

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Choromytilus chorus from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

- 11. Class: Mollusca
- 12. Order: Anisomyaria
- 13. Family: Mytilidae
- 14. Species: Choromytilus chorus
- 15. Common Names: English: choro
French:
Spanish: Choro
- 16. Code Numbers: 864.001.001.001 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

- 21. Distribution: Chile, localized at a few sites.
- 22. Population: Considered to be common, population size fluctuating. Not included in the 1983 IUCN Invertebrate Red Data Book.
- 23. Habitat: Stable.

3. Trade Data

- 31. National Utilization: Locally used for food.
- 32. Legal International Trade: Has never been recorded in trade since 1979.
- 33. Illegal Trade: No evidence.
- 34. Potential Trade Threats: None.

4. Protection Status

Partially protected in Chile.

CITES history: Listed at San José, 1979, following a proposal by Chile for Appendix I listing. The proposal was accompanied by a very short supporting statement.

5. Information on Similar Species

None listed.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

The data above are based on a questionnaire completed by the Director Nacional de Pesca of Chile. The Chilean Management Authority is in favour of the proposal, declaring that the status of the species would not become more critical if deleted from Appendix II, and that Chile has no intentions to export specimens of Choromoytilus chorus in the future.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

CITES, 1980. Proceedings of the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Vol. 2, p. 792. Gland.