

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Picus squamatus flavirostris from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Aves
12. Order: Piciformes
13. Family: Picidae
14. Species: Piscus squamatus flavirostris
15. Common Names: English: western scaly-bellied woodpecker
French: pic écaillé occidental
Spanish: Pito ventriescamoso
16. Code Numbers: 226.006.022.011 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: (Species) Afghanistan, China, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, occurring localized at a few sites in USSR.

22. Population:

China: species occurs only accidentally in China, subspecies flavirostris is not found.

Nepal: rare with population trends unknown.

Pakistan: rare, considered stable.

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

There are no captive specimens recorded by the International Zoo Yearbook Vol. 24/25.

23. Habitat:

Nepal: status unknown.

Pakistan: stable.

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization: None.

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

Partially protected in Nepal (permits required). Unprotected in Pakistan.

CITES history: Listed at Washington, D.C., 1973. The USSR had suggested listing of the whole species Picus squamatus. Has never been reviewed.

5. Information on Similar Species

None listed.

There is no ID Manual data sheet available.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

Part of the information provided above is based on questionnaires completed by China, Nepal and Pakistan. China indicated that the subspecies flavirostris does not occur in China. Nepal and Pakistan do not feel that the situation of the species would become more critical if removed from Appendix II, and both Management Authorities are tentatively in favour of the proposal.

The Management Authorities of the other range states did not return the questionnaire.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

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