

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Pitta brachyura nympha from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Aves
12. Order: Passeriformes
13. Family: Pittidae
14. Species: Pitta brachyura nympha
15. Common Names: English: fairy pitta
French: brève du Japon
Spanish: Pita índica
16. Code Numbers: 227.012.001.006 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

21. Distribution:

China: localized at a few sites.

Japan: Kochi, Nagasaki, Miyagaki Prefs., Tsushima Island.

People's Democratic Republic of Korea.

Republic of Korea.

22. Population:

China: uncommon, population trends unknown.

Japan: uncommon, summer only.

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

23. Habitat: Moist deciduous and evergreen forest with a thick undergrowth (Japan).

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization: None in Japan.

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.

4. Protection Status

Unprotected in China. Fully protected in Japan.

CITES history: Listed at Washington, D.C., 1973. The Republic of Korea suggested listing of the whole species Pitta brachyura. Has never been reviewed.

5. Information on Similar Species

Pitta brachyura nympha is sometimes considered to be a full species (Pitta nympha). Pitta brachyura occurs in North and Central India and Bangladesh, migrating to Sri Lanka.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

The Management Authority of China provided some of the information above. It is felt that the situation of the species would not become more critical if removed from Appendix II, and the tentative view is to support the proposal.

Japan did not return the questionnaire.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

Massey, J.A. et al., 1982. A Field Guide to the Birds of Japan, Tokyo.