



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

CHINA

Geographical designations used in some CoP19 proposals

1. The Government of China has requested the Secretariat to publish the attached information concerning the geographical designations used in some of the proposals submitted by Parties to amend the CITES Appendices at CoP19.
2. The Secretariat also takes the opportunity to thank China for bringing to its attention the error of the map colours found on page 89 of Annex 2 to document SC75 Doc. 13. In the documents it prepares, the CITES Secretariat, as a United Nations entity administered by the United Nations Environment Programme, strictly abides by UN General Assembly Resolution 2758 on the "Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations". The Secretariat regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

Acceptable Corrections of the errors in the Proposals

CoP19 Prop. 1

A. Proposal

Transfer *Hippopotamus amphibius* from CITES Appendix II to Appendix I

B. Proponent

Benin, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Gabon, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo

C. Errors in the draft proposal

- a) Hong Kong SAR of China is referred to for 7 times in parallel with China and is expressed as 'country' for once.
- b) Macao SAR of China is referred to for once in parallel with China.

D. Acceptable corrections

- a) On page 9, paragraph 2, line 2 of subsection 6.4, '48 countries' be replaced by '48 countries and regions'.
- b) All 'Hong Kong SAR' and 'Macao SAR' in the proposal be replaced by 'Hong Kong SAR, China' and 'Macao SAR, China'

c) On page 2, paragraph 9, line 12 and 14 of subsection 2, page 8, paragraph 2, line 3, paragraph 3, line 3 and line 7, page 9, paragraph 2, line 4, 'China' be replaced by 'China's mainland'.

d) On page 32, 'China (on border with Hong Kong SAR)' be replaced by 'China's mainland (on border with Hong Kong SAR)', 'China (on border with Macao SAR)' be replaced by 'China's mainland (on border with Macao SAR)'.

CoP19 Prop. 3

A. Proposal

To remove the existing annotation on the Appendix II listing of Eswatini's southern white rhino population.

B. Proponent

Kingdom of Eswatini (formerly Swaziland)

C. Error in the draft proposal and acceptable corrections.

On page 7, paragraph 1 of subsection 6.4, 'two Taiwanese nationals' is mentioned, it shall be replaced by 'two citizens from Taiwan Province of China'.

CoP19 Prop. 5

A. Proposal

The inclusion of all populations of *Loxodonta africana* (African elephants) in Appendix I through the transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I of the populations of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

B. Proponent

Burkina Faso, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Senegal

C. Error in the draft proposal

Hong Kong SAR is referred to for twice in parallel with China.

D. Acceptable correction

On page 14, paragraph 1, line 8, page 17, paragraph 2, line 2, ‘China’ be replaced by ‘China’s mainland’.

CoP19 Prop. 7

A. Proposal

Transfer the Aleutian cackling goose (*Branta canadensis leucopareia*), from Appendix I to Appendix II.

B. Proponent

The United States of America.

C. Errors in the draft proposal

a) Taiwan is referred to for 2 times without properly stating that Taiwan is a Province of China.

b) In table 1, Hong Kong SAR of China and Taiwan Province of China are expressed as 'Importing Countries'.

D. Acceptable corrections

a) On page 8, paragraph 4, line 2 of subsection 4.5, 'Taiwan' be replaced by 'Taiwan Province of China.'

b) On pages 15 and 16, table 1, 'Importing Countries' be replaced by "Importing Countries and regions", 'Taiwan' be replaced by 'Taiwan Province of China' .

CoP19 Prop. 10

A.Proposal

To transfer *Phoebastria albatrus* from CITES Appendix I to CITES Appendix II

B.Proponent

The United States of America

C.Errors in the draft proposal

a) In the draft proposal, Taiwan was referred to for six times, including three times in phrase 'Taiwan National Plan of Action' to describe the

species management plan of Chinese Taiwan, without properly stating that Taiwan is a Province of China.

- b) Diaoyu Island and its affiliated islands are China's inherent territory. In the US proposal, China's Diaoyu Island, which is the inherent territory of China, was referred to as 'Senkaku Islands', a name used unilaterally by Japan and not acceptable by China, for five times, and even directly referred to as 'Japan's Senkaku Islands' on page 2 of the table in the annex to the draft proposal. Names used unilaterally by Japan were also applied to Diaoyu Island's affiliated islands.

D. Acceptable corrections

In order to solve the above-mentioned errors in the draft proposal, China has requested our US counterpart to make the following corrections to the erroneous descriptions. However, CITES Scientific Authority of the US did not respond to our request by the time we issue this letter.

(1) Acceptable corrections of erroneous descriptions related to Chinese Taiwan

- a) on page 6, lines 6 and 7 of subsection 4.5, 'Agincourt and Pescadore Islands of Taiwan' be replaced by 'Agincourt and Pescadore Islands of Chinese Taiwan';
- b) in Table 3. Species management of *P. albatrus*, all information regarding Taiwan be deleted.
- c) On page 12, article 32 reference regarding Taiwan be deleted.
- d) Amend or delete all the expressions concerning Taiwan that are inconsistent with UN Resolution 2758 and the One-China Principle.

