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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Compliance and enforcement

Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

SPECIES SELECTED FOLLOWING COP16

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Following the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013), 20 animal taxa were selected for the Review of Significant Trade at the 27th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC27, Veracruz, April 2014) on the basis information provided in document AC27 Doc. 12.5.
3. The Secretariat notified the range States on 12 June 2014 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. Range States were given 60 days to respond (i.e. until 11 August 2014). As requested by the Animals Committee, the Secretariat emphasized that a decision to include a species in the Review of Significant Trade was not, at the outset, intended as a punitive measure for the Party concerned and that, if the Animals Committee were satisfied with the response, the review would conclude. It also indicated that responses did not need to be exhaustive in this first stage of the review. In its reporting to AC27, the CITES Advisory Working Group for the evaluation of the Review of Significant Trade recommended additional modifications to the initial letters sent by the Secretariat to range States (see document AC27/PC21 Doc. 12.1), which were noted by the Animals Committee and could be considered in the future.
4. The selected taxa, the range States concerned and the responses received by August 2015 are shown in the table below.
5. Copies of the responses from affected range States will be forwarded to the members of the Animals Committee in the language in which they were received 45 days before the present meeting.

Taxa included in the Review of Significant Trade following CoP16¹

Taxon	Range States concerned	Range States that responded within 60 days
1. <i>Tayassu pecari</i>	All range States	Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, France, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Uruguay <i>No reply: Bolivia (Plurinational State of),</i>

¹ The list of range States was compiled based on the distribution of the taxa concerned as shown in the June 2014 Species+ list. The Species+ list has since then been updated. This update accounts for the differences between the range States in this table and those currently listed in Species+.

Taxon	Range States concerned	Range States that responded within 60 days
		<i>Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Suriname, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)</i>
2. <i>Ursus maritimus</i>	All range States	Canada, Denmark, Norway, Russian Federation, United States of America <i>No reply: Iceland,² Japan²</i>
3. <i>Manis gigantea</i>	All range States	United Republic of Tanzania (distribution uncertain) <i>No reply: Angola, Benin (uncertain), Burkina Faso,² Burundi (uncertain), Cameroon, Central African Republic (uncertain), Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire (uncertain), Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau (uncertain), Kenya, Liberia, Mali,² Mauritania (uncertain), Niger, Nigeria (uncertain), Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan (uncertain), Togo,² Uganda</i>
4. <i>Manis tricuspis</i>	All range States	United Republic of Tanzania (distribution uncertain) <i>No reply: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso (uncertain), Cameroon, Central African Republic (uncertain), Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia,² Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau (uncertain), Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal (uncertain), Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Zambia</i>
5. <i>Amazona festiva</i>	All range States	Brazil, Colombia, Peru <i>No reply: Ecuador, Guyana, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)</i>
6. <i>Uromastyx ornata</i>	All range States	Israel <i>No reply: Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Yemen</i>
7. <i>Uromastyx aegyptia</i>	All range States	Iraq, Israel, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates <i>No reply: Bahrain, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Syrian Arab Republic, Yemen</i>
8. <i>Triceros montium</i>	All range States	<i>No reply: Cameroon</i>
9. <i>Varanus ornatus</i>	All range States	<i>No reply: Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo</i>
10. <i>Ophiophagus hannah</i>	All range States	Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines <i>No reply: Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, China, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam</i>
11. <i>Malayemys subtrijuga</i>	All range States	<i>No reply: Cambodia, China,² Indonesia, Lao</i>

² Not included in the Species+ distribution record of 18 June 2015. Other range States are included in the Species+ distribution record of 18 June 2015, but received no letter from the Secretariat since they were not included in June 2014.

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		<i>People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Thailand, Viet Nam</i>
12. <i>Notochelys platynota</i>	All range States	Myanmar (distribution uncertain) <i>No reply: Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam</i>
13. <i>Chelonoidis denticulata</i>	All range States	Brazil, Colombia, France, Peru <i>No reply: Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Dominica, Ecuador, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)</i>
14. <i>Geochelone sulcata</i>	All range States	<i>No reply: Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, Djibouti (uncertain), Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana,² Guinea,² Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia (uncertain), Sudan, Togo</i>
15. <i>Testudo graeca</i>	All range States	Cyprus, France, Greece, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Montenegro,² Russian Federation, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey <i>No reply: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Egypt, Georgia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Libya, Moldova (Republic of), Morocco, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkmenistan</i>
16. <i>Hippocampus erectus</i>	All range States	Argentina (uncertain), Belize, Brazil, Canada, Colombia (distribution uncertain), Costa Rica (distribution uncertain), France, Jamaica (distribution uncertain), Mexico, Nicaragua, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, <i>No reply: Antigua and Barbuda (uncertain), Bahamas, Barbados (uncertain), Cabo Verde, China² [Hong Kong SAR,² Taiwan (Province of China)²], Cuba, Dominica (uncertain), Dominican Republic (uncertain), Grenada (uncertain), Guatemala, Guyana (uncertain), Haiti, Honduras, Netherlands, Panama, Portugal,² Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia (uncertain), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (uncertain), Sao Tome and Principe,² Suriname (uncertain), Trinidad and Tobago (uncertain), Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)</i>
17. <i>Ornithoptera croesus</i>	All range States	<i>No reply: Indonesia</i>
18. <i>Ornithoptera meridionalis</i>	All range States	<i>No reply: Indonesia, Papua New Guinea</i>
19. <i>Ornithoptera rothschildi</i>	All range States	<i>No reply: Indonesia</i>
20. <i>Hirudo medicinalis</i>	All range States	Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey (distribution uncertain), Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <i>No reply: Austria, Belarus, Belgium (uncertain), Estonia (uncertain), Hungary,</i>

Taxon	Range States concerned	Range States that responded within 60 days
		<i>Ireland, Luxemburg (uncertain), Netherlands, Spain, Sweden</i>

Recommendations

6. In accordance with paragraph f) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13), the Committee is invited to review the available information and, if satisfied that Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a), is correctly implemented, to eliminate the species mentioned above from the review with respect to the range States concerned.
7. In the event that the species is not eliminated from the review, in accordance with paragraph g) of the same Resolution, the Secretariat will proceed with the compilation of information regarding the species for later consideration by the Committee.