

# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/091

Geneva, 4 July 2025

CONCERNING:

## AMENDMENTS OF APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article XV, paragraph 1 (a) of the Convention, amendment proposals were received from the competent authorities of Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Canada, the Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, the European Union, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Israel, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Oman, Panama, the Philippines, Samoa, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America and Zimbabwe. All of these are Parties to the Convention and have communicated to the Secretariat proposals for amendment of Appendices I and II of the Convention within the established deadline, i.e. 27 June 2025. A list of the amendment proposals received is annexed to this Notification. These proposals will be considered at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, to be held in Samarkand (Republic of Uzbekistan) from 24 November to 5 December 2025.
2. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP19) and Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17), all the above-mentioned proposals for amendment were accompanied by supporting statements presented in the agreed format. Taking into account the volume of the documentation received and in order to avoid delays for communicating the amendment proposals, supporting statements have been posted on the CITES website (<https://cites.org/eng/cop/20/amendment-proposals>) in their original form. The formatted amendment proposals for the meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be posted on the website as they become available.
3. In accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 (a), 2 (b) and 2 (c) of Article XV of the Convention, the list of amendment proposals is communicated to the Parties for comments. Since the responses have to be communicated to all Parties no later than 30 days before the meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat would appreciate receiving responses from the Parties, if any, as soon as possible and no later than **25 September 2025**.

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Twentieth meeting of the Conference of the Parties  
Samarkand (Uzbekistan), 24 November – 5 December 2025

LIST OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II

Table 1: Proposals submitted in the agreed format with a supporting statement

Higher taxa	Species covered by the Proposal (and common name for information only)	Proposal number and Proponent(s)	Proposal
<b>FAUNA (ANIMALS)</b>			
CHORDATA			
MAMMALIA (MAMMALS)			
ARTIODACTYLA			
Bovidae	<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i> (Bontebok)	CoP20 Prop. 1 South Africa	Delete from Appendix II
Bovidae	<i>Gazella dorcas</i> (Dorcas Gazelle)	CoP20 Prop. 2 Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia	Include in Appendix II
Bovidae	<i>Saiga tatarica</i> (Saiga, Saiga Antelope, Steppe saiga)	CoP20 Prop. 3 Kazakhstan	Amend the annotation by adding the wording "except for specimens from the population <i>Saiga tatarica</i> of Kazakhstan"
Giraffidae	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> (Giraffe)	CoP20 Prop. 4 Namibia, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe	Delete the populations of Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe from Appendix II

Bovidae	<i>Okapia johnstoni</i> (Okapi)	CoP20 Prop. 5 Democratic Republic of the Congo	Include in Appendix I
CARNIVORA			
Hyaenidae	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i> (Striped Hyaena, Striped hyena)	CoP20 Prop. 6 Israel, Tajikistan	Include in Appendix I
Otariidae	<i>Arctocephalus townsendi</i> (Guadalupe Fur Seal, Lower Californian Fur Seal)	CoP20 Prop. 7 Mexico, United States of America	Transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II
Phocidae	<i>Monachus tropicalis</i> (Caribbean Monk seal, West Indian Monk Seal)	CoP20 Prop. 8 Mexico, United States of America	Delete from Appendix I
PERISSODACTYLA			
Rhinocerotidae	<i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i> (Southern Square-lipped Rhinoceros, Southern White Rhinoceros)	CoP20 Prop. 9 Namibia	Amend the annotation of the population of <i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i> of Namibia listed in Appendix II. For the exclusive purpose of allowing international trade in: a) live animals for <i>in-situ</i> conservation only; b) hunting trophies; and c) trade in rhino horn stocks owned by the Government and the Private Landowners originating in the State (excluding seized rhinoceros horn and rhinoceros horns of unknown origin); subject to the following: i) only stocks registered with the Government; ii) only horns with RHODIS certificates; iii) only to trading partners that have been verified by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing Committee, to have sufficient national legislation and domestics trade controls; and iv) not before the Secretariat has verified prospective importing countries and the registered stocks. All other specimens shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix I, and the trade in them shall be regulated accordingly.

