

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Sixty-second meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 23-27 July 2012

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Exemptions and special trade provisions

REGISTRATION OF OPERATIONS THAT BREED APPENDIX-I ANIMAL SPECIES
IN CAPTIVITY FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At the 61st meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, August 2011), the Philippines submitted applications to register Birds International, Inc. as a breeder of *Cacatua moluccensis*, *C. sulphurea abbotti*, *C. s. citrinocristata* and *C. s. sulphurea* in the *CITES Register of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes*. These are taxa already included in the Register, and Birds International, Inc. is already registered under number A-PH-501 as a breeder of *Cacatua haematuropygia* and *Guarouba guarouba*.
3. The Standing Committee decided not to consider the applications as they had not been submitted in accordance with the procedure laid out in Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), and asked that they be published with a Notification to the Parties, in compliance with that Resolution.
4. Consequently, the Secretariat published the four applications with Notification to the Parties No. 2011/045 of 11 October 2011. They are attached as Annexes 1-4 to the present document¹. Owing to their lengths, these Annexes are provided in English only, the language in which they were submitted.
5. Indonesia objected to the registration and its objection is attached as Annex 5. In compliance with Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 2, paragraph 3, the Secretariat referred the documentation to the Animals Committee to review the objection (see document AC26 Doc. 25). The Animals Committee made comments on the objection, which are contained in Annex 6, and recommended that the Standing Committee consider in detail the issue of the legality of the founding parental stock. The Secretariat forwarded these comments to the Parties concerned.
6. Following this, Indonesia informed the Secretariat that it was retaining its objection and responded to the Animals Committee's comments, requesting that this response be submitted to the Standing Committee. The submission of further information is not envisaged in Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), as the original objection made must be already "fully documented and include the supporting evidence that has given rise to concerns". In the interest of transparency, the Secretariat has nonetheless included Indonesia's response in Annex 7, in English only, the language in which it was received. Consequently, the Secretariat also wrote to the Philippines to give it the possibility to respond to the Animals Committee's comments, and its response is contained in Annex 8, also in English only.

¹ The geographical designations employed in Annexes 1-8 to this document do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the CITES Secretariat or the United Nations Environment Programme concerning the legal status of any country, territory, or area, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. The responsibility for the contents of the Annexes rests exclusively with their authors.

Recommendations

7. In compliance with Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 2, paragraph 4, the Standing Committee should decide whether it considers that:
 - a) the objection is trivial or ill-founded, in which case it shall reject it and the application shall be accepted; or
 - b) the objection is justified, in which case it shall review the response of the applying Party and decide whether or not to accept the application.