

**SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 41ST MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹
14 SEPTEMBER 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>Eguchipsammia fistula</i>	Indonesia
<i>Heliofungia actiniformis</i>	Indonesia
<i>Ornithoptera urvillianus</i>	Solomon Islands (R)
<i>Ornithoptera victoriae</i>	Solomon Islands (R)
<i>Varanus ornatus</i>	Togo (W, R)

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

<i>Gonystylus</i> spp.	Malaysia (Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah)
<i>Prunus africana</i>	Cameroon
<i>Python brongersmai</i>	Malaysia

3) Confirmation of current suspensions as listed in EC Reg. No. 1037/2007

<i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>	China (Macao only)
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	China
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	India
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Singapore

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

<i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>	Malaysia
<i>Caiman crocodilus crocodilus</i>	Colombia
<i>Caiman crocodilus crocodilus</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.

<i>Caiman crocodilus crocodilus</i>	Ecuador
<i>Caiman crocodilus crocodilus</i>	Peru
<i>Caiman crocodilus crocodilus</i>	Trinidad and Tobago
<i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, China (Hong Kong), India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Singapore, Taiwan (POC), Thailand, and Viet Nam
<i>Python regius</i>	Ghana (W, R) (see note 7)
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Peru (confirmed) All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Bangladesh
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Brunei Darussalam
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Cambodia
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Lao People's Democratic Republic
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Myanmar
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Philippines
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Sri Lanka
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Thailand
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Viet Nam

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

<i>Acropora formosa</i>	Indonesia
<i>Acropora horrida</i>	Indonesia
<i>Acropora humilis</i>	Indonesia (confirmed)
<i>Acropora hyacinthus</i>	Indonesia
<i>Acropora jacquelineae</i>	Indonesia
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	USA (confirmed)
<i>Blastomussa wellsi</i>	Australia
<i>Caiman crocodilus crocodilus</i>	Guyana
<i>Caiman crocodilus crocodilus</i>	Surinam (confirmed)
<i>Caiman crocodilus crocodilus</i>	Venezuela
<i>Caulastraea tumida</i>	Indonesia
<i>Cyathea contaminans</i>	Indonesia
<i>Cyclamen coum</i>	Turkey
<i>Cyphastrea decadia</i>	Indonesia *
<i>Duncanopsammia axifuga</i>	Australia
<i>Euphorbia antisiphilitica</i>	Mexico
<i>Euphyllia glabrescens</i>	Indonesia (confirmed)
<i>Galaxea fascicularis</i>	Indonesia
<i>Goniopora minor</i>	Indonesia
<i>Goniopora stokesi</i>	Indonesia
<i>Gonystylus spp.</i>	Malaysia (Sarawak)
<i>Lobophyllia hemprichii</i>	Indonesia

<i>Naja sputatrix</i>	Indonesia
<i>Pocillopora damicornis</i>	Indonesia (confirmed)
<i>Porites cylindrica</i>	Indonesia *
<i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>	China (except Macao and Hong Kong)
<i>Python regius</i>	Togo (W, R) (confirmed)
<i>Python reticulatus</i>	Indonesia (confirmed)
<i>Strombus gigas</i>	Colombia (confirmed)
<i>Turbinaria mesenterina</i>	Indonesia
<i>Turbinaria peltata</i>	Indonesia
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Indonesia (confirmed)
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Malaysia (confirmed)

* please note that Indonesia has at this stage not published export quota for Wild specimens of this species for 2007, so the decision in paragraph 6) on corals from Indonesia applies.

- 6) **Corals / Indonesia:** The SRG welcomed the information of Indonesia on the published export quotas for both Wild and Mariculture specimens of corals. It was noted however that still discrepancies occur between export quota indicated on export permits and those published by Indonesia. The SRG recommends therefore to the Committee that import applications of coral species for which no export quota have been published on the CITES website should be refused on basis of Art. 4.1(e) of Council Regulation (EC) N° 338/97 until Indonesia clarifies the status of these exports.
- 7) ***Python regius* / Ghana:** The SRG noted with concern that Ghana has exceeded for several years their export quota for both Wild and Ranched specimens. Further import applications should therefore be refused on basis of Art. 4.1(e) of Council Regulation (EC) N° 338/97 until Ghana has amended the export quotas on their permits to reflect the actual allowed exports.
- 8) ***Geochelone pardalis* (C) – Zambia:** The SRG confirmed the positive opinion for imports of captive bred specimens of this species from two breeding facilities. Only applications for imports from new breeding facilities have to be referred to the SRG.
- 9) ***Swietenia macrophylla* / Peru:** Following the outcome of the 55th CITES Standing Committee meeting, the SRG noted that Peru has now reduced its export quota published on the CITES website to 4.983 m3. The SRG agreed to follow closely further developments in the country, in particular with regard to the control and verification of the mahogany concessions. For imports of this species, it retained the opinion that all applications are to be referred to the SRG in order to assess the legality and sustainability of the shipments on a case-by-case basis in consultation with Peru.
- 10) ***Gonystylus* spp. / Malaysia:** Based on information received from Malaysia, the SRG agreed to a positive opinion for imports from Sarawak, in the understanding that in 2008, export quota will be lower and set only on the basis of legal and sustainable harvest without inclusion of old stocks. The SRG retained its negative opinion for imports of Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah,

pending further clarification on the non detriment findings and forest inventories used for calculation of the quota.

- 11) **New Suspensions Regulation:** The latest [Suspensions Regulation \(EC\) N° 1037/2007 of 29 August 2007](#) has been published in the Official Journal L 238 of 11 September 2007.
- 12) **Amendments of the Annexes to Council Regulation (EC) N° 338/97 following CoP 14:** The SRG recommended to reflect the CITES CoP14 decisions in the annexes of Regulation 338/97, including the nomenclature changes and alphabetical rearrangement in the orders. It also recommended to include earlier amendments in Appendix III and previous SRG recommendations not yet reflected in the Annexes. Following CoP14 decisions to collect trade data, it also recommended to include *Dalbergia granadillo*, *Dalbergia retusa*, *Dalbergia stevensonii*, *Cedrela* species as well as *Pterapogon kauderni* in Annex D, while inclusion of other aquatic ornamental species in Annex D would be considered after the consultation process with stakeholders.