

RESOLUTION CONF. 7.12 (REV.)

*MARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRADE IN SPECIMENS OF TAXA
WITH POPULATIONS IN BOTH APPENDIX I AND APPENDIX II*

1. The preamble of Resolution Conf. 7.12 (Rev.), includes the following paragraph:

AWARE that specimens of taxa included in Appendix I subject to ranching, captive breeding or export under annual quotas must be deemed to be specimens of look-alike species and must be tagged or otherwise marked to facilitate the application of differential regulatory controls.

2. This text was adopted at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Lausanne, 1989) on the basis that there was a need to distinguish wild-taken specimens of Appendix-I species from specimens of the same species that were bred in captivity or traded under a quota, as well as from ranched specimens of the same species coming from an Appendix-II population. However, the text of the Resolution is not very clear. When it was adopted, the Resolution included, in the operative part, paragraphs dealing specifically with captive-bred specimens of Appendix-I taxa and with 'look-alike' species. These paragraphs were deleted when the Resolution was revised at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Fort Lauderdale, 1994), so that the preambular paragraph referred to above seems no longer relevant. The Secretariat therefore proposes that it be deleted.
3. In the fourth preambular paragraph, a consequential amendment is needed to clarify the context.
4. Since the operative part of the Resolution makes no reference to quotas, the references to quotas in the preamble are unnecessary, and it would be appropriate to delete these in all cases.
5. During the consultations in the preparation of this document, one Party raised the issue of whether the Resolution should cover other cases where specimens of Appendix-I species were not traded under Article III of the Convention, such as for pre-Convention specimens and specimens of split-listed populations. The Secretariat has not addressed this issue in the proposals below. However, the Secretariat believes that it would in future be worthwhile to consider the need for a consolidated resolution on ranching that takes a comprehensive approach to the subject.

Recommendation

6. Annex 2 b) of the present document contains the amendments to Resolution Conf. 7.12 (Rev.) that the Secretariat proposes to be adopted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION CONF. 7.12 (REV.)
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NB: Text proposed to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~. Proposed new text is underlined.

RECOGNIZING that Article VII, paragraph 4, of the Convention specifically provides for regulated international trade in specimens of species included in Appendix I that have been bred in captivity for commercial purposes;

RECOGNIZING also that the Conference of the Parties has established the right of a Party to permit commercial trade in specimens derived from an approved ranching operation – Resolution Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP14) adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 11th meeting (Gigiri, 2000) and amended at its 14th meeting (The Hague, 2007);

~~AWARE that specimens of taxa included in Appendix I subject to ranching, captive breeding or export under annual quotas must be deemed to be specimens of look-alike species and must be tagged or otherwise marked to facilitate the application of differential regulatory controls;~~

CONSCIOUS that, in order to facilitate the application of differential regulatory controls ~~achieve the desired objectives~~, any system of marking specimens derived from ranching or captive breeding ~~or taken under an annual export quota~~ must be practical and readily implementable by all Parties;

NOTING that, at previous meetings, of the Conference of the Parties has have addressed separately the issues of regulating trade derived from ranching, and captive-breeding operations ~~or wild harvesting under annual export quotas;~~

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RECOMMENDS that:

- a) with respect to the identification of live specimens, any marking system that requires the attachment of a tag, band or other uniquely marked label, or the marking of a part of the animal's anatomy be undertaken only with due regard for the humane care, well-being and natural behaviour of the specimen concerned; and
- b) with regard to parts and derivatives of ranched or captive-bred animals, where requested by individual Parties, the Secretariat purchase and disseminate appropriately coded tags or stamps, and that the costs be recovered from participating Parties.