Rhinocerotidae	<i>Diceros bicornis</i> (Black Rhinoceros, Hook-lipped Rhinoceros)	CoP20 Prop. 10 Namibia	Transfer the population of <i>Diceros bicornis bicornis</i> of Namibia from Appendix I to Appendix II with the following annotation: For the exclusive purpose of allowing trade in registered rhinoceros horn, whole or pieces subject to the following: i) only registered Government-owned stock, originating in the State (excluding seized rhinoceros horn and rhinoceros horns of unknown origin); ii) only horns with RHODIS certificates; iii) only to trading partners that have been verified by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing Committee, to have sufficient national legislation and domestic trade controls; iv) not before the Secretariat has verified prospective importing countries and the registered stocks; and v) the proceeds of this trade are used exclusively for rhinoceros conservation and community development programmes within or adjacent to the rhinoceros range. All other specimens shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix I and the trade in them shall be regulated accordingly.
PILOSA			
Megalonychidae	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i> <i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i> (Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth, Hoffmann's Two-fingered Sloth)	CoP20 Prop. 11 Brazil, Costa Rica, Panama	Include in Appendix II
PRIMATES (Apes, Monkeys)			
Cercopithecidae	<i>Cercocebus chrysogaster</i> (Golden-bellied Mangabey)	CoP20 Prop. 12 Democratic Republic of the Congo	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I

PROBOSCIDEA			
Elephantidae	<i>Loxodonta africana</i> (African Elephant, African Savannah Elephant)	CoP20 Prop. 13 Namibia	To allow Namibia to trade in registered stocks of raw ivory (whole tusks and pieces) of Namibian origin, owned by the Government of the Republic of Namibia, for commercial purposes with trading partners that have been verified by the CITES Secretariat as having sufficient national legislation and domestic trade controls. This ensures that ivory imported from Namibia will not be re-exported and will be managed following all requirements of Resolution Conf. 10.10 concerning domestic manufacturing and trade. Furthermore, to enable Namibia to achieve full Appendix II status for its elephants, as provided for in Article IV of the Convention, thereby permitting the regulated and legal trade in Namibian elephant products, including ivory.

