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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Species specific matters

Maintenance of the Appendices

PERIODIC REVIEW  
[RESOLUTION CONF. 14.8 (REV. COP17)]  
(agenda item 33)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chair: the representative of North America (Ms. Gnam);

Parties: Australia, Canada, China, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, and Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), UNEP-WCMC; IUCN; Association of Western Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Conservation Force, EIA, FACE, Fondation Franz Weber, German Society of Herpetology (DGHT), Humane Society International, IPHA, Japan Wildlife Conservation Society, PASA, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, Safari Club International, Safari Club International Foundation, Sea Save Foundation, Species Survival Network, Sustainable Users Network, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Animal Protection, and Zoological Society of London.

Mandate

In accordance with paragraph 2 b) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17):

- a) identify a list of animal taxa to review during the next two intersessional periods between CoP17 (2016) and CoP19 (2022)\_based on outputs indicated in paragraphs 8 to 12 of document AC29 Doc. 33.2 (Rev. 1);
- b) consider possible funding necessary to continue with the Periodic Review; and
- c) agree on ways to facilitate the periodic reviews, as suggested in paragraph 4 of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17).

## Recommendations

1. The working group discussed the Annex to document AC29 Doc. 33.2 (Rev. 1), specifically outputs 3 and 4 to select new species for consideration in the Periodic Review process. In addition, the CITES nomenclature working group referred *Ovis ammon* and *Ovis aries* complexes for review, and members of this working group also suggested additional species that were not included in the outputs.
2. The following 20 species were selected as candidates for potential review under Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17) during the next two intersessional periods from CoP17 to CoP19 (2022). Where a range State has volunteered to conduct the review, this is indicated in bold in the table.

Taxon	Appendix	Range State
<i>Ovis ammon</i> & <i>Ovis aries</i> complexes	I/ II	<i>O. ammon</i> : Afghanistan, China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan <i>O. aries</i> : Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, France, India, Italy, Iran, Kazakhstan, Oman, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
<i>Arctocephalus townsendi</i>	I	<b>Mexico, United States</b>
<i>Semnopithecus priam</i>	I	<b>India, Sri Lanka</b>
<i>Cynomys mexicanus</i>	I	<b>Mexico</b>
Four species of Muridae: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Leporillus conditor</i></li> <li>• <i>Pseudomys fieldi praeconis</i></li> <li>• <i>Xeromys myoides</i></li> <li>• <i>Zyzomys pedunculatus</i></li> </ul>	I	Australia
<i>Struthio camelus</i>	I ( <i>West African countries</i> )	Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan
Two species of <i>Dasyornis</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dasyornis broadbenti litoralis</i></li> <li>• <i>Dasyornis longirostris</i></li> </ul>	I	Australia
<i>Branta canadensis leucopareia</i>	I	Canada, Japan, Mexico, Russian Federation, <b>United States</b>
<i>Podilymbus gigas</i>	I	Guatemala
<i>Phoebastria albatrus</i>	I	China, Japan, Korea, Russian Federation, <b>United States</b>
<i>Terrapene coahuila</i>	I	<b>Mexico</b>
<i>Podarcis lilfordi</i>	II	Spain
<i>Aphonopelma pallidum</i>	II	<b>Mexico</b>

3. The working group made a recommendation that Output 1 in the Annex to document AC29 Doc. 33.2 (Rev.1) be referred to the Secretariat and the Standing Committee for further consideration.
4. The working group offered the following recommendations on possible funding sources to continue with the Periodic Review:
  - a) Ask the Standing Committee's Finance and Budget Sub-Committee to consider allocating funds specifically for the Periodic Review process, including providing support to range States for conducting the reviews.
  - b) Encourage the Secretariat to seek external funding for the Periodic Review process, including support to range States for conducting the reviews.

- c) Seek linkages between Periodic Review and other CITES-funded initiatives, such as capacity building. The working group believes that the Periodic Review process provides a useful tool for increasing understanding of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) and serves as an introduction for the preparation of species proposals to amend the Appendices.
  - d) Identify synergies between other on-going regional and global initiatives for assessing species status, that may provide opportunities to gather information of relevance to a periodic review (including, but not limited to: regional meetings/activities, initiatives of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service (IPBES), Specialist Groups of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and other related fora).
5. In order to facilitate the periodic reviews, the working group recommends the following actions:
- a) AC regional representatives are requested to reach out to range States within their region to encourage them to conduct periodic reviews. During a review process, the regional representatives are also requested to help facilitate communication between range States;
  - b) The Secretariat is requested to include within the letters informing range States of the species selected for review a specific reference to databases that provide information on the species, such as the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, Species+ and the CITES Trade Database.
  - c) The Secretariat, in addition to informing the range States, will also inform a wider network, including:
    - i) AC regional representatives,
    - ii) the Director of the CITES Masters course (as potential topics for research by masters students);
    - iii) the Secretariats of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, including the Secretariats of CMS and of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD);
    - iv) the FAO / CITES liaison
    - v) Organisations with relevant species and trade expertise, including IUCN (including the relevant taxonomic Specialist Groups, IUCN Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group and any other relevant specialist groups), BirdLife International, World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA), UNEP-WCMC, TRAFFIC, and other NGOs, as appropriate.
  - d) The Secretariat is requested to create a Periodic Review webpage on the CITES website to inform Parties and the wider CITES community of the species currently selected for the Periodic Review, and to create additional resource materials on the Periodic Review for inclusion in CITES Virtual College (including an overview of the review process outlined in Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17), as well as examples of previous reviews).
  - e) Encourage range States to inform and invite universities with relevant expertise within their country and region to contribute, where appropriate, to ongoing periodic reviews. We note that a periodic review could constitute a student thesis project.
  - f) Once range States agree to conduct a Periodic review under Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17), they are encouraged to engage with relevant stakeholders (e.g. NGOs, species experts, industry groups, etc.) with information on the status and trade in selected species, as appropriate, and invite them to participate in the ongoing review.