

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

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Issues relating to species

SIGNIFICANT TRADE (RESOLUTION CONF. 8.9)

1. This document has been prepared by the CITES Secretariat in accordance with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 8.9.
2. Following is the list countries for which the Standing Committee has recommended that Parties suspend imports of specimens of the species indicated.
3. The Standing Committee made these recommendations because it considered that the provisions of Article IV, paragraphs 2(a) and 3, were not being adequately implemented by the countries concerned for the species mentioned.
4. This list was communicated to the Parties with Notification to the Parties No. 1998/25 of 30 June 1998.
5. Included between brackets and in *italics* is a reference to the Standing Committee meeting in which the recommendation was made.
 - Argentina *Lama guanicoe* (SC 29, March 1993)
(The suspension does not apply to specimens that form part of the registered stock in Argentina, provided that the permits are confirmed by the Secretariat before being accepted by the country of import (SC 30, September 1993))
 - Azerbaijan *Lynx lynx* (SC 29, March 1993)
 - China *Ptyas mucosus* (SC 30, September 1993)
 - Indonesia *Cacatua sulphurea* and *Ptyas mucosus* (SC 30, September 1993)
 - Latvia *Lynx lynx* (SC 29, March 1993)
 - Lithuania *Lynx lynx* (SC 29, March 1993)
 - Madagascar *Coracopsis vasa*, *Chamaeleo* spp. and *Phelsuma* spp. (except *P. laticauda*, *P. lineata*, *P. madagascariensis*, *P. quadriocellata*, *Chamaeleo lateralis*, *C. oustaleti*, *C. pardalis* and *C. verrucosus*) (all SC 32, November 1994)
 - Peru *Aratinga erythrogenys* (SC 29, March 1993)
 - Republic of Moldova *Lynx lynx* (SC 29, March 1993)
 - Solomon Islands *Ornithoptera urvillianus* and *Ornithoptera victoriae* (SC 32, November 1994)
 - Ukraine *Lynx lynx* (SC 29, March 1993)

- United Republic of Tanzania

Agapornis fischeri (SC 29, March 1993) *Poicephalus* (SC 32, November 1994) *Poicephalus meyeri* (SC 32, November 1994), *Poicephalus rufiventris* (SC 32, November 1994), *Tauraco fischeri* (SC 32, November 1994), *Geochelone pardalis* (SC 32, November 1994), *Malacochersus tornieri* (SC 29, March 1993) and *Eryx colubrinus* (SC 32, November 1994). [This suspension does not apply to specimens of the last three species produced from ranching/captive-breeding operations, for which the level of annual export quotas has to be agreed between the Management Authority and the Secretariat. This suspension also does not apply to the export in 1998 of the existing captive stock of 250 live specimens of *Poicephalus meyeri* and 40 live specimens of *Poicephalus rufiventris* provided that the permits are confirmed by the Secretariat before being accepted by the country of import (SC 40, March 1998).]

6. At its 14th meeting, the Animals Committee initiated phase four of the Review of Significant Trade in Animal Species included in Appendix II, by selecting about 50 species for review.
7. The issues presented below relate to earlier phases of this review process.
8. Indonesia
 - a) On 23 July the Secretariat sent a circular letter to the members of the Committee asking for comments on documentation provided by the Management Authority of Indonesia on its management of and trade in *Ptyas mucosus*.
 - b) The Management Authority requested the Standing Committee to consider:
 - withdrawal of its recommendation to suspend trade in specimens of this species from Indonesia; or
 - permission to export a registered stock of 102,285 skins in the possession of five Indonesian traders.
 - c) The Secretariat received comments from various members of the Committee. These were summarized in its fax of 27 October 1998 to the members of the Committee.
 - d) All responses received agreed that the information provided was insufficient to approve a withdrawal of the current recommendation. The responses concerning the stockpile were more diverse and various members requested that this be discussed at the next meeting of the Standing Committee. The comments received suggested that some members would be agreeable to permit export of the stockpile, under certain conditions.
 - e) From the information provided by Indonesia it is not clear which part of the stockpile of 102,285 skins was actually acquired before the recommendation entered into force.

9. Recommendation of the Secretariat

Indonesia could be permitted to export from the 102,285 marked and registered skins only those that were acquired before the recommendation entered into force, on the following conditions:

- Export of the skins should not be permitted unless the Secretariat confirms receipt of a copy of the export permit concerned issued by the Management Authority of Indonesia.
- Import of specimens from this registered stockpile should be permitted only after confirmation of the validity of the Indonesian export permit by the CITES Secretariat.

10. Latvia

- a) The suspension of imports of specimens of *Lynx lynx* originating in Latvia was recommended by the Standing Committee at its 29th meeting (March 1993). On 12 May 1997, Latvia became a Party to the Convention. When visiting this country in 1997, the Secretariat drew the attention of the Management Authority of Latvia to the fact that it had never received a response with regard to the primary recommendation on this species communicated to Latvia in 29 July 1992.
- b) The Management Authority of Latvia recently provided to the Secretariat details of the population of *Lynx lynx* in that country. According to official census data the population has increased from about 30 in 1958 to about 200 in 1973 and more than 700 in 1997. Under a joint programme between the Danish Environmental Protection Agency and the Latvian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development on the development of management programmes for various animal species, a study on the reproductive status of this species (including birth rate and age structure) is planned for 1999 and 2000. Since Latvia became a Party to CITES no permits have been issued for the export of specimens of this species.

11. Recommendation of the Secretariat

Latvia should be deleted from the list referred to under paragraph 5. above because there is almost no export permitted.

12. *Strombus gigas*

- a) By 31 March 1998, the date of the deadline agreed upon by the Standing Committee at its 40th meeting, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, France, Mexico, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago had not replied to the Secretariat's letter of 29 September 1997 regarding primary recommendations from the Animals Committee on trade in *Strombus gigas*. These countries also did not respond to the reminder sent by the Secretariat on 23 February 1998.
- b) Trade in this species was discussed by the Animals Committee at its 14th meeting in Caracas, Venezuela. Although it was not the role of this Committee, nonetheless recommended that the deadline for a response to the Secretariat to its letter of 29 September 1997 be extended to 30 June 1998.
- c) On 29 June 1998, the Secretariat received a letter from France (on behalf of Guadeloupe, Martinique and Saint Martin) and is satisfied that the primary recommendations have been met for these territories.

- d) The Secretariat will continue monitoring the trade in this species and, when relevant, will report to the Standing Committee.

13. Recommendation of the Secretariat

Parties should not accept export permits for specimens of *Strombus gigas* issued by Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Mexico, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago.