

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

Ten Year Review Proposals

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Francolinus ochropectus from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Aves

12. Order: Galliformes

13. Family: Phasianidae

14. Species: Francolinus ochropectus

15. Common Names: English: Tadjoura francolin,
Djibouti francolin
French: francolin à poitrine ocre
Spanish: Francolín de Tajura

16. Code Numbers: 214.003.032.042 (ID Manual)

2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: Djibouti, Forêt du Day and possibly secondary forests at Mabla.

22. Population: Was estimated at a few hundred in the 1950's. Recent studies, however, indicate a population of about 5,000 birds (1984).

There are no captive specimens recorded by the International Zoo Yearbook Vol. 24/25.

23. Habitat: Primary and secondary forests. Loss of about 50% of habitat within the last few years due to natural dessication of the region, cutting of trees, bushfires and overgrazing by livestock.

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization: No information.

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

No information on legal protection at national level. The main habitat, Forêt du Day, falls within the boundaries of the Day National Park.

CITES history: Listed at Washington, D.C., 1973, following a proposal by the United States of America annotated by IUCN which recommended non-listing unless more information would be provided. Has never been reviewed.

5. Information on Similar Species

F. ochropectus was described as a species in 1954 only. It is considered intermediate between F. erckelii and F. castaneicollis neither of which are included in CITES appendices.

There is no ID Manual data sheet available.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

Solicited but not received.

7. Additional Remarks

The proposal was submitted already at the Ottawa meeting. It was withdrawn when ICBP indicated that they were prepared to provide information for a more thorough review of the species to be considered at the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Having received no input from ICBP by the end of 1988, the Chairman of the Animals Committee solicited again comments from ICBP which were not received by the time of the second meeting of the Animals Committee. Consequently, the Animals Committee requested Switzerland to resubmit the proposal for consideration at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

8. References

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