



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2009/003

Geneva, 3 February 2009

CONCERNING:

Implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) on
Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species

Recommendations of the Standing Committee

1. Through Notification to the Parties No. 2008/052 of 22 August 2008, the Secretariat informed Parties of the States that had not implemented recommendations of the Animals or Plants Committee made in the context of the Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species, and following which the Standing Committee had recommended that all Parties suspend trade in a particular species.
2. At its 57th meeting (SC57, Geneva, July 2008), the Standing Committee reviewed its recommendations to suspend trade that had been in place for more than two years. The Committee decided to withdraw its recommendation to Parties to suspend trade in *Stigmochelys pardalis* and *Gongylophis colubrinus* with the United Republic of Tanzania, provided the Management Authority confirmed to the Secretariat that it would maintain its export moratorium on wild-caught specimens until it had established a process for making non-detriment findings to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee. On 31 December 2009, the United Republic of Tanzania wrote to the Secretariat to give this confirmation. The recommendation is therefore withdrawn.
3. At SC57, the Committee also decided to withdraw its recommendation to Parties to suspend trade in *Hippopotamus amphibius* with the Democratic Republic of the Congo provided that it confirmed to the Secretariat that a planned decree reclassifying the species as a fully protected species in that country had been signed and was in force. The Democratic Republic of Congo provided to the Secretariat a signed copy of Ministerial Decree No 020/CAB/MIN/ECN-EF/2006 of 20 May 2006 listing the species as fully protected. The recommendation is therefore withdrawn.
4. At its 21st meeting (Geneva, May 2005), the Animals Committee categorized *Falco cherrug* in Mongolia as 'of urgent concern'. In consultation with the Secretariat, it formulated recommendations which were sent to Mongolia in August 2005. In response, Mongolia advised the Secretariat in September 2005 that no further export permits would be issued until "the problem of *Falco cherrug* is resolved at the Animals Committee through the Secretariat". Subsequently, this information proved not to be correct and, in fact, exports continued. At SC57, the Standing Committee recommended that all Parties suspend trade in *Falco cherrug* with Mongolia, if that Party had not complied with the recommendations in full to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and Chair of the Animals Committee by 31 December 2008.

5. The Management Authority of Mongolia wrote to the Secretariat on 22 October and 1 December 2008 about this matter. Having reviewed the available information, the Secretariat and the Chair of the Animals Committee are not satisfied that the recommendations have been implemented. Parties are therefore recommended to suspend trade in *Falco cherrug* with Mongolia.
6. At its 16th meeting (PC16, Lima, July 2006), the Plants Committee categorized *Prunus africana* in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea and the United Republic of Tanzania as 'of urgent concern', and *Dendrobium nobile* in the Lao People's Democratic Republic as 'of possible concern'. In consultation with the Secretariat, it formulated recommendations with deadlines for their implementation. These were transmitted to the range States concerned by the Secretariat in August 2006.
7. At SC57, the Standing Committee decided that, if the recommendations of the Plants Committee were not fully implemented to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee by 31 December 2008, it would recommend that all Parties suspend trade in *Prunus africana* with the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea and the United Republic of Tanzania, and in *Dendrobium nobile* with the Lao People's Democratic Republic, until these States demonstrated compliance with Article IV, paragraphs 2 (a) and 3 of the Convention for these species, and provided full and detailed information to the Secretariat regarding compliance with the recommendations of the Plants Committee.
8. Having reviewed the available information, the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee are not satisfied that the recommendations have been implemented by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Parties are therefore recommended to suspend trade in these species with these States.
9. An updated summary of all the Standing Committee's recommendations made in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) or with Resolution Conf. 8.9 (Rev.), which it replaced, is annexed to the present Notification.
10. The Secretariat will notify the Parties of any changes to the Standing Committee's recommendations to suspend trade.
11. Parties are reminded that the complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the CITES website under [Resources / Reference lists](#).
12. The present Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2008/052 of 22 August 2008.

