A. PROPOSAL
Deletion of *Tetrao mlokosiewiczi* from Appendix II.

B. PROPOSENENT
The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy
   11. Class: Aves
   12. Order: Galliformes
   13. Family: Tetraonidae/Phasianidae
   14. Species: *Tetrao mlokosiewiczi*
   15. Common Names: English: Caucasian black grouse; French; Spanish;

2. Biological Data
   21. Distribution: Islamic Republic of Iran; small area in the North-West adjoining the USSR.
      Turkey: Upper levels of Black Sea coastal range East of Trabzon, rather small area.
      USSR: Caucasus area of the Armenian, Azerbaydzhan, Grusinian and Russian Federative Soviet Republics.
      Turkey: Rare but stable.
      USSR: Numbers generally low.
      There are no captive specimens recorded by the International Zoo Yearbook Vol. 24/25.
   23. Habitat: Mountain forests and meadows from 1,000 to 3,000 m above sea level, in winter also lower forest zones. Habitat considered stable in Turkey. In USSR encroachment of cattle grazing is considered being a major adverse factor.

3. Trade Data
   32. Legal International Trade: Has never been recorded in trade since 1977.
33. **Illegal Trade:** No evidence.
34. **Potential Trade Threats:** None.

4. **Protection Status**

Totally protected in Turkey which includes the prohibition of all kinds of trade.


5. **Information on Similar Species**

Very similar to *Tetrao tetrix* with which it forms a superspecies. *T. tetrix* is widely distributed from Scotland and Wales to eastern USSR.

There is no ID Manual sheet available.

6. **Comments from Countries of Origin**

The General Directorate of Forestry, National Parks Department of Turkey provided some of the information above, stated that the best protection for the species would be implementation of national legislation and expressed the view that removal from Appendix II would not negatively affect the species. The Islamic Republic of Iran and USSR did not respond to the questionnaire.

7. **Additional Remarks**

8. **References**


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