

**SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 27TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 9 OCTOBER 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>Ursos arctos</i>	Croatia
<i>Ursus thibetanus</i>	Russian Federation
<i>Cataphyllia jardinei</i>	Solomon Islands
<i>Tillandsia xerographica</i>	Guatemala (with option of specific cases being brought back to the SRG)

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>Canis lupus (hunting trophies)</i>	Belarus
<i>Cercopithecus mona</i>	Togo
<i>Cercopithecus petaurista</i>	Togo
<i>Colobus polykomos</i>	Togo
<i>Perodicticus potto</i>	Togo
<i>Profelis aurata</i>	Togo
<i>Palaeosuchus trigonatus</i>	Guyana
<i>Tridacna derasa</i>	New Caledonia, Philippines, Palau
<i>Tridacna maxima</i>	New Caledonia
<i>Tridacna squamosa</i>	New Caledonia

3) Negative opinions maintained but not to be formalised in the Suspensions regulation:

<i>Ursus arctos</i>	Slovenia
<i>Caiman yacare</i>	Paraguay
<i>Amazona aestiva</i>	Paraguay

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>Ramphastos toco</i>	Paraguay
<i>Goniopora lobata</i>	Indonesia
<i>Hydnophora micriconos</i>	Indonesia
<i>Scolymia vitiensis</i>	Indonesia
<i>Trachyphyllia geoffroyi</i>	Indonesia
<i>Welsophyllia radiata</i>	Indonesia
<i>Blastomusa wellsi</i>	Indonesia
<i>Nemzophyllia turbida</i>	Indonesia

NOTE:

The Indonesia corals will be discussed again at SRG 28.

4) Lift existing import suspensions under Regulation 349/2003 (import suspensions remain in place until lifted):

<i>Lama guanicoe</i>	Chile
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5) Negative opinions changed to positive:

<i>Acipenser schrenckii</i>	Russian Federation (subject to publication of reduced quotas – as notified to Commission - on CITES website)
<i>Huso dauricus</i>	Russian Federation (subject to publication of reduced quotas – as notified to Commission - on CITES website)

6) Delete negative opinion for import of specimens of the following species/countries, resulting in “no opinion”:

<i>Felis silvestris</i>	Mozambique
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7) The SRG agreed on a positive opinion for the import of *Odobenus rosmarus divergens* into Spain. The general position agreed at SRG 24 is maintained as regards the other subspecies of *Odobenus rosmarus* from Russia (*Odobenus rosmarus rosmarus* and *Odobenus rosmarus laptevi*), i.e. any further applications should be brought to the attention of the SRG.

8) The SRG decided that applications for *Tillandsia xerographica*, source code ‘A’, from the Philippines should be brought to the attention of the Group.

9) **Review of Annex D of Council Regulation 338/97**

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

Xenopeltis unicolor

Acrochordus granulatus

Ahaetulla prasina

Boiga dendrophila

Enhydris chinensis

Enhydris enhydris

Enhydris plumbea

Rhabdophis chrysargus

Zaocys dhumnades

Bungarus candidus

Laticauda colubrine

Laticauda crockeri

Laticauda laticaudata

Laticauda schisorhynchus

Laticauda semifasciata

Hydrophis atriceps

Hydrophis belcheri

Hydrophis bituberculatus

Hydrophis brookii

Hydrophis caerulescens

Hydrophis cantoris

Hydrophis coggeri

Hydrophis cyanocinctus

Hydrophis czebelukovi
Hydrophis elegans
Hydrophis fasciatus
Hydrophis geometricus
Hydrophis gracilis
Hydrophis inornatus
Hydrophis klossi
Hydrophis lamberti
Hydrophis lapemoides
Hydrophis macdowellii
Hydrophis mamillaris
Hydrophis melanocephalus
Hydrophis melanosoma
Hydrophis obscurus
Hydrophis ornatus
Hydrophis pacificus
Hydrophis parviceps
Hydrophis semperi
Hydrophis spiralis
Hydrophis stricticollis
Hydrophis torquatus
Hydrophis vorisi