

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Paryphanta spp. from Appendix II.

B. PROONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

- 11. Class: Mollusca
- 12. Order: Stylommatophora
- 13. Family: Paryphantidae
- 14. Species: Paryphanta spp.
including Powelliphanta spp.
- 16. Code Numbers: 845.163.001.000 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

- 21. Distribution: New Zealand; localized to a few sites.
- 22. Population: Rare and decreasing due to loss of habitat and competition with or predation by other species.
- 23. Habitat: Deteriorating.

3. Trade Data

- 31. National Utilization: Not affecting the species.
- 32. Legal International Trade: Has never been recorded in trade since 1975.
- 33. Illegal Trade: TRAFFIC Australia (Antram, in litt., 1986) reports that protected New Zealand molluscs, including Paryphanta, have been identified to be sold in Australia.
- 34. Potential Trade Threats: Unlikely to be any. According to TRAFFIC Australia (Antram, in litt., 1986) Paryphanta spp. are not much sought after by collectors as the shells are difficult to keep in good condition.

4. Protection Status

Totally protected by national legislation of New Zealand.

CITES History: Listed at Washington, D.C., 1973, as "Paraphanta spp. +202", +202 = New Zealand species. Has never been reviewed.

5. Information on Similar Species

None listed.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

Most of the above information is based on a questionnaire completed by the Director of the New Zealand Wildlife Service. Scientific reports based on single surveys have been published by C. C. Ogle in 1979 (for subspecies P. busbyi wattii) and 1982 (for subspecies P. b. busbyi). New Zealand, if a Party, would support the deletion of the taxon from Appendix II, since it is felt that the situation of the species would not become more critical if it were removed from Appendix II.

7. Additional Remarks

Most of the collection trade in molluscs is conducted by post; therefore, enforcement is difficult.

8. References