Annex

Standing Committee's recommendations to suspend trade
made in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13)

State	Species	Date of Standing Committee recommendation	Date of first Notification to the Parties
Armenia	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
Bahrain	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
Comoros	<i>Phelsuma comorensis</i>	SC57, July 2008	22 August 2008
	<i>Phelsuma v-nigra</i>	SC57, July 2008	22 August 2008
Democratic Republic of the Congo	<i>Poicephalus robustus</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
	<i>Stigmochelys</i> (formerly <i>Geochelone</i>) <i>pardalis</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
	<i>Prunus africana</i>	SC57, July 2008 (with effect from 1 January 2009)	3 February 2009
Equatorial Guinea	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	SC57, July 2008	22 August 2008
	<i>Prunus africana</i>	SC57, July 2008 (with effect from 1 January 2009)	3 February 2009
Grenada	<i>Strombus gigas</i>	Intersessional decision, September 2003	12 May 2006
Haiti	<i>Strombus gigas</i>	Intersessional decision, September 2003	29 September 2003
Iraq	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
Kazakhstan	<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	SC45, June 2001	10 August 2001
	Except for the export of live specimens from breeding facilities for conservation purposes	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
Lao People's Democratic Republic	<i>Naja</i> spp. (= <i>N. atra</i> , <i>N. kaouthia</i> , <i>N. siamensis</i>)	SC50, March 2004	30 April 2004
	<i>Dendrobium nobile</i>	SC57, July 2008 (with effect from 1 January 2009)	3 February 2009
Madagascar	<i>Coracopsis vasa</i>	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
	<i>Calumma</i> spp. and <i>Furcifer</i> spp. [formerly <i>Chamaeleo</i> spp. (except <i>F. lateralis</i> , <i>F. oustaleti</i> , <i>F. pardalis</i> and <i>F. verrucosus</i>)]	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995

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Madagascar	<i>Phelsuma</i> spp. (except <i>P. laticauda</i> , <i>P. lineata</i> , <i>P. madagascariensis</i> and <i>P. quadriocellata</i>)	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
	Cycadaceae, Stangeriaceae and Zamiaceae	SC54, October 2006	6 December 2006
Malawi	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
Mali	<i>Poicephalus robustus</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
	<i>Uromastix dispar</i>	SC57, July 2008	22 August 2008
Mauritania	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
Mongolia	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	SC57, July 2008 (with effect from 1 January 2009)	3 February 2009
Mozambique	<i>Cordylus tropidosternum</i>	SC45, June 2001	10 August 2001
	Cycadaceae, Stangeriaceae and Zamiaceae	SC54, October 2006	6 December 2006
Russian Federation	<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	SC45, June 2001	10 August 2001
	Except for the export of live specimens from breeding facilities for conservation purposes.	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
Solomon Islands	<i>Corucia zebrata</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
	<i>Ornithoptera urvillianus</i>	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
	<i>Ornithoptera victoriae</i>	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
Tajikistan	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	SC54, October 2006	22 January 2007
Togo	<i>Poicephalus robustus</i>	SC45, June 2001	9 July 2001
United Republic of Tanzania	<i>Agapornis fischeri</i>	SC29, March 1993	20 April 1993
	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
	<i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i>	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
	<i>Tauraco fischeri</i>	SC32, November 1994	20 January 1995
	<i>Malacochersus tornieri</i> This suspension does not apply to specimens of this species produced from ranching / captive-breeding operations, for which the annual export quota has to be agreed between the Management Authority and the Secretariat	SC29, March 1993 SC40, March 1998	20 April 1993 30 June 1998
	<i>Prunus africana</i>	SC57, July 2008 (with effect from 1 January 2009)	3 February 2009
Viet Nam	Cycadaceae, Stangeriaceae and Zamiaceae	SC54, October 2006	6 December 2006