

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:
UPDATE ON PROGRESS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Background

2. Details of the 77 species/country combinations from a total of 33 Parties that are currently in the Review of Significant Trade are presented in the Annex to this document. Of these cases, 62 relate to fauna and 14 to flora.
3. For the purpose of monitoring and facilitating the implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on *Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species* and the relevant paragraphs of Article IV of the Convention, the Secretariat was due to report on the range States' implementation of the recommendations made by the Animals Committee (AC) at its 31st meeting and by the Plants Committee (PC) at its 25th meeting. However, these meetings could not take place as scheduled in July 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The overviews of the RST for Appendix-II species of fauna and flora are available in documents [AC31 Doc. 13.1](#) and [PC25 doc. 15.1](#), respectively.

Implementation of the recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees

4. The 31 cases that are indicated in the third column of the table in the Annex as “*Ongoing*” have been subject to recommendations by the Animals or Plants Committee with deadlines for implementation that have now passed. At the time of writing, for 21 of these cases, information had either been received by the Secretariat from the country concerned regarding its implementation of relevant RST recommendations or a quota has been published in 2020. Details are indicated in the final column of the table in the Annex. The Secretariat is currently evaluating all ongoing cases to determine whether the RST recommendations have been implemented by the range State concerned.
5. In line with paragraph 1 k) of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), the Secretariat will also consult intersessionally with Members of the Animals or Plants Committee, through the Chairs, to determine whether the recommendations have been implemented.
6. As per Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), the Secretariat will then inform the Standing Committee whether the recommendations formulated by the Animals or Plants Committee to ensure compliance with Article IV paragraphs 2 (a), 3 and 6 (a) for trade in selected Appendix-II species are deemed to have been implemented by the range State concerned. On the basis of the report of the Secretariat, the Standing Committee will decide on appropriate actions. The Secretariat's evaluation of the implementation of the AC and PC recommendations could be available for consideration by the Standing Committee in the first quarter of 2021, if so decided.

Recommendations to suspend trade based on RST

7. Those species/country combinations that are highlighted in green in the table in the Annex are currently subject to a recommendation to suspend trade. The Secretariat will draw the attention of the Standing Committee to any cases where the Party concerned may have taken actions to comply with Article IV, paragraph 2 (a), 3 or 6 (a).
8. Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18), paragraph 1 p), requires the Standing Committee to review recommendations to suspend trade that have been in place for longer than two years, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals or Plants Committee. For this purpose, when appropriate, the Secretariat will prepare for review by the Standing Committee an overview of these cases and will, where possible, in consultation with the range State, evaluate the reasons for lack of progress in addressing the matter and, if appropriate, propose measures for addressing the situation.

Next steps

9. The Secretariat has written to all 33 Parties concerned by the RST process, as listed in the Annex, inviting them to provide any new relevant information to the Secretariat before 30 November 2020 so that it can be considered intersessionally by the Secretariat and subsequently by the Members of the Animals or Plants Committee, through the relevant Chair. The information received can also assist the Secretariat in preparing the overview of long-term suspensions indicated in paragraph 8.

Country-wide Significant Trade Reviews [Decisions 18.71 to 18.73]

10. The Secretariat is currently considering the recommendations regarding country-wide significant trade reviews that are articulated in the Annex to document [AC30 Doc. 12.3/PC24 Doc. 13.3](#), and the resources required to undertake such reviews. It is also examining the history of RST to see which Parties and species have been selected most frequently, and the reasons why cases have been removed from the review, particularly where a range State has decided to stop trading without addressing the recommendations made by the Animals or Plants Committee.
11. The Secretariat sees merit in looking further at ways in which the Committees and the Secretariat can coordinate efforts to assist Parties in addressing the issues identified in the evaluation of the country-wide Significant Trade Review in a more coordinated and holistic manner, within existing CITES mechanisms and processes. Therefore, the Secretariat's report to be prepared under Decision 18.71 will be mindful of whether the scientific and management issues and recommendations identified in document AC30 Doc. 12.3/PC24 Doc. 13.3 can be integrated into other existing CITES mechanisms or programme activities, including capacity-building activities developed under Decision 18.42, and those to be established under Decision 18.69 on the *Compliance Assistance Programme*, or whether a new mechanism should be developed to provide targeted support to Parties at a national level. The report will first be reviewed by the Animals and Plants Committees. It will then be made available to the Standing Committee for its consideration, together with the recommendations of the Animals and Plants Committees.

**Species/country combinations currently
in the Review of Significant Trade (as of October 2020)**

- Countries are shown in the first column, arranged in alphabetical order, with the relevant species in the second column.
- Where a recommendation to suspend trade is in place for a particular species/country combination, this is highlighted in green and the date of validation is indicated in the third column.
- Where information has been received by the Secretariat from the country concerning updates on the implementation of the recommendations of the Animals, Plants or Standing Committees, including the publication of any quotas in line with the recommendations, this is indicated in the fourth column.