(2) Acceptable Corrections of erroneous descriptions related to Diaoyu Dao and its affiliated islands

- a) on page 2, line 6 of subsection 3.1, 'Minami-kojima and Kitakojima in the Senkaku Islands' be replaced by 'Nanxiao Dao and Beixiao Dao of Diaoyu Islands of China';
- b) on page 3, line 17 of subsection 3.3, 'Minami-kojima' be replaced by 'Nanxiao Dao';
- c) on page 4, line 3 of subsection 4.1, 'Minami-kojima, Kitakojima' be replaced by 'Nanxiao Dao, Beixiao Dao';
- d) on page 5, line 7 of subsection 4.3, 'Senkaku Islands' be replaced by 'Diaoyu Dao and its affiliated Islands';

- e) on page 5, lines 7, 8, and 14 of subsection 4.4, all ‘Minami-kojima’ be replaced by ‘Nanxiao Dao’;
- f) on page 6, line 5 of subsection 4.5, ‘Minami-kojima, Uotsurijima, and Kobisho in the Senkaku Islands of Japan’ be replaced by ‘Nanxiao Dao, Diaoyu Dao, and Huangwei Yu in the Diaoyu Islands of China’;
- g) on page 8, line 3 of subsection 8.2, ‘Senkaku Islands’ be replaced by ‘Diaoyu Dao and its affiliated Islands’, and line 6 of subsection 8.2, ‘Minami-kojima’ be replaced by ‘Nanxiao Dao’;
- h) in Table 2. Contaminants of Oil Spills, ‘Senkaku Islands of Japan’ be replaced by ‘Diaoyu Dao and its affiliated Islands of China’.

Cop19 Prop. 16

A. Proposal

Inclusion of the helmethead gecko, *Tarentola chazaliae*, in Appendix II

B. Proponent

Mauritania, Senegal.

C. Error in the draft proposal

Taiwan is referred to for once in parallel with China without properly stating that it is a province of China.

D. Acceptable correction

On page 5, paragraph 2, ‘China’ be replaced by ‘China’s mainland’, ‘Taiwan’ be replaced by ‘Taiwan province of China’.

CoP19 Prop. 22

A. Proposal

Include the species *Chelus fimbriata* and *Chelus orinocensis* in Appendix II

B. Proponent

Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Peru

C. Error in the draft proposal

Taiwan is referred to for once in parallel with China without properly stating that it is a province of China.

D. Acceptable correction

In table 1, ‘China’ be replaced by ‘China’s mainland’, ‘Taiwan’ be replaced by ‘Taiwan province of China’

CoP19 Prop. 23

A. Proposal

Inclusion of *Macrochelys temminckii* and *Chelydra serpentina* in appendix II

B. Proponent

The United States of America

C. Errors in the draft proposal

a) Taiwan Province of China was referred to for once and is expressed as ‘County’.

b) Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR are referred to for twice in parallel with China.

D. Acceptable corrections

a) on page 4, paragraph 2, line 5 of Subsection 3.1, 'Taiwan Province of China, China' be replaced by 'Taiwan Province of China, Mainland of China.'

b) on page 8, line 12 and page 9, line 9 of Subsection 6.2, 'Hong Kong SAR, China, and Macao SAR' be replaced by "Hong Kong SAR of China, Mainland of China, and Macao SAR of China"

CoP19 Prop. 24

A. Proposal

Transfer five species of broad-headed map turtles of the Genus *Graptemys*: *Graptemys barbouri*, *Graptemys ernsti*, *Graptemys gibbonsi*, *Graptemys pearlensis*, and *Graptemys pulchra* from Appendix III to Appendix II.

B. Proponent

United States of America

C. Errors in the draft proposal

Hong Kong SAR is referred to for once in parallel with China.

D. Acceptable corrections

on page 8, line 5 of Subsection 6.2, ‘The People’s Republic of China and Hong Kong SAR’ be replaced by ‘The mainland of China and Hong Kong SAR of China.’

CoP19 Prop. 25

A. Proposal

Include the Red-crowned Roofed Turtle (*Batagur kachuga*) to CITES Appendix I.

B. Proponent

India

C. Error in the draft proposal and acceptable correction

On page 4, paragraph 1 of subsection 5, Hong Kong is mentioned without properly stating that it is a SAR of China, it shall be replaced by ‘Hong Kong SAR of China’.

CoP19 Prop. 28

A. Proposal

Inclusion of the species *Claudius angustatus* (narrow-bridged musk turtle) in Appendix II.

B. Proponent

Mexico

C. Errors in the draft proposal

Hong Kong is referred to for 3 times without being properly expressed as 'Hong Kong SAR of China', it is in parallel with China for 2 times, in table 1, Hong Kong SAR of China is referred to as 'exporting country'.

