the situation". In accordance with this paragraph, the Secretariat commissioned a study to review the recommendations to suspend trade made in Phases I to IV of the Review that had been in place for at least two years. The report of the study, which relates to all species selected before 2000, was submitted to the Secretariat. On the basis of this report, the Secretariat will review and discuss with the Chairmen of the Animals and Plants Committees the conclusions that will be presented to the Standing Committee at its 57th meeting.
4. On 28 December 2007, the Secretariat received a letter and report from the Management Authority of the United Republic of Tanzania requesting the withdrawal of the recommendation to suspend trade in Fischer's lovebird (*Agapornis fischeri*). This matter will be raised at the 57th meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, 14-18 July 2008).

Species selected following the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP11; Gigiri, 2000)

5. Table 1 shows the species that the Animals Committee selected for its Review of Significant Trade following the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP11). The Animals Committee has now largely completed its task in relation to the review of these species. The main remaining actions need to be undertaken by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman of the Animals Committee, and the Standing Committee.

**Table 1:** Species selected by the Animals Committee for Review of Significant Trade following CoP11 (Where the table indicates that the Review of Significant Trade is ongoing for a species, this means that the time limits for implementing the recommended actions have not yet elapsed, or that compliance with the recommendations has not yet been determined and brought to the attention of the Standing Committee.)

<b>Taxa</b>	<b>Document with detailed taxa report</b>	<b>Status of the Review of Significant Trade – action required</b>
<b>Artiodactyla</b>		
<i>Moschus</i> spp. selected pursuant to Decision 11.92	Doc. AC.16.7.4	Completed at SC54 (see document See document SC54 Doc. 42)
<b>Testudines selected pursuant to Decision 11.93</b>		
<i>Cuora amboinensis</i>	AC18 Doc. 7.1	Completed at SC54 (See document SC54 Doc. 42)
<i>Cuora galbinifrons</i>	AC18 Doc. 7.1	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat (with AC Chairman)
<i>Lissemys punctata</i>	AC18 Doc. 7.1	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat (with AC Chairman)
<b>Acipenseriformes selected pursuant to Decision 11.95</b>		
<i>Acipenser gueldenstaedtii</i>	Doc. AC.16.7.2	Completed at SC54 (See document SC54 Doc. 30.1)
<i>Acipenser nudiventris</i>	Doc. AC.16.7.2	Completed at SC54 (See document SC54 Doc. 30.1)
<i>Acipenser stellatus</i>	Doc. AC.16.7.2	Completed at SC54 (See document SC54 Doc. 30.1)
<i>Huso huso</i>	Doc. AC.16.7.2	Completed at SC54 (See document SC54 Doc. 30.1)
<b>Gastropoda</b>		
<i>Strombus gigas</i>	AC19 Doc. 8.3	Completed at SC54 (ban on imports from Grenada and Haiti) [AC22 Doc. 10.1 and SC54 Doc. 30.1]

6. Concerning *Cuora galbinifrons*, the species was classified as being of 'possible concern' in China, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam at AC18 (San José, April 2002) and recommendations were drafted by the Committee before AC20. In late 2002, the Secretariat asked each Party for up-to-date information on the volume of exports in 2000, 2001 and 2002. China provided information within a week, with export data. Since June 2000, China has suspended all commercial export of all turtles except for two non-CITES species. The species were subsequently removed from the Review. There was no reply from Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam. The Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman of the Animals Committee, needs to determine the measures to be taken, and report to the Standing Committee accordingly.
7. Concerning *Lissemys punctata* the Secretariat reported that the species was classified as being of 'possible concern' in Bangladesh at AC18 (San José, April 2002) and recommendations were drafted by the Committee before AC20. In late 2002, the Secretariat asked the Management Authority of Bangladesh to clarify the scientific basis for the making of non-detriment findings for the export of wild-caught specimens of this species, and for clarification on the volume of exports reported by Bangladesh. There was no reply to this request. The Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman of the Animals Committee, needs to determine the measures to be taken, and report to the Standing Committee accordingly.

Species selected following the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP12, Santiago, 2002)

Table 2: Species selected by the Animals Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP12 (see caption table 1)

Taxa	Document with detailed taxa report	Status of the Review of Significant Trade – action required
Falconiformes		
<i>Falco cherrug</i>	AC20 Doc. 8.1	Completed at SC54 (see SC54 Doc.42)
Psittaciformes		
<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat, with AC Chairman
<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat, with AC Chairman
Passeriformes		
<i>Gracula religiosa</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat, with AC Chairman
Testudines		
<i>Callagur borneoensis</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Completed (see AC22 Summary Record)
Sauria		
<i>Phelsuma comorensis</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat, with AC Chairman
<i>Phelsuma dubia</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Completed (see AC22 Summary Record)
<i>Phelsuma v-nigra</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat, with AC Chairman
<i>Uromastyx acanthinura</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Completed (see AC22 Summary Record)
<i>Uromastyx benti</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Completed (see AC22 Summary Record)
<i>Uromastyx dispar</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat, with AC Chairman
<i>Uromastyx geyri</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat, with AC Chairman
<i>Uromastyx ocellata</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Completed (see AC22 Summary Record)
<i>Furcifer cephalolepis</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Completed (see AC22 Summary Record)
Mollusca		
<i>Hippopus hippopus</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat, with AC Chairman
<i>Tridacna crocea</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat, with AC Chairman
<i>Tridacna derasa</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat, with AC Chairman
<i>Tridacna gigas</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat, with AC Chairman
<i>Tridacna maxima</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat, with AC Chairman
<i>Tridacna squamosa</i>	AC22 Doc. 10.2	Ongoing – action to be taken by the Secretariat, with AC Chairman

