



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



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CONCERNING:

CAMEROON

Forged Permits

1. More than one year ago, the Secretariat was informed that forged Cameroonian export permits had been submitted or used in various European countries.

Recently, the Secretariat was informed of new cases of the use of such permits, including one of export of *Psittacus erithacus* from Cameroon to Germany via Italy.

In addition, it appears that copies of permits, with the same numbers but for different destinations, have been submitted to various European Management Authorities.

2. The permits are forged by the use of white corrector fluid on certain data (importer's name, number of specimens, species) and the retyping of new data. The forgery is normally not detectable on the copies. The Secretariat is therefore asking to all the Parties:
  - a) To carefully check all the original documents from Cameroon submitted to them during the last two years, and to immediately report to the Secretariat on any document which appears forged and not to issue re-export documents on the basis of such permits.
  - b) Not to accept any copies of documents from Cameroon as the basis for granting an import permit or authorization, unless the validity is confirmed by the Secretariat. (In spite of reiterated requests, Cameroon is not sending copies of the permits granted by the Douala Management Authority; therefore, the confirmation of such documents may take a long time.)
  - c) To carefully check all the permit originals from Cameroon and, in case of any doubts, to consult the Secretariat.
  - d) To immediately inform the Secretariat of any attempts to use forged documents.
3. Cameroonian permits are valid for six months, the maximum validity provided for by the Convention. Permits the validity of which was extended by an "authority" which was not the Management Authority and with a signature which is not registered at the Secretariat have been submitted to a European Management Authority. Such extension is in violation of the provisions of Article VI of the Convention.

The Secretariat urges the Parties not to accept such documents in any circumstances and to inform it immediately of any attempts to use them.