

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

Ten Year Review Proposals

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Cygnus columbianus jankowskii from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Federal Republic of Germany.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

12. Order: Anseriformes
13. Family: Anatidae
- 15: Common Names: English: Jankowski's swan, Eastern Bewick swan, tundra swan
French: cygne de Jankowski
Spanish: Cisne chico de Jankowski
16. Code Numbers: A-212.002.006.003

2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: Breeding USSR.
Migration: China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, USSR.
22. Some authors recognize an eastern race (jankowskii) which is alleged to differ from the western population by having a longer bill, broader at the tip, and usually a larger yellow patch at the base, as shown by Tugarinov (1941, Fauna, S.S.S.R., I, pt. 4, p.117). This race is no longer considered valid (Vaurie, 1965; Madge and Burn, 1988).
23. Population: The breeding area of Jankowski's swan lies in the north-eastern part of Siberia from the delta of the Lena River to the delta of the Kolyma River. The eastern Asian populations of C. columbianus winter in coastal lowlands of eastern Asia, from Japan and Korea south along coastal China to Kwangteng, occasionally to Taiwan.

Counts of C. columbianus made in January 1989 and 1990 showed respectively 22,800 and 24,600 birds in China and Japan (Scott & Rose, 1989; Perennou & Rose, 1990).

Total numbers will be higher as in China not all wintering areas were counted, and some estimates go as high as 100,000.

24. Habitat: Found in low, very swampy tundra; during non-breeding season prefers sea and large inland bodies of water. Nests in grass and low-bush tundra near lakes and river channels. Feeds on aquatic plants; often nibbles grass on land (Flint et al., 1984).

3. Trade Data:

31. National Utilization: During migration locally hunted for food and feathers.
32. Legal International Trade: During 1980-1990 the following trade was reported to CITES.

YEAR	COUNTRY OF			IMPORTS REPORTED (PURPOSE)
	IMP.	EXP.	ORIG.	
1981	CH	CN		2 live
1984	US	FR		3 live
	US	GB		1 body
1985	US	IT	(XX)	3 garments
1986	CH	IT	(SU)	1 live
	FI	SU		2 live (captive bred)
1987	CH	SU		1 live
1988	DD	SU		10 live
1989	JP	CN		8 live (captive bred)
	JP	CN		6 live

(CH = Switzerland; CN = China; US = United States of America; IT = Italy; FI = Finland; DD = Germany; JP = Japan)

It is believed that not all records actually refer to C. c. jankowskii.

33. Illegal Trade: Not known to occur.

34. Potential Trade Threats:

341. Live Specimens: None.

342. Parts and Derivatives: None.

4. Protection Status

41. National: Protected throughout its breeding-range. Totally protected in Japan.
42. International: Listed in Appendix II of CITES since 1 July 1975. Listed in C1 of EC Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3626/82 since 1 January 1984.
43. Additional Protection Needs: Habitat protection within its breeding range, plus protection of the wintering areas.

5. Information on Similar Species

C. c. bewickii is a similar subspecies, which, however, on average has a smaller bill. Yellow on bill does not have a pointed demarcation near the edge of the upper mandible, and normally terminates 10 mm. before the rear edge of the nostrils. C. c. columbianus has yellow spots on the bill near the eyes, covering up to one fourth of the bill. Downy chicks can probably not be distinguished from those of the two other subspecies. Similar species are only found within the genus Cygnus (see illustrations). None of these species are listed in the CITES appendices. None of these species is considered threatened or endangered, by IUCN or ICBP.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

Being sought.

7. Additional Remark

8. References

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