

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/085

Geneva, 17 July 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 of the following reservations and partial withdrawal of reservations with respect to amendments to Appendix III by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with effect from 20 May 2023.
2. With letter received on 22 May 2023, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland entered a reservation against the inclusion in Appendix III of the CITES of *Papilio phorbanta*, following communication by the European Union; this reservation applies to Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Great Britain, Montserrat, Bailiwick of Jersey and the Isle of Man.
3. By the same letter, the United Kingdom,
 - a) referring to its previous reservations, as notified by the Depositary on 8 March 2023 (notification 1/2023, No. III, par. 2 and 3) as follows:

«...against the inclusion in Appendix III of *Melopyrrha nigra* and *Tiaris canorus*, [...] of *Caribena versicolor* [...] and of *Conophytum* spp., *Mestoklema tuberosum*, *Raphionacme zeyheri*, *Crassothonna cacalioides*, *Crassothonna clavifolia*, *Othonna armiana*, *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* [...], the reservation applying to¹ Anguilla; Bermuda; British Antarctic Territory; Montserrat; Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands; Tristan da Cunha; South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands²; Turks and Caicos Islands; UK Sovereign Base Areas; Bailiwick of Guernsey, Bailiwick of Jersey; the Isle of Man; and Northern Ireland,

¹ 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 Depositary.

² 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](#).

[and] against the inclusion of *Daboia palaestinae* [...], this reservation applying to¹ the United Kingdom; Anguilla; Bermuda; British Antarctic Territory; Montserrat; Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands; Tristan da Cunha; South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands²; Turks and Caicos Islands; UK Sovereign Base Areas; Bailiwick of Guernsey, Bailiwick of Jersey; and the Isle of Man»,

furthermore entered the same reservations in respect of the Cayman Islands,

- b) withdrew those same reservations with effect from 20 May 2023 insofar as they apply to¹ Anguilla; British Antarctic Territory; Bailiwick of Guernsey; Northern Ireland; Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands; Tristan da Cunha; South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands²; UK Sovereign Base Areas and Turks and Caicos Islands,
- c) stated that this does not affect the status of the reservations in respect of Bermuda, Great Britain (*Daboia palaestinae* only), Isle of Man, Bailiwick of Jersey and Montserrat,
- d) and confirmed that, CITES having not been extended to the British Antarctic Territory, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands², UK Sovereign Base Areas and Turks and Caicos Islands, the inclusion of these territories in the above-mentioned reservations was in error.

4. By the same letter, the United Kingdom,

- a) referring to a previous reservation regarding amendments to Annex III, as notified by the Depositary on 14 July 2022 (notification 1/2022, No. 1) as follows:

«... against the inclusion of *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 adelaidensis*, *Tiliqua multifasciata*, *Tiliqua nigrolutea*, *Tiliqua occipitalis*, *Tiliqua rugosa*, *Tiliqua scincoides intermedia*, *Tiliqua scincoides scincoides* and *Holacanthus limbaughi* [...], this reservation applying to the United Kingdom, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Bailiwick of Jersey and Montserrat»,

withdrew the reservations with effect from 20 May 2023 insofar as they applied to the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Northern Ireland, and stated that this does not affect the status of these reservations in respect of Bermuda, the Isle of Man, Bailiwick of Jersey and Montserrat.

5. 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 16 June 2023 in conformity with Article XXV, paragraph 2 of the Convention.
6. 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>

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² 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](https://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_treaties_agreements.html).