

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Pudu mephistophiles from Appendix II.

B. PROponent

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

- 11. Class: Mammalia
- 12. Order: Artiodactyla
- 13. Family: Cervidae
- 14. Species: Pudu mephistophiles
- 15. Common Names: English; northern pudu  
French; pudu du nord  
Spanish; Pudú norteño
- 16. Code Numbers: 119.006.014.001 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

- 21. Distribution: Colombia, Ecuador and Peru at altitudes between 2,000 and 4,000 m.
- 22. Population: Rated indeterminate by the IUCN Red Data Book (1982). Population status and trends unknown in Colombia where the species occurs localized at a few sites.

The species is not included in the list of threatened deer published by the SSC Deer Specialist Group in 1978.

While the International Zoo Yearbook reports 51 Pudu pudu held in 8 collections in 1984, there are no records of a captive populations of Pudu mephistophiles.

- 23. Habitat: Dense thickets, forests, swampy savannas. Deteriorating in all three countries, e.g. due to growing exploitation of the bush for firewood and charcoal.

3. Trade Data

- 31. National Utilization: Locally hunted for meat and sport.
- 32. Legal International Trade: Has never been recorded in trade since 1975.
- 33. Illegal Trade: No evidence.

34. Potential Trade Threats: There has been some illegal trade in the southern pudu (Pudu pudu, Appendix I), i.e. it can be assumed that Zoological Gardens would have also a certain interest in obtaining northern pudus. However, this interest would be limited to a few zoos.

4. Protection Status

Totally protected in Colombia, where it occurs also in some nature reserves. In Ecuador, the export of indigenous wildlife is prohibited except for scientific and educational purposes. In Peru, the export of wildlife is restricted and subject to licensing.

CITES history: Listed at Washington, D.C., 1973.

5. Information on Similar Species

Pudu pudu from Argentina and Chile is similar, but Identification Manual data sheets published for both species allow proper identification. However, it should be discussed whether or not a removal of Pudu mephistophiles from Appendix II could have a negative impact on Pudu pudu in which illegal exports from Chile are known to occur.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

Colombia does not believe that the situation of the species would become more critical when removed from Appendix II, and tentatively supports the proposal.

Ecuador and Peru did not answer the questionnaire.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

IUCN, 1978. Threatened Deer - Proc. Working Meeting Deer Specialist Group SSC on the IUCN Threatened Deer Programme, Morges, 1978.