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VIET NAM CITES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY SUPPORTS THE INCLUSION
OF SALAMANDER GENUS IN CITES APPENDIX II

This document has been submitted by Viet Nam in relation with proposals CoP18 Prop. 40 and Prop. 41.¹

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Sub: Viet Nam CITES Management Authority supports the inclusion of Salamander genus in CITES Appendix II

The Viet Nam CITES Management Authority presents its compliments to the CITES Secretariat.

In according to the provisions of Article XV, paragraph 1, of the Convention regarding to a Party on proposing an amendment to Appendix I or II for consideration at the Conference of Party, the two proposals to transfer of the genera *Tylototriton* spp. and *Paramesotriton* spp. to be included on Appendix II have been submitted to the Secretariat.

Both proposals have been jointly developed in cooperation of Viet Nam, China and the European Union. Vietnam was involved in comprehensive field research on these taxa and the Viet Nam has included both genera in Group II B (endangered species are threatened with extinction if not strictly controlled to limit exploitation and commercial use) in the new Governmental Decree which will come into effect in early 2019. Due to some "technical problems", Viet Nam has not been able to submit the proposals in time.

Viet Nam emphasizes the full supports the listing proposals of the genera *Tylototriton* spp. and *Paramesotriton* spp. to be included on Appendix II and would like to take this opportunity to renew to the CITES Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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