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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

SPECIES SELECTED FOLLOWING COP13 AND COP14

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Species selected following CoP13

2. The background to the Review of Significant Trade in *Mantella* spp., which was selected by the Animals Committee at its 21st meeting (Geneva, May 2005), following the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP13, Bangkok, 2004), can be found in document AC25 Doc. 9.3. The species remaining in the review are *Mantella aurantiaca*, *Mantella bernhardi*, *Mantella crocea*, *Mantella expectata* and *Mantella viridis*, all endemic to Madagascar.
3. Concerning *Mantella crocea*, *M. expectata* and *M. viridis*, the Animals Committee determined at its 25th meeting (AC25, Geneva, July 2011) that the following recommendations should be implemented by Madagascar by 15 January 2012:
 - a) a zero quota should be established immediately;
 - b) Madagascar should find the resources for a long-term standardized monitoring programme for the three species to be able to monitor the population trends in protected and unprotected areas and the effect of trade, should it be resumed. Reference to such standardized monitoring programme may be found in document AC24 Doc. 9.1, page 25 (*Measuring and Monitoring Biological Diversity – Standard methods for Amphibians*);
 - c) on the basis of the information received and the results stemming from these programmes, such as population estimates and non-detriment findings, precautionary quotas may be set in the future; and
 - d) adaptive management strategies should be implemented.
4. The Secretariat transmitted these recommendations and their deadlines for implementation to Madagascar on 22 August 2011 in compliance with paragraph p) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13). In accordance with paragraph q) of the same Resolution, the Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Chair of the Animals Committee, determine whether the recommendations have been implemented and report to the Standing Committee accordingly.
5. Concerning *Mantella aurantiaca*, the Committee agreed at AC25 to retain the species in the Review of Significant Trade in accordance with paragraph f) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) (see the table below). The process for the further Review of Significant Trade in this species is outlined in paragraphs 12 to 14 below.
6. Concerning *Mantella bernhardi*, the Committee agreed at AC25 that the species should be included in the Review of Significant Trade in accordance with paragraph b) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) (see document AC26 Doc. 12.3).

Species selected following CoP14

7. Following the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP14, the Hague, June 2007), the Animals Committee selected 13 taxa for the Review of Significant Trade at its 23rd meeting (AC23, Geneva, April 2008), and a further seven taxa at its 24th meeting (AC24, Geneva, April 2009), in accordance with paragraphs b) and c) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13).

Species selected at AC23

8. For the species selected at AC23 and retained in the review after AC24 (see document AC25 Doc. 9.4), the Committee reviewed at AC25 the information and confirmed the categorization of the selected species in accordance with paragraphs k) and l) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13). In compliance with paragraphs m) to o) of the same Resolution, it formulated recommendations for species of urgent concern and of possible concern with deadlines for their implementation by the range States concerned (see the summary record of AC25).
9. In accordance with paragraph p), the Secretariat transmitted these recommendations to the range States concerned on 4 October 2011.
10. At the time of writing (January 2012), the following responses had been received by the Secretariat concerning the recommendations that it had transmitted:
- Indonesia replied on 1 November 2011 that it would comply with the recommendations concerning *Amyda cartilaginea* within the proposed deadlines;
 - Madagascar announced on 4 January 2012 that it was in the process of compiling the information concerning *Uroplatus ebenauai*, *U. fimbriatus*, *U. guentheri*, *U. henkeli*, *U. lineatus*, *U. malama*, *U. phantasticus*, *U. pietschmanni*, *U. sikorae* and *Scaphiophryne gottlebei* in compliance with the recommendations;
 - and the Scientific Authority of Uzbekistan visited the Secretariat on 6 December 2011 to convey information concerning *Testudo horsfieldii* in response to the recommendations formulated by the Animals Committee.
11. In accordance with paragraph q), the Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Chair of the Animals Committee, determine whether the recommendations have been implemented and report to the Standing Committee accordingly.

Species selected at AC24

12. Concerning the species that the Animals Committee selected at AC24, the Committee reviewed the available information in accordance with paragraph f) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) at AC25. When satisfied that Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a) was correctly implemented, it eliminated the species from the review with respect to the State concerned (see documents AC25 Doc. 9.5 and the summary record of AC25). A summary of the taxa and the relevant range States that were retained in the review is shown in the table below.

Taxa selected following CoP14 and retained in the review after AC25

Taxon selected	Range States
<i>Tursiops aduncus</i>	Solomon Islands.
<i>Balearica pavonina</i>	Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, South Sudan, Togo and Uganda
<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia
<i>Mantella aurantica</i>	Madagascar

Taxon selected	Range States
<i>Huso huso</i>	Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Russian Federation and Turkmenistan
<i>Hippocampus kelloggi</i>	China, India, Japan, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam
<i>Hippocampus kuda</i>	Australia, Cambodia, China, Egypt, Fiji, France (French Polynesia), India, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Tonga and Viet Nam
<i>Hippocampus spinosissimus</i>	Cambodia, China, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam
<i>Pandinus imperator</i>	Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Togo
<i>Tridacna</i> spp.	Solomon Islands

13. In accordance with paragraph g), the Secretariat proceeded with the compilation of information regarding the species mentioned in the table above. The UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) was engaged to compile information about the biology and management of and trade in these species, and to provide a preliminary categorization of the species in compliance with paragraphs h) and i). The Secretariat transmitted the resulting reports from UNEP-WCMC to the range States, which had 60 days to submit comments, according to paragraph j).
14. 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.*
15. The reports are attached in the Annex to this document. Copies of the comments from range States 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 from the Animals Committee

16. 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 UNEP-WCMC; and
 - b) refer problems that are not related to the implementation of Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a), to the Secretariat.
17. In accordance with paragraphs m) to o), the Animals Committee must 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.