

# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/052

Geneva, 25 April 2023

CONCERNING:

## Reservations with respect to the amendments to the Appendices of the Convention

1. The Depositary Government (Government of Switzerland) has informed the Secretariat that the following reservations were entered with respect to the amendments to Appendices I and II adopted at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP19, Panama City, 2022). The Depositary Government has also informed the Secretariat of reservations entered with respect to amendments to Appendix III as per Notifications to the Parties No. 2022/073 of 13 October 2022, No. 2022/077 of 3 November 2022, No. 2022/081 of 25 November 2022 and No. 2023/011 of 3 February 2023.

Party	Species	Date received by the Depositary
	<b>All amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention adopted at CoP19 and the amendments to Appendix III in Notification to the Parties No. 2022/077 of 3 November 2022 and No. 2022/081 of 25 November 2022</b>	
Canada	All species	7 February 2023
	<b>Amendments to Appendix II</b>	
Palau	<b><i>Prionace glauca</i></b> <Entry into effect delayed by 12 months, i.e. until 25 November 2023> (Blue shark, requin bleu, tiburón azul)	9 February 2023
Indonesia	<b><i>Copysychus malabaricus</i></b> (White-rumped shama, shama à croupion blanc, shama culiblanco) <b>Carcharhinidae spp.</b> <Entry into effect delayed by 12 months, i.e. until 25 November 2023> (Requiem sharks, carcharhinidés, carcarrínidos) <b><i>Thelenota</i> spp.</b> <Entry into effect delayed by 18 months, i.e. until 25 May 2024> (Sea cucumbers, holothuries, holoturias)	16 February 2023
Japan	<b><i>Prionace glauca</i></b> <Entry into effect delayed by 12 months, i.e. until 25 November 2023> (Blue shark, requin bleu, tiburón azul)	16 February 2023

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Yemen	<b><i>Prionace glauca</i></b> <Entry into effect delayed by 12 months, i.e. until 25 November 2023> (Blue shark, requin bleu, tiburón azul)	16 February 2023
Thailand	<b>Carcharhinidae spp.</b> <Entry into effect delayed by 12 months, i.e. until 25 November 2023> (Requiem sharks, carcharhinídes, carcarrínidos)	20 February 2023
	<b>Amendments to Appendix III</b>	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	<i>Melopyrrha nigra</i> (Cuba)	23 February 2023
	<i>Tiaris canorus</i> (Cuba)	
	<i>Daboia palaestinae</i> (Israel)	
	<i>Caribena versicolor</i> (European Union)	
	<i>Conophytum spp.</i> (South Africa)	
	<i>Mestoklema tuberosum</i> (South Africa)	
	<i>Raphionacme zeyheri</i> (South Africa)	
	<i>Crassothonna clavifolia</i> (South Africa)	
	<i>Othonna armiana</i> (South Africa)	
	<i>Othonna cacalioides</i> (South Africa)	
	<i>Othonna euphorbioides</i> (South Africa)	
	<i>Othonna retrorsa</i> (South Africa)	
	<i>Tylecodon bodleyae</i> (South Africa)	
	<i>Tylecodon nolteei</i> (South Africa)	
	<i>Tylecodon reticulatus</i> (South Africa)	
	<i>Monsonia herrei</i> (South Africa)	
	<i>Monsonia multifida</i> (South Africa)	
<i>Monsonia patersonii</i> (South Africa)		
<i>Pelargonium crassicaule</i> (South Africa)		
<i>Pelargonium triste</i> (South Africa)		
<i>Adenia spinosa</i> (South Africa)		
<i>Portulacaria pygmaea</i> (South Africa)		

