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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Periodic review of animal species included in the CITES Appendices

Species selected for review from CoP13 (2004) to CoP15 (2010)

GALLIFORMES – REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP

1. This document has been submitted by Rosemarie Gnam (Alternate Member for North America), Co-chair of the Intersessional Working Group on Periodic Review, with the support of Carlos Ibero Solana, Chair of the Animals Committee and Co-chair of the Intersessional Working Group on Periodic Review^{*}.
2. The Periodic Review of the Appendices, as currently agreed by the Parties, is designed to review species already included in the Appendices to determine whether their listings continue to be appropriate, based on current biological and trade information and utilizing the provisions in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP12) on Criteria for amendment of Appendices I and II [see: AC20 Document 10 (Rev. 1)]. At the 22th meeting of the Animals Committee, the Committee agreed to a list of 18 species of Galliformes to be reviewed between CoP13 and CoP15.
3. Since this time, the Secretariat has issued several Notifications to the Parties requesting volunteers or contributions of any kind to help with the review of these species.
4. At the 25th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC25), the United States submitted) periodic reviews for two species of Galliformes, the Masked Bobwhite Quail (*Colinus virginianus ridgwayi*) and Attwater's Prairie Chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido attwateri*) (see AC25 Documents 3 & 4). The Committee agreed that the Masked Bobwhite quail should remain listed in Appendix I and agreed that Attwater's Prairie Chicken should be transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II, in accordance with Annex 4, Precautionary Measures [Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP12)].
5. At AC25, to help facilitate the review of the remaining 16 species of Galliformes, an Intersessional Periodic Review Working Group was created to address these Galliformes species.
6. Notification to the Parties No. 2011/038 invited volunteers to complete the outstanding reviews of animal species selected for the period between the 13th and 15th meetings of the Conference of the Parties. Included in these Notifications were the 16 species of Galliformes. No Parties volunteered to undertake the reviews for these species.

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7. The 16 species of Galliformes whose periodic review is outstanding are:

Scientific name	Common name	Status on IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix
<i>Argusianus argus</i>	Argus pheasant	Near Threatened	II
<i>Catreus wallichii</i>	Cheer pheasant	Vulnerable	I
<i>Crossoptilon harmani</i>	Tibetan eared-pheasant	Near Threatened	I
<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>	Grey junglefowl	Least Concern	II
<i>Ithaginis cruentus</i>	Blood pheasant	Least Concern	II
<i>Lophophorus impejanus</i>	Himalayan monal	Least Concern	I
<i>Lophophorus lhuysii</i>	Chinese monal	Vulnerable	I
<i>Lophophorus sclateri</i>	Sclater's monal	Vulnerable	I
<i>Lophura imperialis</i>	Imperial pheasant	Not recognized as a species by BirdLife	I
<i>Mitu mitu</i>	Crax mitu	Extinct in the Wild	I
<i>Polyplectron bicalcaratum</i>	Grey peacock-pheasant	Least Concern	II
<i>Polyplectron germaini</i>	Germian's peacock-pheasant	Near Threatened	II
<i>Syrmaticus humiae</i>	Hume's pheasant	Near Threatened	I
<i>Tetraogallus caspius</i>	Caspian snowcock	Least Concern	I
<i>Tetraogallus tibetanus</i>	Tibetan snowcock	Least Concern	I
<i>Tragopan melanocephalus</i>	Western tragopan	Vulnerable	I

8. To facilitate the work of this Intersessional Working Group, the United States approached the World Pheasant Association for their assistance. Species accounts were compiled using information readily available from the BirdLife International species assessments for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red Data Lists and the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC) trade database. These accounts were then circulated to members of the IUCN-Species Survival Commission / World Pheasant Association GALLIFORMES SPECIALIST GROUP who had particular knowledge about the species. A final report was provided to the United States in January 2012.
9. The final species accounts are presented in the Annex to this document (in the language in which it was submitted). The species accounts follow the recommended format for a periodic review document, in accordance with the Resolution on the Periodic Review of the Appendices (Resolution Conf. 14.8). Information gaps are identified in the species accounts, but they contain no recommendations as to whether the species are appropriately listed in the Appendices.
10. The intent of the Annex to this WG Report is two-fold:
- a) to demonstrate how readily-available scientific and trade information can be used by Parties, most importantly range States, to undertake a periodic review of a species in the Appendices. It also shows how an IUCN Specialist Group and their assessments can play a role in the periodic review process. It is hoped this pilot effort can provide insight into how future periodic reviews could be accomplished; and
 - b) to inform further discussion and work by the Intersessional Periodic Review Working Group.
11. The next step in the review of these Galliformes species will be for Working Group members to work with the appropriate Animals Committee Regional members to use the Annex to obtain input and additional information from range States where knowledge gaps exist for these Galliformes species prior to the 26th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC26). This information can be provided at AC26.
12. At AC26, the Intersessional Periodic Review Working Group can continue its evaluation of these 16 Galliformes species, and, where appropriate, suggest further work to complete the review or make recommendations on whether they are appropriately placed in the Appendices or action will be needed to transfer any of the species to another Appendix (up list or down list) or remove the species (delist) from the Appendices.