

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

Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Santiago (Chile), 3-15 November 2002

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Exemptions and special trade provisions

Operations that breed Appendix-I species in captivity for commercial purposes

PROPOSALS TO REGISTER THE FIRST COMMERCIAL CAPTIVE-BREEDING OPERATION
FOR AN APPENDIX-I ANIMAL SPECIES

1. This document has been submitted by the Secretariat.
2. Two Parties have submitted applications for the inclusion in the *Register of operations that breed Appendix-I species in captivity for commercial purposes* of operations that breed species that have not yet been included.

Application from South Africa

3. Through Notification to the Parties No. 2001/074 of 5 November 2001, the Secretariat, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.14, Annex 2, paragraph 2, informed Parties of the request by the Management Authority of South Africa to register a captive-breeding operation for cheetah, *Acinonyx jubatus*. Objections were received from Kenya and the United States of America.

Application from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

4. Through Notification to the Parties No. 2002/039 of 24 June 2002, the Secretariat, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.14, Annex 2, paragraph 2, informed Parties of the request by the Management Authority of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to register a captive-breeding operation for green turtle, *Chelonia mydas*. Objections were received from Israel and the United States of America.

Action required

5. In accordance with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 11.14, if an objection is not withdrawn or the identified problem(s) not resolved within 60 days after the submission of the objection, the application shall be postponed until it is decided by a two-thirds majority vote at the following meeting of the Conference of the Parties, or by postal procedure equivalent to those set forth in Article XV of the Convention.
6. In the case of the application from South Africa, the 60-day period has passed but the objections have not been withdrawn. In the case of the application from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the 60-day period will not have passed at the time of the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. However, since one of the objections relates to a matter of principle, it is clear that it cannot be resolved by discussion between the Parties concerned.
7. The States that have made objections are expected to be represented at the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and will therefore be able to explain their objections.

Recommendation

8. The Secretariat believes that the above-mentioned captive-breeding operations meet the criteria for inclusion in the Register of operations that breed Appendix-I species in captivity for commercial purposes, and therefore

recommends acceptance of the applications from South Africa and The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

9. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.14, these applications are referred to the Conference of the Parties for a decision.