

**SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 40TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹
27 MARCH 2007**

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>Python brongersmai</i>	Malaysia
<i>Gonystylus</i> spp.	Malaysia (Sarawak, Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah)

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

<i>Ornithoptera victoriae</i>	Solomon Islands (R)
<i>Ornithoptera urvillianus</i>	Solomon Islands (R)
<i>Pseudalopex griseus</i>	Falkland Islands
<i>Pseudalopex griseus</i>	Peru
<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>	Angola
<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>	Australia
<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>	Gabon
<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>	Mozambique
<i>Tupinambis merianae</i>	Bolivia
<i>Tupinambis merianae</i>	Brazil
<i>Tupinambis merianae</i>	Paraguay
<i>Tupinambis merianae</i>	Uruguay
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Peru (confirmed) All applications to be referred to SRG

3) Positive opinions changed to no opinions:

<i>Lynx rufus</i>	Mexico
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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) Positive opinion for import of specimens of the following species / countries combinations:

<i>Oxypora lacera</i>	Tonga
<i>Kinixys belliana</i>	Mali
<i>Python regius</i>	Ghana (W)

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

<i>Pseudalopex griseus</i>	Argentina
<i>Pseudalopex griseus</i>	Chile
<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	Canada
<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	United States
<i>Lynx rufus</i>	Canada
<i>Lynx rufus</i>	United States
<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>	Namibia
<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>	South Africa
<i>Tupinambis merianae</i>	Argentina
<i>Python brongersmai</i>	Indonesia
<i>Canis lupus</i>	Kazakhstan (hunting trophies)
<i>Python regius</i>	Ghana (R)

6) *Swietenia macrophylla* / Peru

On mahogany from Peru, the SRG will continue the approach 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. The SRG concluded that only a part of Peru's export quota for 2007 is of checked and approved management plans and only this timber can be allowed for import. Further information would be requested from Peru, re-issuing the importance of controlling that exports originate from these verified concessions and sustainable sources only.

7) *Gonystylus* spp. / Malaysia

The SRG re-iterated its serious concerns about the conservation status and the level of export quota of ramin from Malaysia (for both Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah). In absence of the requested information on the quota establishment and the non-detriment findings, the SRG concluded to a negative opinion for imports of this species. Malaysia will be urged again to provide this information.

8) Export quotas 2007

The export quotas 2007 would be analysed by the SRG as soon as they are published, while at the same time concerns were raised on the level of caviar quotas. Further information will be requested to analyse these quotas, particularly of sturgeon stocks of the Caspian Sea and the Amur River.

