

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Paradelma orientalis from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Commonwealth of Australia.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

- 11. Class: Reptilia
- 12. Order: Sauria - Squamata
- 13. Family: Pygopodidae
- 14. Species: Paradelma orientalis
- 15. Common Names: English: flap-footed legless lizard
French: lézard-serpent du Queensland
Spanish: Lagarto serpiente, Paradelma
- 16. Code Numbers:

2. Biological Data

- 21. Distribution: Central eastern Queensland, Australia.
- 22. Population: Relatively widespread and locally common.
- 23. Habitat: Mixed eucalypt forest and brigalow forest overlying flat or hilly terrain.

3. Trade Data

- 31. National Utilization: A small number of specimens are occasionally collected for scientific study.
- 32. Legal International Trade: Exportation of native Australian wildlife is regulated by the Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1982. No specimen of P. orientalis has been exported since the Act came into force on 1 May 1984.
- 33. Illegal Trade: None known.

4. Protection Status

- 41. National: Protected in Queensland under the Fauna Conservation Act 1974.
- 42. International: Currently listed in Appendix II of CITES.

5. Information on Similar Species

Superficially similar to members of the genus Delma but is easily identified and separated from all other Delma spp. by the presence of four preanal pores.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

P. orientalis is endemic to Australia.

7. Additional Remarks

This species is relatively widespread and common where it occurs. There is no evidence of any trade.

8. References

Cogger, H.G., 1983. Reptiles and Amphibians of Australia. A.H. & A.W. Reed.