

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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Consideration of Proposals for Amendment of Appendices I and II

TEN YEAR REVIEW PROPOSALS

1. Background

At the New Delhi meeting, 1981, the Conference of the Parties decided to carry out a "Ten Year Review of the Appendices", and to establish Regional Committees and a Secretariat Committee to effect the review, and a Central Committee to appraise and co-ordinate the original reviews (Resolution Conf. 3.20).

At the Gaborone meeting, 1983, it became apparent that the "Ten Year Review" based on the work of regional committees would remain uncompleted, and that the envisaged goal, to achieve scientifically sound and effective appendices, could not be reached by this procedure. Therefore, the Conference of the Parties adopted Resolution Conf. 4.7 "Regulation of Trade in Appendix-II Wildlife", establishing thus an additional tool for the revision of the appendices.

At the Buenos Aires meeting, 1985, the Conference of the Parties, by adopting Resolution Conf. 5.3, approved the procedure and timetable of the "Significant Trade in Appendix-II Species" project, as outlined in document Doc. 5.26, including a recommendation to the effect that those Appendix-II taxa which have never been reported in trade should be considered for deletion from this appendix, unless they have been or should remain included in Appendix II for look-alike reasons.

In addition, the Conference of the Parties expressed its wish that the Ten Year Review Central Committee should continue its work and that the Chairman of this Committee, designated in 1982 (Switzerland), should stimulate the completion of the Review and co-ordinate the submissions of the regions (document Plen. 5.9).

Following the Buenos Aires Meeting, the Chairman of the Ten Year Review Central Committee compiled a list of those Appendix-II species which had never been recorded in trade since their listing. This list included also the countries of origin of the species and brief information on their CITES history.

At its 13th meeting, in November 1985, the Standing Committee approved the steps taken by the Chairman of the Ten Year Review Central Committee. The Standing Committee decided also that for the species concerned a short, simple text was sufficient as a supporting statement.

At the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Ottawa, 1987), Switzerland, on behalf of the Central Committee for the Ten Year Review (which consists of the Parties represented on the Standing Committee and of the Secretariat) submitted 61 proposals for the deletion from Appendix II of species not having been traded since their listing (see document Doc. 6.47 in Proceedings of the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, pp. 851-861). The proposals were considered by Committee I which recommended the adoption of many of them, but some were withdrawn for various reasons, including the need for further consideration (see document Com.I. 6.11 in Proceedings of the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, pp. 210-212). The Conference of the Parties adopted the recommendations of Committee I [see document Plen. 6.8 (Rev.) in Proceedings of the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, p. 144].

The Animals Committee, established by the Conference of the Parties through Resolution Conf. 6.1 Annex 2, adopted in Ottawa (1987) with the mandate, among other things, to continue the work entrusted to the Central Committee for the Ten Year Review, reconsidered some of the species for which proposals had been withdrawn in

Ottawa and others. The Plants Committee, which has a similar mandate to that of the Animals Committee, did the same for some plant species. It must be noted, however, that some species of plants listed in Appendix I have also been considered.

At the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Lausanne, 1989), 28 proposals were submitted, in a way similar to that described above, by Switzerland, the United States of America and Uruguay, on behalf of the Animals or Plants Committee. Several of the proposals were adopted as submitted, some were adopted after having been amended, and some were withdrawn for reasons similar to those taken into consideration at the sixth meeting.

2. Proposals

The proposals are formally submitted by Germany, the Philippines, Switzerland and the United States of America, most of them on behalf of the Animals or Plants Committee. The list of the proposals follows the order used for Appendices I and II and is included in Annex 1 to this document.

The recommendations from the Secretariat are in Annex 2 to this document.

The comments from the Parties are in Annex 3 to this document.

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LIST OF TEN YEAR REVIEW PROPOSALS

1. Taxa are listed in the same order as in Appendices I and II. Supporting statements are also classified in that order*.
2. Code letters have the following meaning: CH (Switzerland), DE (Germany), PH (Philippines) and US (United States of America). These code letters indicate the proponent of each proposal. The numbers following each two-letter code corresponds to the number of each proposal as listed in the Notification to contracting or signatory States dated 28 October 1991 (see Doc. 8.46 (Rev.) Annex 1).

* As indicated in the "Foreword", these supporting statements are not reproduced in these Proceedings. (Note from the Secretariat).

