

**SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 26TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 22 MAY 2003**

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

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

<i>Balearica pavonina</i>	Guinea
<i>Paleosuchus trigonatus</i>	Guyana
<i>Ramphastos toco</i>	Paraguay
<i>Amazona aestiva</i>	Paraguay
<i>Caiman yacare</i>	Paraguay
<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	Congo DR
<i>Acipenser schrenckii</i>	Russian Federation
<i>Huso dauricus</i>	Russian Federation
<i>Blastomussa wellsi</i>	Indonesia, Fiji
<i>Hydnophora microconos</i>	Indonesia
<i>Nemanzophyllia turbida</i> (<i>Plerogyra turbida</i>)	Indonesia
<i>Scolymia vitiensis</i>	Indonesia, Fiji
<i>Trachyphyllia geoffroyi</i>	Indonesia
<i>Wellsophyllia radiata</i>	Indonesia
<i>Goniopora lobata</i>	Indonesia – (SRG recommended that the Commission should consider an import suspension of this species under article 4.6 (c) of Council Regulation 338/97)
<i>Catalaphyllia jardinei</i>	Fiji
<i>Euphyllia yaeyamaensis</i>	Fiji
<i>Hydnophora rigida</i>	Fiji
<i>Plerogyra simplex</i>	Fiji
<i>Plerogyra sinuosa</i>	Fiji
<i>Trachyphyllia geoffroyi</i>	Fiji
<i>Geochelone pardalis</i>	Zambia (source “F” and “R”)

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 is likely to have a harmful effect on the conservation status of the species or the extent of the territory occupied by the species.

<i>Hippopus hippopus</i>	Tonga, Vanuatu, Vietnam
<i>Tridacna crocea</i>	Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu
<i>Tridacna derasa</i>	Fiji, New Caledonia, Vanuatu
<i>Tridacna gigas</i>	Tonga, Vietnam
<i>Tridacna maxima</i>	F.S. of Micronesia, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Mozambique, New Caledonia, Tonga, Vanuatu, Vietnam
<i>Tridacna rosewateri</i>	Mozambique
<i>Tridacna squamosa</i>	Fiji, Mozambique, Vanuatu
<i>Tridacna tevoroa</i>	Tonga

2) Negative opinions for import of specimens of the following species/countries combinations confirmed after 3rd countries' consultation to be formalised in the Suspensions regulation:

<i>Poicephalus gulielmi</i>	Ivory Coast
<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>	Ivory Coast
<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	Guinea
<i>Agapornis pullarius</i>	Guinea
<i>Phelsuma comorensis</i>	Comores
<i>Phelsuma dubia</i>	Comores
<i>Phelsuma laticauda</i>	Comores
<i>Phelsuma v-nigra</i>	Comores
<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	Togo

3) Negative opinions changed to positive:

<i>Guaiacum sanctum</i>	Mexico (this opinion only applies to applications relating to already felled stocks)
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NOTE:

A 'no opinion' for *Guaiacum sanctum* not originating from existing stocks was given if Mexico acts as main trader. All the other applications need to be referred back to the SRG.

4) Positive opinions:

<i>Corythaeola cristata</i>	Congo
<i>Psittacus erithacus erithacus</i>	Ivory Coast (permits only if identified at sub-species level)
<i>Psittacus erithacus timneh</i>	Ivory Coast (see comment above)

5) Positive opinions changed to negative:

<i>Chamaeleo senegalensis</i>	Togo (source “W” and “R”)
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6) No opinion for import of specimens of the following species/countries combinations

<i>Tridacna derasa</i>	Papua New Guinea (Any application to be brought to the Group)
<i>Tridacna maxima</i>	Papua New Guinea (comment see above)
<i>Tridacna squamosa</i>	Papua New Guinea (comment see above)
<i>Tridacna gigas</i>	Papua New Guinea (comment see above)
<i>Tridacna tevoroa</i>	Papua New Guinea (comment see above)

7) Regarding *Psittrichas fulgidus* and *Uromastyx maliensis*, the SRG accepted the statements from Indonesia and El Salvador respectively that these species were in captive breeding. In the latter case, if supplementary evidence is not sufficient, applications can be reconsidered by the SRG.

8) With reference to *Testudo graeca terrestris*, Member States are requested to refer any import applications from Lebanon for captive bred or ranched reptile species (source “F”, “R” or C”) back to the SRG.

9) All import applications for *Leucocephalon yuwonoi* from Indonesia are to be considered by the SRG.

10) The SRG decided to maintain the positive opinion on the hunting trophies of *Ursos arctos* from British Columbia subject to evidence of adequate progress with the implementation of the recommendations made by the BC government’s second Independent Scientific Panel in time for the 2004 hunting season. The content of a letter from the Commission to the British Columbian Authorities was agreed in principle. The letter will be circulated to the Member States. The majority of Member States agreed to this decision, while Germany, Greece and Sweden expressed their dissent.

11) Review of Annex D of Council Regulation 338/97

The SRG concluded that the Commission should consider **deleting** the following reptile species from Annex D of Council Regulation 338/97:

Geckolepis maculata

Acanthosaura armata

Zonosaurus laticaudatus

Zonosaurus madagascariensis

Tiliqua gerrardii

Tiliqua gigas

Tiliqua scincoides

- 12) The Group furthermore requested the Commission to list *Harpagophytum spp.* on Annex D of Council Regulation 338/97. This decision will be reflected in the next update of the Annexes of this Council regulation, probably by the end of this year.