

**SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 44TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹
26 MAY 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>Ursus arctos</i>	Kazakhstan (Hunting trophies)
<i>Kinixys erosa</i>	Togo (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>Prunus africana</i>	Cameroon
<i>Prunus africana</i>	Tanzania

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

<i>Canis lupus</i>	Serbia (Hunting trophies) (confirmed) All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Greenland (confirmed) ** All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	Tanzania All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Ptyas mucosus</i>	Thailand
<i>Cyclamen coum</i>	Georgia All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Prunus africana</i>	Madagascar (confirmed) All applications to be referred to SRG

** Greenland had decided to ban exports of polar bear products temporarily as of 1 April 2008

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>Crocodylus novaeguineae</i> <i>novaeguineae</i>	Papua New Guinea
<i>Bradypodion fischeri</i>	Tanzania
<i>Cordylus tropidosternum</i>	Tanzania
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Chad (confirmed)
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Mali
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Sudan
<i>Polyodon spathula</i>	United States (confirmed)
<i>Galanthus elwesii</i>	Turkey (confirmed)
<i>Galanthus woronowii</i>	Georgia (confirmed)
<i>Galanthus woronowii</i>	Turkey (confirmed)
<i>Euphorbia antisiphilitica</i>	Mexico (confirmed)
<i>Pericopsis elata</i>	Democratic Republic of the Congo
<i>Cyclamen cilicium</i>	Turkey
<i>Cyclamen coum</i>	Turkey (confirmed)
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Turkey

- 5) ***Prunus africana* / Madagascar** (origin Cameroon): The SRG agreed to the import of two specific shipments.
- 6) ***Ursus maritimus* / Greenland**: The SRG decided negatively to one specific import application.
- 7) ***Haliaeetus pelagicus* (C) / Kazakhstan**: The SRG agreed to accept source code "C" in general for one breeding facility in Kazakhstan. Any future applications, if occurring, should be considered by the national Scientific Authorities and only be brought to the SRG if substantial changes have been noted.
- 8) The SRG reviewed the trade in non-CITES **amphibian species** and recommended that the Commission would include the following species to Annex D of Council Regulation 338/97 on the occasion of a future revision of the annexes in order to monitor trade levels in these species in the case no further trade data would be readily available through other means:

- *Limnonectes macrodon*
- *Rana shqiperic*
- *Bolitoglossa dofleini*
- *Leptodactylus laticeps*
- *Pachytriton labiatus*
- *Paramesotriton hongkongensis*
- *Phyllomedusa sauvagii*

The SRG recommended that the genus *Neurergus* spp. would require regulation of trade under CITES and requested the Commission to contact the range states to co-operate on this matter.

- 9) The SRG recommended that the Commission would include *Corallium elatius*, *C. japonicum*, *C. konjoi* and *C. secundum*, listed in Appendix III by China, in Annex C of Council Regulation 338/97 on the occasion of a future revision of the annexes.