

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



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Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

SPECIES SELECTED FOLLOWING COP14

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Following the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP14, the Hague, June 2007), on the basis of trade data provided in document AC23 Doc 8.5, animal taxa were selected for the Review of Significant Trade at the 23rd meeting of the Animals Committee (AC23, Geneva, April 2008).
3. The Secretariat notified the range States of the selected taxa, explained the reason for this selection and requested comments regarding possible problems with the implementation of Article IV of the Convention. At its 24th meeting (AC24, Geneva, April 2009), the Animals Committee reviewed the available information according to paragraph f) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13). Where the Committee was satisfied that Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a), was being correctly implemented, the species was eliminated from the review with respect to the State concerned. Summary of taxa retained in the review after AC24 is provided in the Table below.

Table: Taxa selected following CoP14 and retained in the review after AC24

Taxon	Range State
<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland
<i>Brookesia decaryi</i>	Madagascar
<i>Chamaeleo africanus</i>	Niger
<i>Chamaeleo feae</i>	Equatorial Guinea
<i>Cordylus mossambicus</i>	Mozambique
<i>Uroplatus spp.</i>	Madagascar
<i>Gongylophis muelleri</i>	Ghana
<i>Heosemys annandalii</i>	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Viet Nam
<i>Heosemys grandis</i>	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Viet Nam
<i>Heosemys spinosa</i>	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Viet Nam
<i>Testudo horsfieldii</i>	Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
<i>Amyda cartilaginea</i>	Indonesia
<i>Scaphiophryne gottlebei</i>	Madagascar

4. The UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre was engaged to compile information about the biology and management of and trade in the species listed in the Table, and to provide a preliminary categorization of these species in compliance with paragraphs h) and i) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13). The Secretariat transmitted the resulting reports from UNEP-WCMC to the range States, which had 60 days to submit comments, according to paragraph j) of the same Resolution.
5. The reports referred to above present conclusions about the effects of international trade on the selected species, the basis on which such conclusions are made, and problems with the implementation of Article IV of the Convention. They provide preliminary categorizations of each species into one of the three categories outlined in Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13), namely:
 - i) *'species of urgent concern' shall include species for which the available information indicates that the provisions of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a) of the Convention are not being implemented;*
 - ii) *'species of possible concern' shall include species for which it is not clear whether or not these provisions are being implemented; and*
 - iii) *'species of least concern' shall include species for which the available information appears to indicate that these provisions are being met.*
6. The reports are attached in the Annex to this document. Copies of the responses received will be made available to Committee members and the in-session working group on the Review of Significant Trade at the present meeting.

Actions required by the Animals Committee

7. In accordance with paragraphs k) and l) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13), the Animals Committee is invited to:
 - a) review the reports in the Annex to the present document and the responses received from range States, and, if appropriate, revise the preliminary categorizations proposed by the consultant; and
 - b) refer problems identified that are not related to the implementation of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a), to the Secretariat.
8. In accordance with paragraphs m) to o) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13), the Animals Committee shall formulate recommendations for species of urgent concern and of possible concern with deadlines for their implementation. Such recommendations should differentiate between short-term and long-term actions, and be directed to the range States concerned. Species of least concern shall be eliminated from the review.