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MAMMALIA

EDENTADA

Myrmecophagidae	1.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Tamandua tetradacyla chapadensis</i>	DE1
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CARNIVORA

Felidae	2.	Transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II:	<i>Felis rufa escuinapae</i>	US1
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Bovidae	3.	Inclusion in Appendix I of: (+2aa meaning the Mexican population) in lieu of <i>A. a. peninsularis</i> and <i>A. a. sonoriensis</i>	<i>Antilocapra americana</i> +2aa	US2
	4.	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I: (+2aa meaning the Mexican population)	<i>Antilocapra americana mexicana</i> +2aa	US3
	5.	Deletion from Appendix II of: (+2ab meaning the population of the United States of America)	<i>Antilocapra americana mexicana</i> +2ab	US4
	6.	Deletion from Appendix I: (+2ab meaning the population of the United States of America)	<i>Antilocapra americana sonoriensis</i> +2ab	US5

A V E S

ANSERIFORMES

Anatidae	7.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Cygnus columbianus jankowskii</i>	DE2
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GALLIFORMES

Phasianidae	8.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Cyrtonyx montezumae mearnsi</i>	US6
	9.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Cyrtonyx montezumae montezumae</i>	US7

R E P T I L I A

SAURIA

Iguanidae	10.	Inclusion in Appendix II of:	<i>Phrynosoma coronatum</i>	US8
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P I S C E S

ATHERINIFORMES

Cyprinodontidae	11.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Cynolebias constanciae</i>	CH1
	12.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Cynolebias marmoratus</i>	CH2
	13.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Cynolebias minimus</i>	CH3
	14.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Cynolebias opalescens</i>	CH4
	15.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Cynolebias splendens</i>	CH5

FLORA

ARACEAE	16.	Deletion from Appendix I of:	<i>Alocasia sandariana</i>	PH1/CH6
CARYOCARACEAE	17.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Caryocar costaricense</i>	CH7
FAGACEAE	18.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Quercus copeyensis</i>	CH8
HUMIRIACEAE	19.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Vantanea barbourii</i>	CH9
JUGLANDACEAE	20.	Deletion from Appendix I of:	<i>Oreomunnea pterocarpa</i>	CH10
LEGUMINOSAE	21.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Cynometra hemitomophylla</i>	CH11
(FABACEAE)	22.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Platymiscium pleiostachyum</i>	CH12
	23.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Tachigali versicolor</i>	CH13
MORACEAE	24.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Batocarpus costaricensis</i>	CH14
ORCHIDACEAE	25.	Deletion from Appendix I of:	<i>Didiciea cunninghamii</i>	CH15
PALMAE				
(ARECACEAE)	26.	Deletion from Appendix II of:	<i>Areca ipot</i>	CH16
ZINGIBERACEAE	27.	Deletion from Appendix I of:	<i>Hedychium philippinense</i>	CH17

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

1. The Secretariat's recommendations given below are provisional and may be changed on the basis of information that the Secretariat is expecting to receive from various sources, including Parties (range States in particular) and others.
2. The Secretariat fully supports the principle behind most of these proposals (deletion from the appendices since the international trade does not threaten the species concerned), because if accepted this will result in:
 - a) no detrimental effect of the species in the wild;
 - b) a simplification and rationalization of the CITES appendices;
 - c) an easier and more effective implementation of CITES; and
 - d) a reduction in workload (training of enforcement officers, identification of specimens).
3. Consequently, the Secretariat recommends that the proposals from Germany, the Philippines and Switzerland be approved by the Conference of the Parties for the above-mentioned reasons. This is particularly the case for those proposals which are submitted for the second or third time because they were previously withdrawn at the request of the range States, with the understanding that they could submit data to support their position. This did not happen and, therefore, the proposals were resubmitted.

Regarding the proposals from Germany, it is worthwhile to note also that the subspecies in question are not recognized by various authors. This makes the withdrawal from the appendices even more appropriate.

4. The proposals from the United States of America call for additional comments, as follows:
 - a) *Felis rufa escuinapae*. The validity of this subspecies is questionable and the trade in it does not appear to be a threat. The listing of the species as a whole in Appendix II appears to be appropriate.
 - b) *Antilocapra americana*. It appears from the supporting statement, with which the Secretariat agrees, that this species should not be listed at all in the CITES appendices. However, as Mexico seems to wish that its population remain listed under CITES, the proposal, which suggests the listing of the Mexican population of the species in Appendix I, appears as the most appropriate.
 - c) *Cyrtonyx montezumae*. The Secretariat agrees with the supporting statement.
 - d) *Phrynosoma coronatum*. It appears that this proposal would better be considered as an ordinary proposal than as a Ten Year Review proposal. In any case, the Secretariat agrees that it would be more appropriate to list the whole species in Appendix II than just one subspecies as at present.

In conclusion, the Secretariat recommends that all proposals from the United States of America be also approved by the Conference of the Parties.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARTIES

Comments from Switzerland

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Felis rufa escuinapae

Contrary to the statement under heading 33, there were some illegal exports to European countries of *Felis rufa escuinapae* skins some years ago. However, it is unlikely that these exports presented a threat to the subspecies.

The downlisting would solve a look-alike and taxonomic problem which otherwise is difficult to overcome.

Phrynosoma coronatum

The problem seems to be rather with national utilization and loss of habitat than with international trade. On the basis of the proposal, it is not intelligible how the extension of CITES listing to the entire species could improve the status of the species in the wild, although it would remove a look-alike problem. There have been some imports of *Phrynosoma* spp. into Switzerland and Liechtenstein since 1975, but numbers have been very low.