

**SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 34TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹
25 OCTOBER 2005**

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

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

<i>Manis temminckii</i>	Democratic Republic of the Congo
<i>Hieraaetus ayresii</i>	Cameroon
<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>	Cameroon
<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	Cameroon
<i>Poicephalus gularis</i>	Cameroon
<i>Chamaeleo montium</i>	Cameroon

2) Negative opinions for import of specimens from the following species / countries combinations confirmed / maintained:

<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	Cameroon
<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	Cameroon
<i>Scotopelia bouvieri</i>	Cameroon
<i>Chamaeleo eisentrauti</i>	Cameroon (suspension maintained)
<i>Chamaeleo pfefferi</i>	Cameroon (suspension maintained)
<i>Chamaeleo wiedersheimi</i>	Cameroon (suspension maintained)
<i>Ursus arctos</i>	British Columbia (suspension maintained)

3) Negative opinions for import of specimens of the following species / countries combinations maintained – NOT to be formalised in the Suspensions regulation:

<i>Chamaeleo senegalensis</i>	Togo
<i>Balaeniceps rex</i>	Democratic Republic of the Congo
<i>Epicrates striatus</i>	Haiti
<i>Tropidopis haetianus</i>	Haiti
<i>Hydnophora rigida</i>	Fiji
<i>Plerogyra simplex</i>	Fiji
<i>Trachyphyllia geoffroyi</i>	Fiji
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Brazil

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.

4) No opinion for import of specimens of the following species / countries combinations

<i>Python sebae</i>	Niger All applications to be referred to the SRG
<i>Miopithecus oguensis</i>	Cameroon
<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	Cameroon All applications to be referred to the SRG
<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>	Cameroon
<i>Gyps rueppellii</i>	Cameroon
<i>Spizaetus africanus</i>	Cameroon
<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>	Cameroon All applications to be referred to the SRG
<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	Cameroon
<i>Agapornis pullarius</i>	Cameroon
<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>	Cameroon
<i>Tauraco leucolophus</i>	Cameroon
<i>Chamaeleo senegalensis</i>	Cameroon
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Bolivia
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Guatemala
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Mexico
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Nicaragua
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	All range states except Brazil and Peru. Applications from all range states (except Bolivia, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and except Brazil (neg. op.) and Peru (pos. op.)) to be referred to the SRG

5) Positive opinion for import of specimens of the following species / countries combinations:

<i>Chamaeleo ellioti</i>	Democratic Republic of the Congo (confirmed)
<i>Aquila rapax</i>	Cameroon
<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>	Cameroon
<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	Cameroon
<i>Chamaeleo africanus</i>	Cameroon
<i>Chamaeleo cristatus</i>	Cameroon
<i>Chamaeleo dilepis</i>	Cameroon (confirmed)
<i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	Cameroon (confirmed)
<i>Chamaeleo oweni</i>	Cameroon
<i>Chamaeleo quadricornis</i>	Cameroon (confirmed)
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Cameroon A quota for each of <i>Varanus niloticus</i> and <i>V. ornatus</i> to be requested from Cameroon
<i>Varanus ornatus</i>	Cameroon
<i>Calabaria reinhardtii</i>	Cameroon
<i>Gongylophis muelleri</i>	Cameroon
<i>Python regius</i>	Cameroon

<i>Python sebae</i>	Cameroon
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Peru
<i>Ursus arctos</i>	Romania

6) Import suspensions for the following species/countries recommended for removal:

<i>Ptyas mucosus</i>	Indonesia
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- 7) It was decided, on the basis of available references, to add DRC as a questionable range State for *Manis temminckii* and Fiji as a questionable range State for *Pterogyra simplex* and *Trachyphyllia geoffroyi*.
- 8) *Pericopsis elata* / Cameroon: This issue will be dealt with at the SRG meeting scheduled for December 2005.
- 9) *Prunus africana* / Cameroon: This issue will be dealt with at a future SRG meeting.
- 10) *Ursus arctos* / Romania: The SRG formulated a positive opinion and encouraged Romania to keep pace in implementation of its bear management plan. Romania will report back on its implementation in May/June 2006 and will consolidate all new information in an updated management plan, which will be made available within two months.
- 11) *Ursus arctos* / British Columbia: The SRG maintained its negative opinion. While the SRG acknowledged that implementation of the management plan and appointment of Grizzly Bear Management Areas is a long term issue, the EC will ask British Columbia for a clearer timeframe and seek further information from the independent panel.
- 12) *Swietenia macrophylla* / Peru: Peru updated the SRG on recent developments and implementation of its management plans and control of their export quota. The SRG will follow closely further developments, including the process guided by the CITES Plants Committee and verification of progress during a mission in April 2006.
- 13) Guidelines for Scientific Authorities: The SRG agreed to amended guidelines that direct Member States to take account of pre-shipment mortality and the possible effects of demand for replacement specimens of sensitive species when making non-detriment finding for imports under Article 4 of Regulation 338/97. Further proposed amendments on other items will be discussed in December.