

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Burramys parvus from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

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| 11. Class: | Mammalia |
| 12. Order: | Marsupialia |
| 13. Family: | Burramyidae |
| 14. Species: | <u>Burramys parvus</u> |
| 15. Common Names: | English: mountain pygmy possum,
Broom's pygmy possum
French: souris-opossum des montagnes
Spanish: Lirón marsupial |
| 16. Code Numbers: | 102.008.002.001 (ID Manual) |



2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: South-eastern Australia. Known from an area of 200 sq km in the Mount Hotham Region of Victoria and an area of about 300 sq km in the Kosciusko National Park of New South Wales. The two populations are completely separated by the valley of the Mitta Mitta River.
22. Population: Not listed in IUCN Red Data Book. Considered moderately common within its range by Strahan (1983) and secure by ANFWS (1981). Thriving and breeding in captivity (Strahan, 1983), five specimens kept by Taronga Zoo in 1981 (ANFWS, 1981), but none recorded by the International Zoo Yearbook for 1983 and 1984.
23. Habitat: Alpine, chiefly between 1,400 and 2,200 m above sea level, characterized by low shrubs with an intermixture of grasses in some places, at the lower altitudes also a covering of trees. Partly the habitat is under threat from tourist development, but the major part lies within the Kosciusko National Park.

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization: None, except for scientific purposes.
32. Legal International Trade: Has never been recorded in trade since 1975.

33. Illegal Trade: No evidence.

34. Potential Trade Threats: Unlikely to be any. Animals of this size (less than 13 cm head and body length) are not of much interest for zoological exhibits.

4. Protection Status

Originally listed in Appendix I, the species was transferred to Appendix II at the first regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Berne, 1976, following a proposal by Australia (short supporting statement in Berne Proceedings p. 267). Totally protected at the national level. The major part of the distribution area is situated within a National Park.

5. Information on Similar Species

There are four other species of non-gliding pygmy possums (genus Cercartetus) none of which is included in CITES appendices.

Identification Manual data sheet available.

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 Burramys parvus.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

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Strahan, R., ed., 1983. The Australian Museum Complete Book of Australian Mammals, London. Sydney, Melbourne.