

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Pedionomus torquatus from Appendix II.

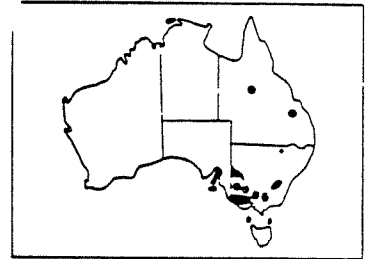
B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Aves
12. Order: Gruiformes
13. Family: Pedionomidae
14. Species: Pedionomus torquatus
15. Common Names: English: plain wanderer  
French: hémipode à collier  
Spanish:
16. Code Numbers: 215.003.001.001 (ID Manual)



Plain Wanderer

2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: Australia: New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland.
22. Population: "Seldom seen" according to Slater (1972). The Australian Management Authority states in 1979: "Formerly common but now rare, status rare and declining".

Not included in the 1979 ICBP/IUCN Red Data Book.

There are no captive specimens recorded by the International Zoo Yearbook Vol. 24/25, but see under 31. National Utilization.

23. Habitat: Flat grassy inland plains on open grounds. The species is threatened by loss of habitat through livestock grazing and crop production, according to the supporting statement submitted by Australia in 1979.

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization: Displayed at several Australian zoos according to the Australian Management Authority.
32. Legal International Trade: Has never been recorded in trade since 1971.
33. Illegal Trade: No evidence.

34. Potential Trade Threats: Rather unlikely to be significant. However, the species was included in Appendix II in 1979 because it was felt that unregulated collecting for scientific or display purposes would threaten the survival of the species.

4. Protection Status

Totally protected in Australia under national law.

CITES history: The species was included in Appendix II at San José, 1979, based on a substantially complete supporting statement provided by Australia.

5. Information on Similar Species

Superficially similar to the Turnix species.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

The questionnaire sent to the Australian Management Authority was not returned, but the Management Authority stated that the Australian Council of Nature Conservation Ministers had established a Specialist Working Group in order to undertake a critical review of the Australian fauna contained in CITES appendices. By a second letter, dated 18 July 1986, the Chairman of the Ten Year Review Central Committee was informed that the Specialist Working Group had proposed one inclusion and five deletions from the appendices, but this list did not include Pedionomus torquatus.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

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