

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Niltava ruecki from Appendix II. ✓

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Aves
12. Order: Passeriformes
13. Family: Muscicapidae
14. Species: Niltava (Muscicapa, Cyornis) ruecki
15. Common Names: English: Rueck's blue flycatcher
French: gobe-mouches de Rueck
Spanish: Papamoscas de Sumatra
16. Code Numbers: 227.031.217.016 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

21. Distribution:

Indonesia: North-East Sumatra

Malaysia: Malayan Peninsula?

22. Population: Not included in ICBP/IUCN Data Book (1979).
Considered rare with population trends unknown by the Indonesian Management Authority.
23. Habitat: According to the Indonesian Management Authority, the species is threatened by loss of habitat.

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

Totally protected under national law in Indonesia.

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

5. Information on Similar Species

None listed. There are about a dozen similar flycatcher species occurring in South-East Asia, some of which are very difficult to distinguish from Niltava ruecki.

There is no ID Manual sheet available.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

The Indonesian Management Authority indicates that the species is threatened by loss of habitat, that there is no evidence of either legal or illegal trade, and that the species is totally protected within the country. Nevertheless, it is felt that removal from the appendices would "open a chance for worse conditions" (not specified) and the tentative view is to oppose a delisting.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References