

**SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 20TH MEETING OF THE
SCIENTIFIC REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹**

HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 18 JULY 2001

The SRG took the following decisions under Articles 4.1(a)(i) and 4.2.(a) of Regulation 338/97:

1) Positive opinions² for import of specimens from the following species/countries combinations:

<i>Papio hamadryas</i>	Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe
<i>Caracal caracal</i>	Ethiopia, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa
<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	Canada, USA
<i>Puma concolor</i>	Argentina, Canada, USA
<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe
<i>Cephalophus monticola</i>	Cameroon, Central African Republic, South Africa
<i>Amazona amazonica</i>	Guyana
<i>Amazona farinosa</i>	Guyana
<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>	Guyana
<i>Ara ararauna</i>	Guyana
<i>Ara manilata</i>	Guyana
<i>Ara nobilis</i>	Guyana
<i>Pionites melanocephala</i>	Guyana
<i>Geochelone pardalis</i> (F1 specimens <8cm)	Tanzania
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	USA
<i>Epipedobates hahneli</i>	Guyana
<i>Gongylophis (Eryx) colubrinus</i> (F1 specimens <25 cms)	Tanzania

2) Deleting existing positive opinion for import of specimens of the following species/countries combination, resulting in no SRG opinion available

<i>Naja naja</i>	Indonesia, Malaysia
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¹ Subject to confirmation by the Members of the Scientific Review Group. Further, it is understood that the above opinions are also those of each Scientific Authority and will be reflected in any opinion given in relation to the application of Art. 4.1(a) and 4.2(a) of Regulation 338/97. These opinions will remain valid unless or until circumstances related to the trade or conservation status of the species change significantly.

² Recommendation based on the following guidelines: The species is in trade or is likely to be in trade, and introduction to the Community from the country of origin at current or anticipated levels of trade will **not** have a harmful effect on the conservation status of the species or the extent of the territory occupied by the species.

3) Negative opinion³ changed to positive opinion:

<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	Tanzania
<i>Varanus salvadorii</i> (F specimens)	Indonesia
<i>Polyodon spathula</i>	USA
<i>Strombus gigas</i>	Jamaica

4) Existing negative opinion deleted, resulting in no SRG opinion being available (any import suspensions under Regulation 191/2001 remain in place until lifted):

<i>Nycticebus pygmaeus</i>	Vietnam ⁴
<i>Cynogale bennetti</i>	Vietnam ⁴
<i>Ovis ammon</i> (except subspecies <i>hodgsonii</i> and <i>nigrimontana</i>)	All countries of origin
<i>Rhea americana</i>	Argentina
<i>Psittinus cyanurus</i>	Vietnam ⁴
<i>Gracula religiosa</i>	China ⁴ , Vietnam ⁴
<i>Pitta nympha</i>	Vietnam ⁴
<i>Padda oryzivora</i>	Indonesia ⁴
<i>Geochelone pardalis</i>	Zambia ⁴
<i>Manouria emys</i>	Vietnam ⁴
<i>Manouria impressa</i>	Vietnam ⁴
<i>Python molurus</i>	Vietnam ⁴
<i>Dendrobium bellatulum</i>	Vietnam ⁴

5) Negative opinions for import of specimens of the following species/countries combinations:

<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	Kazakhstan, Russian Federation
<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	D.R.Congo, Malawi, Rwanda
<i>Poicephalus robustus</i>	D.R. Congo
<i>Phelsuma comorensis</i>	R.F.I. Comores
<i>Dendrobatus auratus</i>	Nicaragua
<i>Dendrobatus tinctorius</i>	Surinam
<i>Hippopus hippopus</i>	New Caledonia

³ Recommendation based on the following guidelines : The species is in trade or is likely to be in trade, and introduction to the Community from the country of origin at current or anticipated levels of trade is likely to have a harmful effect on the conservation status of the species or the extent of the territory occupied by the species.

⁴ Note in UNEP-WCMC database that country of origin prohibits export: export permit to be controlled

- 6) UNEP-WCMC database: Delete Guinea as a country of origin for *Poicephalus gulielmi*.
- 7) The SRG concluded that as *Ptyas mucosus* does not exist in Malaysia import/re-export cannot be allowed. In case of imports of specimens called *Ptyas mucosus* which have already taken place, it should be clarified if these are *Ptyas korros*, as presumed by UNEP-WCMC, in which case no restrictions on subsequent re-export exist.
- 8) The SRG agreed to follow all import suspensions recommended by the CITES Standing Committee for sturgeon species (MAs will be informed as soon as any Notification to this effect comes out from the Secretariat).
- 9) Member States to send observations before 15 August on the Report of TRAFFIC Europe about trade in live corals from Indonesia; subsequently the report will be finalised and transmitted to Indonesia before change is made to current import restrictions. The Indonesian authorities to be informed that the SRG is minded to accept the recommendations in the report but would like to know the Indonesian reaction to the it.