

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Larus brunnicephalus from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Aves
12. Order: Charadriiformes
13. Family: Laridae
14. Species: Larus brunnicephalus
15. Common Names: English: brown-headed gull  
French: goéland à tête brune  
Spanish: Gaviota cabeciparda del Tibet
16. Code Numbers: 216.014.003.006 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: USSR (Pamir) to China (across Tibet to Kansu Province), localized to a few sites.

22. Population:

China: uncommon or rare for reasons unknown, population trends unknown.

USSR: included in the list of rare species.

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

None in captivity.

23. Habitat: China: status unknown.

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization: Unlikely to be any.

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

Unprotected in China. Protected under national law in USSR.

CITES history: Listed at Washington, D. C., 1973. Has never been reviewed.

5. Information on Similar Species

Belongs to the "Choicocephalus" group which includes, among other species, the very common Larus ridibundus (black-headed gull, distribution from Iceland and the British Isles to eastern Siberia and China) and the Appendix I species Larus relictus (Lönnerberg's gull, from USSR and Mongolia) which also has never been recorded in trade.

There is no ID Manual data sheet.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

The Management Authority of China believes that the situation of the species would not become more critical if removed from Appendix II, and expressed the tentative view to support the proposal. USSR did not return the questionnaire.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References