AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

Other Proposals

A. PROPOSAL

Transfer of *Cypripedium himalaicum* from Appendix II to Appendix I.

B. PROPOSENT

India.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Monocotyledoneae

12. Order: Orchidales

13. Family: Orchidaceae


16. Common Names: English: ‘Lady’s Slipper’ Orchid

French: 

Spanish: 

16. Code Numbers:

2. Biological Parameters

21. Population Status: Listed as "Rare" in the Red Data Book of Indian Plants vol.1. Known only from scattered populations.


24. Habitat Availability: In open hill slopes of alpine and sub-alpine meadows at alt. 3000-4300m.

25. Geographic Trend: Himalayas from Garhwal eastward to S.E. Tibet.

26. Threats: Represented by a few scattered populations due to habitat degradation.
3. Utilization and Trade


32. Legal International Trade: Export restricted under Appendix II of CITES.

Cypripedium spp. Exports 1983-1987:

1983 Total: 5433 plants (AU,3; GH,730; DE,110; NL,4500; NZ,30; US,60)
1984 Total: 1373 (AU,446; FR,50; DE,300; NL,3; CH,400; US,111; JP,60; CA,3)
1985 Total: 11085 (AU,5020; 78; HK,400; NL,3000; US,308; JP,190; GB,75)
1986 Total: 7963 (AU,1228; DK,1050; DE,1300;HK,200; NL,3312; CH,300; US,308; JP,190; GB,75)
1987 Total: 1236 (AU,150; BE,18; HK,400; US,588; GB,80)

33. Illegal Trade: Insufficient data available.

34. Actual Potential Trade Impact: High potential trade impact for elegance and scientific interests.


4. Conservation and Management

41. Legal Status

411. National: Export of wild orchids prohibited under Export (Control) Order.

412. International: Export regulated under appendix II of CITES.

42. Species Management


422. Habitat Conservation: Protected in natural habitat of Nanda Devi National Park.

423. Management Measures: Ex situ conservation in similar habitats and multiplication and reintroduction in Botanic gardens, Orchidaria etc. is being undertaken.

43. Control Measures

431. International Trade: Export regulated through admission in Appendix II of CITES.

432. Domestic Measures: The collection from wild sources is being regulated.

5. Information on Similar Species

51. Similarity in Appearance: All Cypripedium species belong to "Lady’s Slipper Orchid" group and superficially the habit of seedlings and flowers look alike. Cypripedium himalaicum can be recognised by usually ovate-elliptic to lanceolate 3-leaved habit and purple tinged lip 3-3.5 cm long.

52. Nature of Specimen in Trade: Seedling, mature plant and flowers.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

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7. **Additional Remarks**

   **Description:** Terrestrial hairy herb, 20-40 cm high. Stem clothed with 3-4 loose tubular sheaths. Leaves usually 3, ovate elliptic to lanceolate, 6-8.5 x 4-5 cm. Flowers solitary, brownish-purplish red with darker lines. Lip purple tinged, 3-3.5 cm long forming a broadly obovoid pouch.

8. **References**


