

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Megapodius freycinet abbotti and Megapodius freycinet nicobariensis from Appendix II.

B. PROPOSANT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Aves
12. Order: Galliformes
13. Family: Megapodiidae
14. Species: Megapodius freycinet abbotti
Megapodius freycinet nicobariensis
15. Common Names: English; Abbott's megapode and Nicobar megapode
French; mégapode d'Abbott et mégapode de
Nicobar
Spanish; Megapodios selváticos
16. Code Numbers: 214.001.006.002 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

21. Distribution; Nicobar Islands (India).
22. Population; Obviously rare but not included in the 1979 Red Data Book.
- There are no captive specimens recorded by the International Zoo Yearbook Vol. 24/25.
23. Habitat; Tropical moist dense forest along the sea-shores. The species has suffered from habitat destruction.

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization; Locally hunted and eggs collected for food.
32. Legal International Trade; Has never been recorded in trade since 1975.
33. Illegal Trade; No evidence.
34. Potential Trade Threats; None.

4. Protection Status

Protected under Indian Wildlife Protection Act Schedule No. I.

CITES history: Listed at Washington, D.C., 1973. Subspecies nicobariensis proposed for transfer to Appendix I at San José, which was rejected by the Conference of the Parties.

5. Information on Similar Species

Megapoduis freycinet has a very large distribution, ranging from the Nicobares in the West to the New Hebrides in the East. Within this area numerous subspecies have been described, including affinis, cumingii, eremita, gilbertii, layardi and tumulus.

There is no ID Manual data sheet available.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

Solicited but not received.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

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