

**SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 35TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹
20 DECEMBER 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>Uroplatus ebenau</i>	Madagascar
<i>Uroplatus fimbriatus</i>	Madagascar
<i>Uroplatus henkeli</i>	Madagascar
<i>Uroplatus lineatus</i>	Madagascar
<i>Uroplatus phantasticus</i>	Madagascar
<i>Uroplatus pietschmanni</i>	Madagascar
<i>Uroplatus sikorae</i>	Madagascar
<i>Geochelone sulcata</i>	Benin (R)
<i>Geochelone sulcata</i>	Togo (R)
<i>Kinixys erosa</i>	Togo (R)
<i>Kinixys homeana</i>	Benin (R)
<i>Kinixys homeana</i>	Togo (R)
<i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	Togo (W)
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Benin (W)
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Togo (W)
<i>Python regius</i>	Benin (W)
<i>Python regius</i>	Togo (W)
<i>Calabaria reinhardtii</i>	Togo (W)

2) Negative opinions for import of specimens from the following species / countries combinations confirmed – to be formalised in the Suspensions Regulation:

<i>Kinixys homeana</i>	Benin (W)
<i>Kinixys homeana</i>	Togo (W)
<i>Varanus exanthematicus</i>	Togo (W)

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.

3) Confirmation of current suspensions as listed in EC Reg. No. 252/2005

<i>Kinixys belliana</i>	Benin (R)
<i>Kinixys erosa</i>	Togo (W)
<i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	Benin (W)
<i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	Benin (R)
<i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	Togo (R)
<i>Varanus exanthematicus</i>	Benin (W)
<i>Varanus exanthematicus</i>	Benin (R)
<i>Varanus exanthematicus</i>	Togo (R)
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Benin (R)
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Togo (R)
<i>Calabaria reinhardtii</i>	Benin (R)
<i>Calabaria reinhardtii</i>	Togo (R)

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

<i>Kinixys erosa</i>	Benin (W)
<i>Kinixys erosa</i>	Benin (R)
<i>Python sebae</i>	Benin (W)
<i>Python sebae</i>	Togo (W)
<i>Python sebae</i>	Togo (R)
<i>Calabaria reinhardtii</i>	Benin (W) All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Pandinus imperator</i>	Benin (W)
<i>Pandinus imperator</i>	Benin (R)
<i>Pandinus imperator</i>	Togo (W)
<i>Pandinus imperator</i>	Togo (R)
<i>Pandinus imperator</i>	Ghana (W)
<i>Pandinus imperator</i>	Ghana (R)
<i>Prunus africana</i>	Uganda (Pending further information from Uganda) All applications to be referred to SRG

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

<i>Pericopsis elata</i>	Cameroon (confirmed)
<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	Guinea
<i>Kinixys belliana</i>	Togo (R) (specimens of less than 8 cm) (confirmed)
<i>Kinixys belliana</i>	Togo (W)
<i>Python regius</i>	Benin (R)
<i>Python regius</i>	Togo (R)
<i>Python sebae</i>	Benin (R)

- 6) As available references could not confirm the occurrence of *Chamaeleo gracilis* in Benin, it was decided to maintain Benin as a questionable range State for *Chamaeleo gracilis*.
- 7) *Pericopsis elata* / Cameroon: Despite the scientific concern, the SRG would wait for additional information in the framework of the Significant Trade Review process under CITES. The issue would be discussed again at the next SRG meeting. Until then, the existing positive opinion was to be maintained.
- 8) Guidelines for Scientific Authorities: The SRG agreed to amended guidelines for Scientific Authorities.
- 9) Fossil corals, response to CITES notifications: The SRG agreed in principle to an interpretation of fossil corals in line with CITES CoP Proposal 13.36. The issue will be further discussed at the CITES Management Committee.
- 10) *Pyrenestes ostrinus* and *Amadina fasciata* (Annex C) from Guinea: It was agreed that further information would be requested from Guinea about the names and occurrence of the species in the country.
- 11) *Ursus arctos middendorffi* from USA: The SRG noted that the application, for education and scientific purposes, had been withdrawn by the applicant.