

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

Other Proposals

A. PROPOSAL

Transfer of Eos reticulata from Appendix II to Appendix I.

B. PROPONENT

The United States of America.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

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| 11. Class: | Aves |
| 12. Order: | Psittaciformes |
| 13. Family: | Psittacidae |
| 14. Species: | <u>Eos reticulata</u> (S. Müller, 1841) |
| 15. Common Names: | English: blue-streaked lory
French:
Spanish: |
| 16. Code Numbers: | 1318001003005001 |

2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: Endemic to the Tanimbar Islands, and introduced into the Kai Islands and Damar Island, Indonesia (Forshaw, 1989), although it was not recorded in the Kai Islands in 1980 and 1981 (Smiet, 1985). The species' range encompasses only 4,400 sq. km. in total area.
22. Population: The blue-streaked lory is listed as threatened by the International Council for Bird Preservation (Collar and Andrew, 1988). Apparently no estimates of relative abundance of the bird exist at the present time. Smiet (1985) did not see the species in the Kai Islands but found it to be very common on Yamdena Island, Tanimbar, particularly in coastal areas. Other authors have found the species to be rather uncommon at particular sites on Yamdena Island.
23. Habitat: The habitat of the species is in coastal mangroves, plantations and secondary forest. Smiet (1985) also observed the species in inland primary forest. According to Alderton (1982) the forests of the Tanimbar Islands have been heavily logged since the early 1970's

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization: Milton (1987) reports an extensive inter-island trade in Indonesian parrots. The extent of any such trade in blue-streaked lorys is unknown.
32. Legal International Trade: The blue-streaked lory is traded as a live bird for the cage bird trade. It is not known to have been imported into the US prior to 1982, when 281 birds were imported (Nilsson, 1985). Numbers gradually increased until they reached a high of 1,685 birds in 1988; the total export quota for that year set by the Indonesian Government was 1,000. Actual total exports exceeded quotas set by the Indonesian Government in 1987 and 1988. Controls on exports may not be adequate to enforce the quotas which may not be based on biological data, since no surveys have been conducted on this species. The US, from 1983-1989, imported about 51% of the 21,000 birds legally exported from Indonesia.

4. Protection Status

41. National: The species is not protected but recent legislation requires permits to be obtained in order to legally catch, own, breed or transport non-protected wildlife species. Trade is monitored and annual harvest quotas are established, but there may not be a biological basis for establishing these quotas.
42. International: The species was listed in CITES Appendix II in 1981. This listing may not offer sufficient protection against over-exploitation if it should occur.

5. Information on Similar Species:

None.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin:

None.

7. Additional Remarks

The species has recently been shown to successfully breed in captivity in a number of countries (Low, 1986). Surveys have shown 40 birds to be held by private aviculturists in the USA including 17 breeding pairs which reared 4 young in 1990 (Allen and Johnson, 1991). An additional 36 young were reared in the United Kingdom in 1990 (Coombes, 1991).

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