Country	Species	Date of validation of recommendation to suspend trade (if cases are not ongoing)	Information received/Quota published in 2020
1) Algeria	1) <i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	Ongoing	Information received and quota published
2) Belize	2) <i>Myrmecophila tibicinis</i>	15 June 2010	
3) Benin	3) <i>Pandinus imperator</i>	2 May 2013	Zero quota published
	4) <i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	3 February 2016	Zero quota published
	5) <i>Chamaeleo senegalensis</i>	3 February 2016	Zero quota published
	6) <i>Kinixys homeana</i>	3 February 2016	Zero quota published
4) Cameroon	7) <i>Prunus africana</i>	Ongoing	
	8) <i>Triceros quadricornis</i>	15 March 2016	
	9) <i>Triceros montium</i>	20 January 2020	
5) Congo	10) <i>Pericopsis elata</i>	Ongoing	Information received. Quota request under consideration.
6) Côte d'Ivoire	11) <i>Pericopsis elata</i>	7 September 2012	
7) Democratic Republic of the Congo	12) <i>Poicephalus fuscicollis</i>	9 July 2001	
	13) <i>Poicephalus gulielmi</i>	Ongoing	
	14) <i>Prunus africana</i>	Ongoing	Quota published
	15) <i>Pericopsis elata</i>	Ongoing	Quota published
8) Equatorial Guinea	16) <i>Prunus africana</i>	3 February 2009	
	17) <i>Triceros feae</i>	7 September 2012	
9) Fiji	18) <i>Plerogyra simplex</i>	3 February 2016	
	19) <i>Plerogyra sinuosa</i>	3 February 2016	
10) Ghana	20) <i>Pandinus imperator</i>	12 August 2014	
	21) <i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	3 February 2016	
	22) <i>Chamaeleo senegalensis</i>	3 February 2016	
11) Grenada	23) <i>Strombus gigas</i>	12 May 2006	
12) Guinea	24) <i>Hippocampus algiricus</i>	3 February 2016	

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13) Guyana	25) <i>Amazona festiva</i>	Ongoing	Zero quota published
	26) <i>Chelonoidis denticulatus</i>	Ongoing	Zero quota published
	27) <i>Amazona farinosa</i>	Ongoing	Quota published
	28) <i>Ara ararauna</i>	Ongoing	Information received to support new proposed quota of 760 live specimens
	29) <i>Ara chloropterus</i>	Ongoing	Quota published
14) Haiti	30) <i>Strombus gigas</i>	29 September 2003	
15) India	31) <i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i>	Ongoing	Information received
16) Indonesia	32) <i>Malayemys subtrijuga</i>	Ongoing	Quota published
	33) <i>Notochelys platynota</i>	Ongoing	Quota published
	34) <i>Cuora amboinensis</i>	Ongoing	Quota published
17) Jordan	35) <i>Testudo graeca</i>	Ongoing	
18) Lao People's Democratic Republic	36) <i>Dendrobium nobile</i>	3 February 2009	
	37) <i>Macaca fascicularis</i>	3 February 2016	Information received
19) Madagascar	38) <i>Coracopsis vasa</i>	20 January 1995	
	39) <i>Furcifer labordi</i>	20 January 1995	
	40) <i>Phelsuma borai</i>	20 January 1995	
	41) <i>Phelsuma gouldi</i>	20 January 1995	
	42) <i>Phelsuma hoeschi</i>	20 January 1995	
	43) <i>Phelsuma ravenala</i>	20 January 1995	
20) Mali	44) <i>Uromastyx dispar</i>	22 August 2008	
	45) <i>Uromastyx geyeri</i>	Ongoing	
21) Morocco	46) <i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	Ongoing	Information received and quota published
22) Mozambique	47) <i>Cycas thouarsii</i>	6 December 2006	
	48) <i>Smaug mossambicus</i>	7 September 2012	
	49) <i>Cordylus tropidosternum</i>	10 August 2001	
	50) <i>Trioceros melleri</i>	Ongoing	Zero quota published
23) Nepal	51) <i>Nardostachys grandiflora</i>	Ongoing	Quota published
24) Nicaragua	52) <i>Dalbergia retusa</i>	Ongoing	Information received
25) Niger	53) <i>Chamaeleo africanus</i>	7 September 2012	
26) Panama	54) <i>Dalbergia retusa</i>	Ongoing	
27) Paraguay	55) <i>Bulnesia sarmientoi</i>	Ongoing	Quota published
28) Senegal	56) <i>Hippocampus algiricus</i>	3 February 2016	
29) Solomon Islands	57) <i>Corucia zebrata</i>	9 July 2001	
	58) <i>Ornithoptera priamus</i>	20 January 1995	
	59) <i>Ornithoptera victoriae</i>	20 January 1995	
	60) <i>Tridacna crocea</i>	3 February 2016	
	61) <i>Tridacna derasa</i>	3 February 2016	
	62) <i>Tridacna gigas</i>	3 February 2016	
	63) <i>Tridacna maxima</i>	3 February 2016	
	64) <i>Tridacna squarrosa</i>	3 February 2016	

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30) Suriname	65) <i>Amazona farinosa</i>	Ongoing	
	66) <i>Ara ararauna</i>	Ongoing	
	67) <i>Ara chloropterus</i>	Ongoing	
	68) <i>Chelonoidis denticulatus</i>		
31) Togo	69) <i>Pandinus imperator</i>	2 May 2013	Zero quota published
	70) <i>Poicephalus fuscicollis</i>	9 July 2001	Zero quota published
	71) <i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	Ongoing	Zero quota published
	72) <i>Kinixys homeana</i>	Ongoing	Zero quota published
	73) <i>Varanus ornatus</i>	Ongoing	Could be removed from RST, subject to a zero quota.
32) Tunisia	74) <i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	Ongoing	Information received and quota published
33) United Republic of Tanzania	75) <i>Balearica regulorum</i>	2 May 2013	
	76) <i>Kinyongia fischeri</i>	3 February 2016	
	77) <i>Kinyongia tavetana</i>	3 February 2016	