Elephantidae	<i>Loxodonta africana</i> (African Elephant, African Savannah Elephant)	CoP20 Prop. 14 Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Namibia, Zimbabwe	<p>Amend annotation A10 pertaining to the elephant populations of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe to harmonize the conditions of trade in live African elephants (deleted text reflected as <del>strike through</del> and text inserted <u>underlined</u>):</p> <p>For the exclusive purpose of allowing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) trade in hunting trophies for non-commercial purposes;</li> <li>b) trade in live animals to appropriate and acceptable destinations, <del>as defined in Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP18), for Botswana and Zimbabwe and for in situ conservation programmes for Namibia and South Africa;</del></li> <li>c) trade in hides;</li> <li>d) trade in hair;</li> <li>e) trade in leather goods <del>for commercial or non-commercial purposes for Botswana, Namibia and South Africa and for non-commercial purposes for Zimbabwe;</del></li> <li>f) trade <u>for non-commercial purposes</u> in individually marked and certified ekipas incorporated in finished jewellery <del>for non-commercial purposes for Namibia and ivory carvings for non-commercial purposes for Zimbabwe;</del></li> <li>g) <del>trade in registered raw ivory (for Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, whole tusks and pieces) subject to the following:</del></li> <li>i) <del>only registered government-owned stocks, originating in the State (excluding seized ivory and ivory of unknown origin);</del></li> <li>ii) <del>only to trading partners that have been verified by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing Committee, to have sufficient national legislation and domestic trade controls to ensure that the imported ivory will not be re-exported and will be managed in accordance with all requirements of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) concerning domestic manufacturing and trade;</del></li> <li>iii) <del>not before the Secretariat has verified the prospective importing countries and the registered government-owned stocks;</del></li> <li>iv) <del>raw ivory pursuant to the conditional sale of registered government-owned ivory stocks agreed at CoP12, which are 20,000</del></li> </ul>
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			<p>kg (Botswana), 10,000 kg (Namibia) and 30,000 kg (South Africa);</p> <p>v) in addition to the quantities agreed at CoP12, government-owned ivory from Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe registered by 31 January 2007 and verified by the Secretariat may be traded and dispatched, with the ivory in paragraph g) iv) above, in a single sale per destination under strict supervision of the Secretariat;</p> <p>vi) the proceeds of the trade are used exclusively for elephant conservation and community conservation and development Programmes within or adjacent to the elephant range; and</p> <p>vii) the additional quantities specified in paragraph g) v) above shall be traded only after the Standing Committee has agreed that the above conditions have been met; and</p> <p>h) no further proposals to allow trade in elephant ivory from populations already in Appendix II shall be submitted to the Conference of the Parties for the period from CoP14 and ending nine years from the date of the single sale of ivory that is to take place in accordance with provisions in paragraphs g) i), g) ii), g) iii), g) vi) and g) vii). In addition, such further proposals shall be dealt with in accordance with Decisions 16.55 and 14.78 (Rev. CoP16).</p> <p>On a proposal from the Secretariat, the Standing Committee can decide to cause this trade to cease partially or completely in the event of non-compliance by exporting or importing countries, or in the case of proven detrimental impacts of the trade on other elephant populations.</p> <p>All other specimens shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix I and the trade in them shall be regulated accordingly.</p>
AVES			
CORACIIFORMES			
Bucerotidae	<i>Bycanistes</i> spp. <i>Ceratogymna</i> spp.	CoP20 Prop. 15 Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo	Include in Appendix II

FALCONIFORMES (Eagles, Falcons, Hawks, Vultures)			
Accipitridae	<i>Gyps africanus</i> (White-backed Vulture) <i>Gyps rueppelli</i> (Ruppell's Vulture)	CoP20 Prop. 16 Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Gambia, Guinea, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I
Falconidae	<i>Falco peregrinus</i> (Duck Hawk, Peregrine, Peregrine Falcon)	CoP20 Prop. 17 Canada, United States of America	Transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II
PASSERIFORMES			
Emberizidae	<i>Sporophila angolensis</i> <i>Sporophila atrirostris</i> <i>Sporophila crassirostris</i> <i>Sporophila funerea</i> <i>Sporophila maximiliani</i> <i>Sporophila nuttingi</i> (Great-billed seed-finch)	CoP20 Prop. 18 Brazil	Include <i>Sporophila maximiliani</i> in Appendix I and include <i>Sporophila angolensis</i> , <i>Sporophila atrirostris</i> , <i>Sporophila crassirostris</i> , <i>Sporophila funerea</i> and <i>Sporophila nuttingi</i> in Appendix II
REPTILIA			
SAURIA			
Anguidae	<i>Caribicus warreni</i> (Hispaniolan Giant Galliwasp, Haitian Giant Galliwasp)	CoP20 Prop. 19 Dominican Republic	Include in Appendix I
Gekkonidae	<i>Phyllurus amnicola</i> (Mount Elliot Leaf-tailed Gecko, Mount Elliot Broad- tailed Gecko)	CoP20 Prop. 20 Australia	Include in Appendix II
Gekkonidae	<i>Phyllurus caudiannulatus</i> (Ringed Thin-tail Gecko)	CoP20 Prop. 21 Australia	Include in Appendix II
Iguanidae	<i>Amblyrhynchus</i> spp. (Marine Iguana, Galápagos Marine Iguana)	CoP20 Prop. 22 Ecuador	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I
Iguanidae	<i>Conolophus</i> spp. (Galápagos Land Iguana, Common Land Iguana)	CoP20 Prop. 23 Ecuador	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I