D. Acceptable corrections

- a) On page 6, paragraph 3, line 3 of subsection 6.2, page 7, paragraph 1, line 7, table 1, 'Hong Kong' be replaced by 'Hong Kong SAR of China'.
- b) On page 7, paragraph 1, line 7 and table 1, 'China' be replaced by 'China's mainland'.
- c) In table 1, 'destination country' be replaced by 'destination country/region', 'Country export' be replaced by 'Country/region export'

CoP19 Prop. 29

A. Proposal

Include the genus *Kinosternon* (20 species) in Appendix II.

B. Proponent

Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, United States of America.

C. Errors in the draft proposal

Hong kong SAR, Macao SAR and Taiwan Province of China are referred to in parallel with China.

D. Acceptable corrections

on page 7, Subsection 6.2, paragraph 1, line 6, line 8, line 9, line 12, line 14, line 16 and paragraph 2, line 12, all ‘China’ in parallel with Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR and Taiwan Province of China’ be replaced by ‘Mainland of China’.

CoP19 Prop.31

A. Proposal

Inclusion of all species of Musk turtles in the Genus *Sternotherus* spp. in Appendix II.

B. Proponent

United States of America

C. Errors in the draft proposal

Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR are referred to for once in parallel with China

D. Acceptable corrections

on page 8, line 2, Subsection 6.2, ‘China, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR’ be replaced by ‘Mainland of China, Hong Kong SAR of China and Macao SAR of China’.

CoP19 Prop.32

A. Proposal

Transfer of Genus *Apalone* spp. (Except the subspecies included in Appendix I) to Appendix II

B. Proponent

United States of America

C. Errors in the draft proposal

- a) Hong Kong was referred to for 3 times without properly expressed as Hong Kong SAR of China, and it is in parallel with China for 2 times.
- b) Macao was referred to for 2 times without properly expressed as Macao SAR of China, and it is in parallel with China.

D. Acceptable corrections

on page 8, paragraph 5 of Subsection 6.2, ‘Countries importing these species’ be replaced by ‘Countries and regions’ importing these species’, all ‘Hong Kong’ be replaced by ‘Hong Kong SAR of China’. All ‘Macao (also referred to as Macau in line 3)’ be replaced by Macao SAR of China. ‘China’ be replaced by ‘Mainland of China.’

CoP19 Prop. 37

A. Proposal

Inclusion of the grey reef shark (*Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos*), dusky shark (*C. obscurus*), smalltail shark (*C. porosus*), Ganges shark (*Glyphis gangeticus*), sandbar shark (*C. plumbeus*), Borneo shark (*C. borneensis*),

Pondicherry shark (*C. hemiodon*), smoothtooth blacktip shark (*C. leiodon*), sharptooth lemon shark (*Negaprion acutidens*), Caribbean reef shark (*C. perezi*), daggernose shark (*Isogomphodon oxyrinchus*), night shark (*C. signatus*), whitenose shark (*Nasolamia velox*), blacknose shark (*C. acronotus*), whitecheek shark (*C. dussumieri*), lost shark (*C. obsoletus*), Pacific smalltail shark (*C. cerdale*), Borneo broadfin shark (*Lamiopsis tephrodes*) and the broadfin shark (*Lamiopsis temminckii*) in Appendix II.

B. Proponent

Bangladesh, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, European Union, Gabon, Israel, Maldives, Panama, Senegal, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

C. Errors in the draft proposal and acceptable corections.

On Page 8, Page 11, Page 22, Page 23, Page 25, Page 31, Page 38, Page 39, Hong Kong is referred to without being properly expressed as ‘Hong Kong SAR of China’, it shall be corrected.

CoP19 prop. 40

A. Proposal

List the family Rhinobatidae (guitarfishes) in Appendix II.

B. Proponent

Israel, Kenya, Panama and Senegal

C. Errors in the draft proposal and acceptable corrections

On page 16 , Distribution in the table, Taiwan is mentioned in parallel with China without properly stating that it is a province of China. ‘China’ shall be replaced by ‘ China’s mainland’. Taiwan shall be replaced by ‘Taiwan province of China.

Cop 19 Prop. 44

A. Proposal

Inclusion of the three genera Handroanthus, Roseodendron and Tabebuia in CITES Appendix II

B. Proponent

Colombia, European Union, Panama

C. Errors in the draft proposal and acceptable corrections

On page 31, in the table Hong Kong is referred to in parallel with China without properly expressing as ‘Hong Kong SAR of China’, ‘China’ be replaced by ‘China’s mainland’, ‘Hong Kong’ be replaced by ‘Hong Kong SAR of China’.

CoP19 Doc. 62.2

This document summarises the main decisions and discussions in CITES about agarwood (specifically Aquilaria and Gyrinops)

A.Errors in the draft proposal

Taiwan is referred to for 3 times without properly stating that it is a province of China, and it is expressed as ‘country’ on page 7, paragraph 3, line 4 of subsection 2.2.

A. Acceptable corrections

- a) On page 7 paragraph 3, line 4 of subsection 2.2, ‘consuming countries’ be replaced by ‘ consuming countries and regions’. ‘Taiwan’ be replaced by ‘Taiwan province of China’.
- b) On page 7, line 2 and line 3 of the last paragraph, page 8, line 1 of the first paragraph, ‘Taiwan’ be replaced by ‘Taiwan province of China’.