Avian Proposals Before the 7th C.I.T.E.S. Meeting

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When the representatives of the 102 Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora meet in Lausanne, Switzerland October 9 through 20 of this year, they will be asked to consider a total of 123 proposals for moving species in the Appendices. Of this total, 59 proposals relate to plants, 23 apply to mammals, 20 to reptiles, 4 to invertebrates and 15 to birds. Of the 15 bird proposals presented, five would move certain birds to Appendix I, five would place certain birds in Appendix II, one species would be deleted from Appendix I and four would be deleted from Appendix II. The proposals are as follows:

At the request of one of the members of the Significant Working Group of CITES, the Swiss Confederation as chair of the Group has proposed the transfer of the Moluccan Cockatoo, Cacatua moluccensis from Appendix II to Appendix I.

Denmark has made the proposal to transfer the Tucuman Amazon, Amazona tucumana from Appendix II to Appendix I.

Illiger's Macaw, Ara maracana has been proposed for transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I by Para-

Thailand, the country of origin, has proposed that Gurney's Pitta, Pitta gurneyi be transferred from Appendix II to Appendix I; and that the Banded Pitta, Pitta guajana be transferred from Appendix III to Appendix II; also that the White-eved River Martin, Pseudochelidon sirintarae be transferred from Appendix II to Appendix I.

Japan has proposed that the rhea, Rhea americana and all remaining subspecies be included in Appendix II.

The White Stork, Ciconia ciconia has been proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany for inclusion in Appendix II.

At the request of the Fauna Committee of CITES, the Swiss Confederation has entered a proposal to delete the Great Pied Hornbill, Buceros bicornis bomrai from Appendix I and to include the Rhinoceros Hornbill, Buceros rhinoceros and all hornbills, Buceros spp. in Appendix II.

Also by request, the Swiss Confederation has proposed the deletion from Appendix II of the Djibouti Francolin, Francolinus ochropectus and the Swierstra's Francolin, Francolinus swierstrai.

The Republic of Madagascar has proposed to delete the Gray-headed or Madagascar Lovebird, Agapornis cana from Appendix II, with the intention of listing the species on Appendix III should the original proposal prevail.

The proposal to delete the Rufous Tinamous, Rhynchotus rufescens spp. from Appendix II was made by Uruguay.

Finally, the rhea, Rhea americana, and all remaining subspecies, has been proposed for inclusion in Appencix II by Japan.

A resolution has been proposed by the United States regarding the format and criteria for proposals to register the first commercial captive breeding operation for Appendix I animal species. The resolution is intended to clarify previous resolutions presented regarding commercial captive breeding operations.

The CITES treaty is a complex instrument relating to international trade. The species' biological status and trade status are the two major considerations for inclusion or deletion from the Appendices and all proposals are expected to have strong supporting data.

To qualify for inclusion in Appendix I, a species must be currently threatened with extinction. To qualify for inclusion in Appendix II, a species need not currently be threatened with extinction but there should be some indication that they might become so. Where uncertainty exists as to whether a species should be removed from the Appendices, the benefit of the doubt should go toward protecting the species.

Appendix III covers only those species which are native to the country proposing such inclusion and which are subject to regulation within the jurisdiction of the country concerned for the protection of the species for the purpose of preventing or restricting exploitation.

Proposals for inclusion or deletion of species from the Appendices must be made 180 days prior to the meeting of the Parties but resolutions can and have been made from the floor.