- Indonesia's reservation on the inclusion of *Copsychus malabaricus* is valid until 25 November 2023 and will therefore be considered as withdrawn automatically as from 26 November 2023. Their reservation regarding Carcharhinidae spp. is valid for six months after the inclusion enters into effect, i.e. until 25 May 2024; therefore it will be considered as withdrawn as from 26 May 2024. The reservation regarding *Thelenota* spp. is valid for twelve months after the inclusion enters into effect, i.e. until 25 May 2025; therefore it will be considered as withdrawn as from 26 May 2025.
- Thailand's reservation on the inclusion of Carcharhinidae spp. is valid for a period of six years, i.e. until 25 November 2028; therefore it will be considered as withdrawn as from 26 November 2028.
- The reservations of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the inclusion in Appendix III of the CITES of *Melopyrrha nigra* and *Tiaris canorus* (Cuba), of *Caribena versicolor* (European Union) and of *Conophytum spp.*, *Mestoklema tuberosum*, *Raphionacme zeyheri*, *Crassothonna clavifolia*, *Othonna armiana*, *Othonna cacalioides*, *Othonna euphorbioides*, *Othonna retrorsa*, *Tylecodon bodleyae*, *Tylecodon nolteei*, *Tylecodon reticulatus*, *Monsonia herrei*, *Monsonia multifida*, *Monsonia patersonii*, *Pelargonium crassicaule*, *Pelargonium triste*, *Adenia spinosa* and *Portulacaria pygmaea* (South Africa), apply to the following territories<sup>1</sup> of the Party: Anguilla; Bermuda; British Antarctic Territory; Montserrat; Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands; Tristan da Cunha; South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands<sup>2</sup>; Turks and Caicos

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the United Nations General Assembly Resolution on the Chagos archipelago (A/RES/73/295), paragraph 6, the Secretariat has not included the reference to the British Indian Ocean Territory mentioned by the Party in its notification to the Depository.

<sup>2</sup> A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas). See UN editorial directive [ST/CS/SER.A/42](#).

Islands; UK Sovereign Base Areas; Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Bailiwick of Jersey; the Isle of Man; and Northern Ireland. The reservation of the United Kingdom on the inclusion of *Daboia palaestinae* in Appendix III applies to the United Kingdom; Anguilla; Bermuda; British Antarctic Territory; Montserrat; Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands; Tristan da Cunha; South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands<sup>2</sup>; Turks and Caicos Islands; UK Sovereign Base Areas; Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Bailiwick of Jersey; and the Isle of Man.

5. Except for the reservations mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the above-listed reservations were all effective from 23 February 2023, the date on which the amendments to the CITES Appendices adopted at CoP19 entered into force. The reservation entered with respect to *Caribena versicolor* was effective from 11 January 2023, the date on which this amendment to Appendix III entered into force.
6. Japan's reservation on the inclusion of *Prionace glauca* was accompanied by the following declaration (see text below as received):
  1. *Japan makes [this reservation] primarily due to the fact that those species do not meet the criteria for inclusion thereof in Appendix II, as concluded by the FAO Expert Advisory Panel for the assessment of proposals to amend Appendices I and II concerning commercially exploited aquatic species.*
  2. *Nonetheless, Japan is continuously committed to conservation and management of Prionace glauca on which it has made reservation through domestic regulations and/or cooperation with other countries and organizations such as relevant Regional Fisheries Management Organizations.*
  3. *Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of Article XV of CITES, upon exporting Prionace glauca to all countries including those which are not parties to CITES, Japan will voluntarily conduct procedures related to export permits that are required under CITES, in accordance with its relevant laws and regulations.*
7. The Depositary Government has also informed the Secretariat that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that its reservation on *Ctenophorus* spp., *Intellagama* spp., *Tympanocryptis* spp., *Carphodactylus* spp., *Nephrurus* spp., *Orraya* spp., *Phyllurus* spp., *Saltuarius* spp., *Strophurus* spp., *Underwoodisaurus* spp., *Uvidicolus* spp., *Egernia* spp., *Tiliqua multifasciata*, *Tiliqua nigrolutea*, *Tiliqua occipitalis*, *Tiliqua rugosa*, *Tiliqua scincoides intermedia*, *Tiliqua scincoides scincoides* and *Holacanthus limbaughi* no longer applies to the British Virgin Islands and Great Britain.
8. Notice of these reservations and communications was transmitted officially to the Governments of the signatory and acceding States to the Convention through a Notification from the Depositary Government dated 8 March 2023 in conformity with Article XXV, paragraph 2 of the Convention.
9. The current list of specific reservations entered by Parties is available on the CITES website under "Documents / Reservations", at the following URL:

<http://www.cites.org/eng/app/reserve.php>