SERPENTES (Snakes)			
Viperidae	<i>Bitis harena</i> (Ethiopian Mountain Adder, Ethiopian Viper) <i>Bitis parviocula</i> (Bale Mountains Adder)	CoP20 Prop. 24 Ethiopia	Include in Appendix I
Viperidae	<i>Crotalus</i> spp. <i>Sistrurus</i> spp.	CoP20 Prop. 25 Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Mexico	Include in Appendix II
TESTUDINES			
Testudinidae	<i>Kinixys homeana</i> (Home's Hinged-backed Tortoise, Home's Hinged Tortoise)	CoP20 Prop. 26 Cameroon, Guinea, Nigeria, Togo	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I
AMPHIBIA			
ANURA			
Ranidae	<i>Pelophylax epeiroticus</i> <i>Pelophylax lessonae</i> <i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i> <i>Pelophylax shqipericus</i>	CoP20 Prop. 27 European Union, Israel, North Macedonia	Include in Appendix II (Entry into effect of the inclusion in Appendix II would be delayed by 18 months, i.e until 5 June 2027.)
ELASMOBRANCHII (SHARKS)			
CARCHARHINIFORMES			
Carcharhinidae	<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i> (Oceanic whitetip shark, Whitetip oceanic shark, White-tipped shark, Whitetip shark)	CoP20 Prop. 28 Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, European Union, Fiji, Gabon, Honduras, Lebanon, Oman, Panama, Samoa, Senegal, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I
Triakidae	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> (Tope, Flake, Oil Shark, School Shark) <i>Mustelus</i> spp.	CoP20 Prop. 29 Brazil, Ecuador, European Union, Panama, Senegal	Include in Appendix II

MYLIOBATIFORMES			
Mobulidae	Mobulidae spp.	CoP20 Prop. 30 Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Gabon, Jamaica, Maldives, Panama, Samoa, Senegal, Seychelles, Sudan, Togo	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I
ORECTOLOBIFORMES			
Rhincodontidae	<i>Rhincodon typus</i> (Whale Shark)	CoP20 Prop. 31 Argentina, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belize, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Gabon, Maldives, Panama, Philippines, Samoa, Senegal, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Togo	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I
Rhinopristiformes			
Glaucostegidae	<i>Glaucostegus</i> spp.	CoP20 Prop. 32 Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Maldives, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo	Add the following annotation "A zero annual export quota for wild-taken specimens traded for commercial purposes"
Rhinidae	Rhinidae spp. (Wedgefishes)	CoP20 Prop. 33 Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Maldives, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo	Add the following annotation "A zero annual export quota for wild-taken specimens traded for commercial purposes"

SQUALIFORMES			
Centrophoridae	Centrophoridae spp.	CoP20 Prop. 34 Brazil, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, European Union, Lebanon, Nigeria, Panama, Senegal, Syrian Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Include in Appendix II
ACTINOPTERI (FISHES)			
ANGUILLIFORMES			
Anguillidae	<i>Anguilla</i> spp.	CoP20 Prop. 35 European Union, Honduras, Panama	Include in Appendix II (Entry into effect would be delayed by 18 months, i.e. until 5 June 2027)
ECHINODERMATA			
HOLOTHUROIDEA (SEA CUCUMBERS)			
HOLOTHURIIDA			
Holothuriidae	<i>Actinopyga echinites</i> <i>Actinopyga lecanora</i> <i>Actinopyga mauritiana</i> <i>Actinopyga miliaris</i> <i>Actinopyga palauensis</i> <i>Actinopyga varians</i>	CoP20 Prop. 36 European Union	Include in Appendix II
Holothuriidae	<i>Holothuria lessoni</i> (Golden Sandfish)	CoP20 Prop. 37 European Union	Include in Appendix II

