

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Ambystoma lermaense from Appendix II.

B. PROponent

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

- 11. Class: Amphibia
- 12. Order: Urodela (Caudata)
- 13. Family: Ambystomidae
- 14. Species: Ambystoma lermaense
- 15. Common Names: English: Lake Lerma salamander
French: salamandre du lac Lerma
Spanish: Ajolote del lago Lerma
- 16. Code Numbers: 402.001.001.013 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

- 21. Distribution: Mexico: Lake Lerma, in canals and in the Rio Lerma between Toluca and the town of Lerma, and in the Presa José Antonio Alzate North of Toluca.
- 22. Population: No exact data available. Probably threatened by loss of habitat and fishing.

Rated rare by the 1979 IUCN Red Data Book. Declining.

No information on captive populations.
- 23. Habitat: High altitude lake. Deteriorating due to drainage and pollution of Lake Lerma. The favourable habitat is now much reduced and draining continues.

3. Trade Data

- 31. National Utilization: Locally speared for food.
- 32. Legal International Trade: Has never been recorded in trade since 1975.
- 33. Illegal Trade: No evidence.
- 34. Potential Trade Threats: None. Only specialized institutions and persons are occasionally interested in this species.

4. Protection Status

No information available.

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

5. Information on Similar Species

Other Ambystoma species, two of which are included in CITES appendices. Identification sheets to appear in 1987.

Captive bred Ambystoma mexicanum are traded in large quantities for laboratory purposes.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

Solicited but not received.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

Martens, H., 1986. Ambystoma lermaense. In: CITES Identification Manual Volume 3. Lausanne.

Honegger, R.E., 1979. IUCN Red Data Book, Volume 3: Amphibia and Reptilia. Morges.