

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Erinaceus frontalis from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Mammalia
12. Order: Insectivora
13. Family: Erinaceidae
14. Species: Erinaceus frontalis
15. Common Names: English: Cape hedgehog
French: hérisson du Cap
Spanish: Erizo sudafricano
16. Code Numbers: 103.005.008.003 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zimbabwe. Discontinuous, the western and the eastern sections of the range being separated by the Kalahari Desert.
22. Population: Not listed in IUCN Red Data Book (1978). Status unknown in Botswana where it occurs in a few sites. Small populations of unknown status in West Mozambique. Rare but widespread in South Africa, in the Kruger Park very localized. Common in Zimbabwe where it has a widespread but scattered distribution.

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

23. Habitat: Occurs in a wide variety of habitats, including e.g. suburban gardens. Situation unknown in Botswana and Mozambique. Changing in Zimbabwe where the species is locally threatened by loss of habitat, but otherwise remains unaffected. In South Africa, there is a certain loss of habitat, but this does not threaten the species.

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization: Locally used as pets and for food.
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 in South Africa. Partially protected in Botswana.
Unprotected in Mozambique.

CITES history: Listed at Washington, D.C. 1973, at the request of South Africa. Has never been reviewed.

5. Information on Similar Species

None listed. There are three other Erinaceus species in Africa.

There is no ID Manual data sheet on the species.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

Most of the above information is based on questionnaires completed by the Management Authorities of Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe. All of the four countries supported the proposed deletion of the species from Appendix II. Comments were also solicited but not received from Angola, Lesotho, (Malawi), Namibia, Swaziland.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

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