

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

Ten Year Review Proposals

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Francolinus swierstrai 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 swierstrai
15. Common Names: English: Swierstra's francolin
French: francolin de Swierstra
Spanish: Francolín de Swierstra
16. Code Numbers: 214.003.032.042 (ID Manual)



2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: Western Angola from Cuanza Sul to Huila Districts.
22. Population: Status rated indeterminate by the 1979 and 1985 Red Data Books. No population estimates available.

There is no captive population.

23. Habitat: Montane habitats, mainly forest, but found also in rocky and grassy areas. Much of the montane forest in Angola has been destroyed which would negatively affect the species if it were dependent upon forest habitat (which is not precisely known).

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization: No information available. Possibly some subsistence hunting.
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 available.

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

Francolinus cruzi is a synonym of swierstrai.

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 It was withdrawn when ICBP indicated that they were prepared to provide information for a more thorough review of the species to be considered at the next meeting of the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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