ARTHROPODA			
ARACHNIDA (SCORPIONS AND SPIDERS)			
ARANEAE			
Theraphosidae	<i>Acanthoscurria chacoana</i> <i>Acanthoscurria insubtilis</i> <i>Acanthoscurria musculosa</i> <i>Acanthoscurria theraphosoides</i> <i>Avicularia hirschii</i> <i>Avicularia rufa</i> <i>Avicularia avicularia</i> <i>Catumiri argentinense</i> <i>Cyriocosmus berate</i> <i>Cyriocosmus perezmilesi</i> <i>Grammostola rosea</i> <i>Haplotremus albipes</i> <i>Holothela longipes</i> <i>Pamphobeteus antinous</i> <i>Umbyquyra acuminatum</i>	CoP20 Prop. 38 Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Panama	Include in Appendix II
MOLLUSCA			
GASTROPODA (SNAILS AND CONCHES)			
LEPETELLIDA			
Haliotidae	<i>Haliotis midae</i> (South African Abalone, Midas Ear Abalone)	CoP20 Prop. 39 South Africa	Include the population of South Africa with the annotation "dried specimens only"
FLORA (PLANTS)			
ARALIACEAE	<i>Panax quinquefolius</i> (American Ginseng, American Ginseng Root, Canadian Ginseng, Dwarf-Groundroot, Five-Fingers, Ginseng, Man's Health, Occidental Ginseng, Red Berry, Sang, Tartar Root)	CoP20 Prop. 40 United States of America	Amend annotation #3 to exempt finished products packaged and ready for retail trade of thin-sliced roots derived from artificially propagated plants of <i>Panax quinquefolius</i>
ARECACEAE	<i>Jubaea chilensis</i> (Chilean palm)	CoP20 Prop. 41 Chile	Include in Appendix I

ASPARAGACEAE	<i>Beaucarnea glassiana</i> <i>Beaucarnea hookeri</i> (Ponytail Palm, Elephant-foot Tree, Bottle Palm)	CoP20 Prop. 42 Mexico, Switzerland	Include in Appendix II as part of the listing of the genus <i>Beaucarneas</i> pp.
BURSERACEAE	<i>Commiphora wightii</i> (Indian Bdellium, Guggul)	CoP20 Prop. 43 European Union	Include in Appendix II
EUPHORBIACEAE	<i>Euphorbia bupleurifolia</i> (Cycad Spurge, Pinecone Euphorbia)	CoP20 Prop. 44 South Africa	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I
LEGUMINOSAE	<i>Afzelia bipindensis</i> (Red Doussié)	CoP20 Prop. 45 Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon	Delete the populations of Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon from Appendix II
LEGUMINOSAE	<i>Paubrasilia echinata</i> (Brazil Wood, pernambuco wood)	CoP20 Prop. 46 Brazil	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I
LEGUMINOSAE	<i>Pterocarpus soyauxii</i> (African Padauk, African Padouk, Barwood, African Coral Wood)	CoP20 Prop. 47 Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon	Delete the populations of Angola, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon from Appendix II
LILIACEAE	<i>Aloe bergeriana</i> <i>Aloe jeppeae</i> <i>Aloe subspicata</i> <i>Aloe welwitschii</i>	CoP20 Prop. 48 South Africa, Switzerland, Zimbabwe	Amend the listing of Aloe spp. in Appendix II to also include the four species previously treated in the non-listed genus <i>Chortolirion</i> , but now included in <i>Aloe</i> section <i>Chortolirion</i> , namely <i>Aloe bergeriana</i> , <i>Aloe jeppeae</i> , <i>Aloe subspicata</i> , and <i>Aloe welwitschia</i>
PODOCARPACEAE	<i>Podocarpus parlatorei</i> (Parlatore's Podocarp, Pino blanco)	CoP20 Prop. 49 Argentina	Transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II
PORTULACACEAE	<i>Avonia quinaria</i>	CoP20 Prop. 50 South Africa	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I
	<i>Aloe ferox</i> <i>Euphorbia antisyphilitica</i>	CoP20 Prop. 51 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Amend annotation #4 as follows: f) finished products <del>packaged and ready for retail trade</del> of <i>Aloe ferox</i> and <i>Euphorbia antisyphilitica</i> <del>packaged and ready for retail trade</del> ;