AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL
Deletion of Thamnophis couchi hammondi from Appendix II.

B. PROPOONENT
The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy
   11. Class: Reptilia
   12. Order: Serpentes
   13. Family: Colubridae
   14. Species: Thamnophis couchi hammondi
   15. Common Names:
       English: two-striped garter snake
       French: serpent-jarretière à deux raies
       Spanish: Serpiente jarretera
   16. Code Numbers: 305.005.278.007 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data
   21. Distribution:
       USA: Central coast of California (Monterey) to Mexico.
       Mexico: Baja California.
   23. Habitat: Rocky streams with protected pools near shore. Deteriorating due to extensive human development throughout the area, including flood control, subdivision of land, diversion of water from rivers and ponds.

3. Trade Data
   31. National Utilization: Has been subject to collecting by children and pet industry.
   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 since the State of California legislation prevents commercial exploitation.
4. **Protection Status**

A bag and possession limit of one specimen has been established under State of California law.


5. **Information on Similar Species**

There are four other subspecies of *Thamnophis couchi*. *Thamnophis elegans* with four subspecies. None of these is included in CITES appendices.

6. **Comments from Countries of Origin**

Solicited but not received.

7. **Additional Remarks**

8. **References**

