

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



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DRAFT DECISION REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION  
OF THE AFRICAN GREY PARROT (*PSITTACUS ERITHACUS*)

1. This document has been submitted by South Africa\* and the Democratic Republic of Congo\*, in relation to proposal number 19: *Transfer of Psittacus erithacus (African grey parrot) from Appendix II to Appendix I.*
2. CITES Parties are invited to consider the attached Decision developed by the African countries that attended the Africa Regional Joint Preparatory meeting for the 17th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the CITES.

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**Directed to the CITES Secretariat**

**17.x** *The Secretariat shall seek funding to assist range States in the development and implementation of National Action Plans for the conservation of Psittacus erithacus erithacus and P. erithacus timneh.*

**17.x** *Subject to external funding, the Secretariat, shall, in consultation with the range States, appoint relevant experts, to develop regional management plans for the conservation of and trade in Psittacus erithacus erithacus and P. erithacus timneh, in collaboration with the range States, relevant experts, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders; taking into account the national management plans.*

**Directed to range States**

**17.x** *The range States of Psittacus erithacus should participate in the development and implementation of regional management plans for the conservation of and trade in Psittacus erithacus erithacus and P. erithacus timneh*

**17.x** *The range States should, with the support of the CITES Secretariat, relevant experts, relevant CITES Parties, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, develop National Action Plans, with timeframes, deliverables, and milestones, for the conservation of the species. The following key issues should be addressed:*

- a) *Actions to undertake a scientifically based field surveys to establish the population status of the species in the range States;*
- b) *The establishment and maintenance of information systems / databases relating to the populations;*
- c) *The development and implementation of relevant long-term monitoring systems to enable range States to monitor trends in the populations;*
- d) *The develop and implement of national management plans, where required. These plans should provide for regional cooperation, where appropriate;*
- e) *Actions to implement law enforcement programmes to combat poaching and illegal trade (both national and international) and report on the results of the programmes in terms of enforcement efforts, seizures and prosecutions;*
- f) *The investigation of the possibility of establishing in situ captive-breeding facilities for the species, in collaboration with States with breeding facilities*

**Directed to the CITES Secretariat and CITES Parties**

**17.x** *The Secretariat, CITES Parties, donors, relevant experts, inter-governmental organisations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, are requested to support range States of Psittacus erithacus erithacus and P. erithacus timneh, as appropriate, to develop and implement National Action Plans for the conservation of the species.*