

**SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 38TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹
26 SEPTEMBER 2006**

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>Hippocampus kelloggi</i>	Indonesia (W)
<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>	Greenland (W)

2) Negative opinions² for import of specimens from the following species / countries combinations confirmed / maintained – NOT to be formalised in the Suspensions Regulation:

<i>Euphorbia ankarensis</i>	Madagascar (W)
<i>Euphorbia berorohae</i>	Madagascar (W)
<i>Euphorbia duranii</i>	Madagascar (W)

3) Negative opinions² for import of specimens from the following species / countries combinations confirmed – to be formalised in the Suspensions Regulation:

<i>Capra falconeri</i>	Uzbekistan (hunting trophies) (W)
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4) No opinion for import of specimens of the following species / countries combinations

<i>Furcifer pardalis</i>	Madagascar (R) ³
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Peru (W) All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Pachypodium brevicaule</i>	Madagascar (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 This will come into effect when this species / country combination will be removed from the present import Suspensions Regulation

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

<i>Kinixys belliana</i>	Ghana (W)
<i>Kinixys erosa</i>	Ghana (W)
<i>Kinixys homeana</i>	Ghana (W)
<i>Psammobates oculiferus</i>	South Africa (W)
<i>Testudo horsfieldii</i>	Uzbekistan (W)
<i>Phelsuma laticauda</i>	Madagascar (W)
<i>Phelsuma lineata</i>	Madagascar (W)
<i>Phelsuma madagascariensis</i>	Madagascar (W)
<i>Phelsuma quadriocellata</i>	Madagascar (W)
<i>Brookesia superciliaris</i>	Madagascar (W)
<i>Furcifer lateralis</i>	Madagascar (W)
<i>Furcifer oustaleti</i>	Madagascar (W)
<i>Furcifer pardalis</i>	Madagascar (W)
<i>Furcifer verrucosus</i>	Madagascar (W)
<i>Dendrobates variabilis</i>	Peru (R)
<i>Epipedobates azureiventris</i>	Peru (R)

6) Positive opinions confirmed:

<i>Prunus africana</i>	Madagascar (W)
<i>Gonystylus bancanus</i>	Sarawak / Malaysia (W)

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

<i>Furcifer pardalis</i>	Madagascar (R)
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8) *Swietenia macrophylla* / Peru

On mahogany from Peru, the SRG agreed that all import applications should be referred to the SRG in order to assess the legality and sustainability of the shipments on a case-by-case basis. Furthermore Peru will be urged to set a significantly lower export quota for 2007 with exports only originating from verified concessions and sustainable sources.

9) *Gonystylus bancanus* / Sarawak - Malaysia

The SRG expressed serious concerns about the conservation status and the level of export quota of ramin from Malaysia, in particular from Sarawak, but also from Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah. The SRG will review their position based on the 2007 export quota and Malaysia will be urged to set a significantly lower export quota for 2007, by 1 January 2007, and to provide information to the SRG on the non-detriment findings for exports authorised.

10) *Odobenus rosmarus*/ Greenland

While recognising the recent efforts from Greenland to reduce the hunting of walrus by introducing hunting quotas, it was noted that sustainable harvest levels could not be confirmed. The SRG formed a negative opinion, awaiting further information on the new harvest quota to be set for 2007.

11) Trade in aquatic ornamentals

The SRG supported a consultation process that, building on lessons learned, and with input from all sectors (including traders, conservation practitioners, NGOs, regulatory authorities etc) would seek a common understanding of the purpose, process and effectiveness of certification and outline a coherent and sustainable data collection and management strategy for both the marine and freshwater sector.