

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Plagopterus argentissimus from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Pisces
12. Order: Cypriniformes
13. Family: Cyprinidae
14. Species: Plagopterus argentissimus
15. Common Names: English: Plaa eesok, ikana temoleh, woundfin  
French: plagoptère argenté  
Spanish: Plagóptero plateado
16. Code Numbers: 516.011.144.001 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: USA: Virgin River below St. George, Utah.
22. Population: Nationally recognized as endangered but rated "Indeterminate" by IUCN at time of listing.
23. Habitat: Deteriorating due to water development and highway construction.

Almost 70% of the original woundfin habitat in the Virgin River has been rendered unreliable during part of the year by irrigation diversions. A variety of development projects involving modification of present river flows pose additional threats to the survival of the species.

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization:
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

Protected under national law.

CITES history: Listed at Washington, D.C., 1973, following a proposal by the United States of America to list it in Appendix I.

5. Information on Similar Species

None listed.

There is no ID Manual sheet available.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

Solicited but not received. In 1978, the US Fish and Wildlife Service stated that the information available does not meet the standard of the Berne Criteria, but that the species should be reclassified because of its trade status. "However, the lack of evidence for, and the unlikelihood of, trade in these species suggests that their listing in the appendices serves no useful purpose in a Convention intended to regulate international movement of wildlife and plants. Any reduction in protection afforded by the Convention is not expected to harm these species" (Federal Register, Wednesday, May 3, 1978, Part V, pp. 19189-19190).

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

Greger, P. & J.E. Deacon, 1982. Observations on woundfin spawning and growth in an outdoor experimental stream. Great Basin Naturalist 42 (4), 549-552.