

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II

Other proposals

A. PROPOSAL

Transfer of *Aceros waldeni* from Appendix II to Appendix I

B. PROPONENT

Germany

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

1.1	Class:	Aves
1.2	Order:	Coraciiformes
1.3	Family:	Bucerotidae
1.4	Genus:	<i>Aceros</i>
	Species:	<i>A. waldeni</i> (Vieill., 1816)
1.5	Scientific synonyms:	<i>Aceros leucocephalus waldeni</i> , <i>Rhyticeros l. waldeni</i> , <i>Rhyticeros sulcatus waldeni</i>
1.6	Common names:	English: Writhed-billed Hornbill German: Mindanao-Hornvogel

2. Biological Parameters

2.1 Distribution:

Endemic to the Philippines. The species was or is found on the islands of Panay, Guimaras and Negros. For the moment, we only know for certain that the species exists on Negros where it inhabits the highland of Cuernos de Negros (Brooks et al. 1992).

2.2 Habitat Availability

Extremely endangered by continuous destruction of the island's forests (BROOKS et al. 1992, COLLAR et al. 1994). Only 4,11 % (= 548 km²) of Negros are still covered with forests.

2.3 Population Status

Panay:

No sightings recently, but is thought to still exist on the island. (COLLAR et al. 1994).

Guimaras:

Nearly the whole island has cleared of forest. The species is therefore most likely extinct (COLLAR et al. 1994).

Negros:

4 birds were sighted again for the first time in 80 years in 1991. It was observed in an altitude of 950 m in a forest of medium height (COLLAR et al. 1994).

2.4 Population Trends

The original population has declined rapidly. Only one tiny remaining population is known to exist on the island of Negros.

2.5 Geographic Trends

The species does not occur any more on 2 or 3 islands where it could formerly be found.

2.6 Role of the Species in its Ecosystem

2.7 Threats

Extremely threatened by the continuous forest destruction. Only one pair might be left (COLLAR et al. 1994).

Threat status according to COLLAR et al. (1994): Critical: A1b;A2b;B1 + 2c,eC1;C2a;D1

The species meets the following criteria in accordance with the "Criteria for Admendment of Appendices I and II, Annex 1: A i, ii, iii, v, B i, iii, iv, C ii.

- 3. Utilization and Trade -
- 3.1 National Utilization -
- 3.2 Legal International Trade -
- 3.3 Illegal Trade -
- 3.4 Actual or Potential Trade Impacts -
- 3.5 Captive Breeding for Commercial Purposes (Outside Country of Origin) -
- 4. Conservation and Management
 - 4.1 Legal Status -
 - 4.1.1 National -
 - 4.1.2 International
 - Listed in CITES Appendix II.

5. Other Comments

Although contacted in October 1996 no comments have been received by the CITES Management Authority of the Philippines.

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