8. At its 19th meeting (Geneva, August 2003), the Animals Committee included *Falco cherrug* in the Review of Significant Trade on the basis of paragraph c) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 concerning exceptional cases where new information indicated an urgent concern. At the following meetings, the Animals Committee categorized 27 range States where the species was of 'possible concern' and nine where the species was of 'urgent concern', and formulated recommendations accordingly. These were forwarded in August 2005 to the range States concerned. The Secretariat provided an update of the implementation of these recommendations at the 54th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC54, Geneva, October 2006).
9. The Standing Committee established at SC54 that 10 range States where *F. cherrug* had been found to be of 'possible concern' (Afghanistan, Armenia, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Kenya, Mauritania, Oman, the Sudan and Tajikistan) had not responded to the recommendations of the Animals Committee. Consequently, the Standing Committee recommended that all Parties suspend trade in *F. cherrug* from these range States with effect from 1 January 2007 if they had not provided the Secretariat with the outstanding information regarding their implementation of the recommendations by that date.
10. By 1 January 2007, the Secretariat had received the required information from Afghanistan, Egypt, Kenya, Oman and the Sudan. These range States confirmed that exports of *F. cherrug* were not authorized or had not been permitted in recent years. They have therefore complied with the recommendations of the Standing Committee. The five other countries concerned did not respond. The Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No. 2007/004 of 22 January 2007, conveying the Standing Committee's recommendation to all Parties to suspend imports of specimens of *F. cherrug* from Armenia, Bahrain, Iraq, Mauritania and Tajikistan.
11. At AC20 (Johannesburg, March 2004), the Animals Committee selected the species cited in Table 2 (with the exception of *F. cherrug*) for review on the basis of trade data supplied by UNEP-WCMC, pursuant to paragraph a) of Resolution Conf. 12.8. The actions that the Animals Committee has decided to undertake with regard to these species are detailed in the Summary Record of the 22nd meeting of the Animals Committee (AC22, Lima, July 2006). The following species are categorized as being of 'least concern' and eliminated from further review: *Callagur borneoensis*, *Phelsuma dubia*, *Uromastyx acanthinura*, *Uromastyx benti*, *Uromastyx ocellata* and *Furcifer cephalolepis* w.
12. In view of the immediacy of the recommendations for the grey parrot, *Psittacus erithacus*, the Secretariat referred these to the 55th meeting of the Standing Committee (The Hague, June 2007). As the Committee was unable to consider the matter at that meeting, it considered it subsequently, through the postal procedure. In December 2007, the Standing Committee adopted the recommendations and actions outlined in the Annex to document SC55 Doc. 17, which relate to this species, and can be summarized as follows:
  - a) the Secretariat should indicate in its list of export quotas for 2008 that the export quota for wild live specimens of *P. erithacus* from Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone is zero; and
  - b) Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone should implement all the recommendations of the Animals Committee concerning *P. erithacus* within the agreed time frame.
13. Range States of all the species for which the status of the review is marked as 'ongoing' are in the process of implementation of the recommendations directed to them. In accordance with paragraph g) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13), the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman of the Animals Committee, will determine whether the recommendations have been implemented, and report to the Standing Committee accordingly.

Species selected following the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP13, Bangkok, 2004)

Table 3: Species selected by the Animals Committee for the Review of Significant Trade following CoP13 (see caption table 1)

<b>Taxa</b>	<b>Document with detailed taxa report</b>	<b>Status of the Review of Significant Trade – action required</b>
<b>Cetacea</b>		
<i>Monodon monoceros</i> [populations of Canada and Greenland (Denmark)]	AC22 Doc 10.3	Completed at AC22
<b>Testudines</b>		
<i>Testudo graeca</i> [population of Lebanon]	AC23 Doc. 8.4	Ongoing – action to be taken by the AC (see AC23 Doc. 8.4)
<b>Amphibia</b>		
<i>Mantella</i> spp.	AC23 Doc. 8.4-	Ongoing – action to be taken by the AC (see AC23 Doc. 8.4)

14. At its 21st meeting (Geneva, May 2005) the Animals Committee selected *Monodon monoceros* [populations of Canada and Greenland (Denmark)] for review. Information on the species was submitted at AC22 in the form of a final report of a joint meeting of the *NAMMCO Scientific Committee Working Group on the Population Status of Narwhal and Beluga in the North Atlantic* and the *Canada/Greenland Joint Commission on Conservation and Management of Narwhal and Beluga Scientific Working Group*, and a letter of 14 June 2006 from the Denmark (Greenland) Management Authority. In the light of this information, the Committee agreed to eliminate *Monodon monoceros* from Canada and Denmark (Greenland) from the review pursuant to paragraph f) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13)
15. Document AC23 Doc. 8.4 details the actions that the Animals Committee is required to undertake regarding *Testudo graeca* (population of Lebanon) and *Mantella* spp.
16. The Committee is invited to note this report.