

**SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 43RD MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹
29 FEBRUARY 2008**

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>Bradypodion fischeri</i>	Tanzania
<i>Cordylus tropidosternum</i>	Tanzania
<i>Prunus africana</i>	Tanzania
<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	Tanzania

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

<i>Prunus africana</i>	Cameroon
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3) No opinion for import of specimens of the following species / countries combinations

<i>Aeranthus henrici</i>	Madagascar (W) *
<i>Angraecum praestans</i>	Madagascar (W) *
<i>Angraecum protensum</i>	Madagascar (W) *
<i>Eulophiella elisabethae</i>	Madagascar (W) *
<i>Eulophiella roempleriana</i>	Madagascar (W) *
<i>Grammangis ellisii</i>	Madagascar (W) *
<i>Prunus africana</i>	All range States except range states with negative opinion in place (Cameroon and Tanzania) Applications from all range States (except Cameroon and Tanzania (neg. op.) to be referred to SRG (see par. 10)
<i>Huso dauricus</i>	China (W) All applications to be referred to SRG

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>Huso dauricus</i>	Russia (W) All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Acipenser schrenckii</i>	China (W) All applications to be referred to SRG
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<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Greenland ** All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	Tanzania All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>	Tanzania All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Canis lupus</i>	Serbia (hunting trophies)
<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>	Australia

* Madagascar states no exports of Wild specimens will occur; for artificial propagation specimens, customs should check the correctness of the propagation claim

** Greenland decided to ban exports of polar bear products temporarily

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

<i>Python reticulatus</i>	Indonesia (confirmed)
<i>Naja sputatrix</i>	Indonesia (confirmed)
<i>Varanus salvator</i>	Indonesia (confirmed)
<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	Mali (quota of 20 specimens)
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Tanzania
<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	Tanzania (confirmed)
<i>Phelsuma dubia</i>	Tanzania (confirmed)
<i>Bradypodion tavetanum</i>	Tanzania (confirmed)
<i>Chamaeleo bitaeniatus</i>	Tanzania (confirmed)
<i>Chamaeleo dilepis</i>	Tanzania (confirmed)
<i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	Tanzania
<i>Chamaeleo melleri</i>	Tanzania (confirmed)
<i>Chamaeleo rudis</i>	Tanzania (confirmed)
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Tanzania (confirmed)
<i>Ravenea rivularis</i>	Madagascar
<i>Python regius</i>	Ghana (R) (see par. 7)
<i>Testudo horsfieldii</i>	Tajikistan (see par. 8)

- 5) **Gonystylus spp. / Malaysia:** The SRG accepted the carry over of 2007 stocks in addition to the 2008 quota as an exceptional case for the year 2008 only.
- 6) **Geochelone sulcata / Mali:** The SRG agreed to the import from one specific breeder in that country of 390 specimens coming out of older stocks that existed already before the size limit of 15 cm carapax length came into effect. All other applications should follow the <15 cm size rule.
- 7) **Reptiles from Benin, Togo and Ghana:** The SRG agreed to maintain the current opinions in place. For *Python regius* (R) from Ghana a positive opinion

was concluded on the basis of a 2008 export quota of 50.000 specimens (currently used by Ghana on the export permits).

- 8) ***Testudo horsfieldii* / Ukraine + Tajikistan:** The SRG agreed to accept source code "C" and "F" for three breeding facilities in Ukraine and to accept exports of "W" from Tajikistan based on the published annual quota of 17.000 specimens, including re-exports through Ukraine, but would nevertheless notify the Committee on this issue.
- 9) ***Haliaeetus pelagicus* (C) / Kazakhstan:** The SRG agreed to accept source code "C" for four birds, but any future application have to be considered on a case by case basis and referred to the SRG.
- 10) ***Prunus Africana* / Uganda:** The SRG agreed to the import of one specific shipment.
- 11) ***Sagittarius serpentarius* and *Torgos tracheliotus* / Tanzania:** The SRG agreed to accept one application and decided that all applications have to be referred to the SRG.
- 12) ***Euphyllia paraancora* (W*) / Indonesia (mariculture source):** The SRG confirmed that negative opinions in place for wild corals from Indonesia would not apply to corals of mariculture source.
- 13) ***Scleractinia* substrate:** The SRG agreed that applications for *Scleractinia* substrate should be considered in accordance with the EU interpretation of fossil corals (Note D(2006) 3585; CITES Notification 2006/063 and Doc. AC22 Inf.8). Australia will be requested to submit information on their quota to the CITES Secretariat.