



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2020/019

Geneva, 10 March 2020

CONCERNING:

Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I
animal species in captivity for commercial purposes

Background

1. Article VII, paragraph 4, of the Convention provides that specimens of Appendix-I animal species bred in captivity for commercial purposes shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix II. In Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), the Conference of the Parties agreed that the exemption of Article VII, paragraph 4, should be implemented through the registration by the Secretariat of operations that breed specimens of Appendix-I species in captivity for commercial purposes. In paragraph 5 of that Resolution, the Conference resolves that:
 - b) *the first and major responsibility for approving captive-breeding operations under Article VII, paragraph 4, shall rest with the Management Authority of each Party, in consultation with the Scientific Authority of that Party;*
 - c) *the Management Authority shall provide the Secretariat with appropriate information to obtain, and to maintain, the registration of each captive-breeding operation as set out in Annex 1.*

The Secretariat's capacity to review registration applications is limited. In order to facilitate a timely review, Parties are requested to ensure that the applications they submit are complete and accurate. The Secretariat's role is primarily to verify that the required information has been provided.

Application under consideration

2. The Secretariat has been requested to include the following operations in the *Register of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes*:

Country	Species	See
United States of America	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	Annex

3. With respect to paragraph 5 in Annex 1 of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), the Secretariat notes that it is not possible to be certain that the documentary evidence provided confirms that the parental stock has been obtained in accordance with relevant national measures and the provisions of the Convention. The Secretariat has accepted the assurance of the Management Authority of the United States of America that the requirements of Annex 1 have been met.
4. In accordance with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 2, the operations will be included in the Secretariat's Register 90 days after the date of this Notification, i.e. on 8 June 2020, unless the Secretariat receives an objection from a Party which is fully documented and includes the supporting evidence that has given rise to concerns.

United States of America

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Gyrfalcon Ranch, LLC
Owner / manager: John Dahlke
18 Moose Road
Pinedale, WY 82941

Date of establishment: 23 March 1999

Species bred

Falco rusticolus

Origin of stock

Specimens bred in captivity and purchased from CITES-registered breeders (A-US-503 & A-US-504)

Marking of specimens

Numbered seamless aluminium leg bands issued by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service