

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

Ten Year Review Proposals

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Cynolebias constanciae, Cynolebias marmoratus, Cynolebias minimus, Cynolebias opalescens and Cynolebias splendens from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

The species mentioned in this proposal have been proposed for deletion from Appendix II already at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Ottawa, 1987), where they were included in document Doc. 6.47 as species having not been in trade since their listing.

The proposal, then submitted by the Swiss Confederation on behalf of the Animals Committee was supported by the Secretariat, stating that it will result in no detrimental effect on the species in the wild, a simplification and rationalization of the CITES Appendix II, making the implementation more effective, and reducing unnecessary workload, i.e. training of enforcement officers, identification of specimens (Doc. 6.47 Annex 3).

Although the country of origin (Brazil) had, prior to the meeting (by letter dated 17 September 1985), agreed to the proposal, the Brazilian delegation stated in the course of Committee I deliberations that new information on potential trade was available and that the proposal should be deferred. The Chairman requested that the review take place within a year, and on that basis the proposal was withdrawn (Com. I 6.11).

Since the requested information was not received, the proposal was reconsidered by the Animals Committee at its Montevideo meeting, 1989, and was subsequently resubmitted by Switzerland with slightly more detail for consideration at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Doc. 7.41).

Following debate in Committee I over some taxonomic and enforcement issues, the Chairman requested that the delegation of Brazil prepare a report on the taxonomy, ecological status and levels of trade of the species concerned, to be submitted to the Animals Committee within one year. This recommendation was agreed by the Committee as a whole (Com. I 7.4).

To date that information has not been received and, consequently, the proposal is resubmitted again.

