

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Clemmys muhlenbergii from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

- 11. Class: Reptilia
- 12. Order: Testudinata
- 13. Family: Emydidae
- 14. Species: Clemmys muhlenbergii
- 15. Common Names: English: bog turtle
Muhlenberg's turtle
French: tortue de Muhlenberg
Spanish: Galápagos de Muhlenberg
- 16. Code Numbers: 301.007.007.004 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

- 21. Distribution: USA: New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Virginia.
- 22. Population: Uncommon over much of its range, but there is evidence that the species is not depleted throughout its range. Population densities vary from 5 to around 125 individuals per ha. Rated indeterminate by the 1982 IUCN Red Data Book.

The International Zoo Yearbook Vol. 24/25 records 72 specimens - of which 29 captive bred - kept by 8 institutions.
- 23. Habitat: Standing or slow-moving shallow water, on a muddy substrate with an abundance of grass or moss. Habitat destruction or modification is a major threat.

3. Trade Data

- 31. National Utilization: Collection for the pet trade (national), but is secondary in importance to habitat loss.
- 32. Legal International Trade: Has never been recorded in trade since 1975.
- 33. Illegal Trade: No evidence (?).
- 34. Potential Trade Threats: Collected for pet trade like most turtle species.

4. Protection Status

Legislative protection in nearly all US states where it occurs.

CITES history: Listed at Washington, D.C., 1973, at the request of the United States of America giving habitat destruction and collection for pet trade as reason for decline.

5. Information on Similar Species

Clemmys insculpta, not listed.

There is an ID Manual data sheet available.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

Solicited but not received.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

Groombridge, B., 1982. The IUCN Amphibia - Reptilia Red Data Book. Gland.

Honegger, R.E., 1985. Clemmys muhlenbergii. In: CITES Identification Manual, Volume 3, Lausanne.