

Endangered Species Advisory Committee

Report on the 18th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES

Purpose

This paper is to give a brief report on the outcomes of the 18th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) for the information of members.

Introduction

2. Parties to CITES meet every two to three years to review the listing of endangered species in its Appendices and discuss matters related to the implementation of CITES. CoP18 was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 17 to 28 August 2019. About 1,700 participants representing governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and the media attended the meeting. Three officers from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department attended the meeting as members of the delegation of the People's Republic of China.

3. The conference considered 107 agenda items covering a wide range of topics, including financial, strategic and administrative matters, reports and recommendations from the CITES committees, implementation of CITES, enforcement matters, species trade and conservation issues, and 57 proposals to amend the CITES Appendices and the associated annotations. The listing proposals must be adopted by consensus, or otherwise, by a vote of two-thirds majority of the Parties present. Consensus was reached for most proposals but some controversial ones had to be put to a vote after heated debates. For example, Parties held divergent views and spent much time on deliberation on the proposed listing of shark and ray species, the proposals on Southern white rhino and African elephant, and decisions had to be made by voting.

4. The adopted proposals to amend CITES Appendices and annotations are summarized at **Annex 1**. The paragraphs below briefly described the adopted listing proposals.

Listing Proposals on Fauna

5. There were 48 proposals concerning fauna and 39 of them were adopted at the meeting. Among the species of which there is a considerable level of pet trade in Hong Kong, leopard geckos, Grandidier's Madagascar ground gecko, spiny-tailed iguanas, warty newts, crocodile newts and ornamental spiders have been added to Appendix II. International trade in the newly listed species in Appendix II would still be allowed under licensing control. The listing of species such as pygmy lizards in Appendix I, as well as uplisting of species such as Indian star tortoise, pancake tortoise and Annam pond turtle from Appendix II to Appendix I, would prohibit their international trade for primarily commercial purposes.

6. As in previous CoPs, there were heated debates over the listing proposals of sharks, rays and sea cucumbers. Supporting Parties emphasized the vulnerability of the species and the urgent need to regulate the trade, while the opposing Parties queried the conservation status of the species and raised concerns over the difficulties in implementing the listing. Continuing the trend of using CITES to promote sustainable commercial fisheries, the conference decided to add 18 more species of sharks and rays, as well as three more species of sea cucumbers, to Appendix II.

7. Besides, the conference has decided to impose licensing control over tokay gecko which is commonly found in traditional Chinese medicines (TCM) by adding it to Appendix II. The commercial export of wild saigas will also be banned by adding an annotation of its current Appendix II listing. The horns of saiga are used in TCM.

8. The current trade volume of other newly listed animal species is insignificant, and the adopted proposals would unlikely to have a significant impact on the trade. An example is giraffes, which have declined significantly due to habitat loss and other pressures, to Appendix II.

9. On the issues of African elephant, the conference did not accept proposals to permit limited trade in ivory from African elephants, which means that the existing international trade ban on ivory imposed by CITES remains in place.

Listing Proposals on Flora

10. Among the nine proposals on plants, seven of them were adopted, one was rejected and one was withdrawn by the proposing Party. Four of the adopted proposals were to amend the annotations to existing listed species, of which the one on *Dalbergia* spp. and three *Guibourtia* species is believed to have a significant impact on the trade as musical instruments

made of these species, which are traded in large volume, will be exempted from the control. In addition, three new timber taxa, namely the Mulanje Cedar, the African padauk and *Cedrela* spp. will be added to Appendix II. There is limited information on the trade volume of these species in Hong Kong, but as the Mainland is known to be one of the major markets for the African padauk and *Cedrela* spp., it is likely to have some impact on transshipments of timber of these species in Hong Kong.

Resolutions

11. At the conference, Parties revised Resolutions in relation to the implementation and application of CITES. The interpretation of some of the terms, such as “appropriate and acceptable destinations” and “pre-Convention” will be revised to reflect the intent of the control more accurately. In recognition of the diverse production systems involving different degrees of human intervention, and hence different levels of impact on wild populations, the definition of “artificial propagation” will be refined and a new source code “Y” will be created to distinguish plants obtained through assisted production from wild sourced and artificially propagated plants.

Way forward

12. To meet the obligations of CITES, the Schedules to the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance, Cap. 586 (“the Ordinance”) will need to be amended to give effect to the changes as adopted at CoP18.

13. In addition, there have been changes to the listing of endangered species in Appendix III since the last legislative amendment (**Annex 2**). We will take the opportunity to incorporate these changes in the Ordinance accordingly.

14. Same as at previous CoPs, more species were listed in CITES Appendices at CoP18 and these newly listed species will be subject to control. Significant workload associated with inspections of relevant shipments and issuance of licences would be generated as a result of the new controls, in particular those on sharks and rays due to the large volume of shark fin trade. Adequate staff training, enhanced enforcement efforts, increased publicity and close liaison works with traders will be conducted.

Consultation

15. The relevant trades were consulted on the possible listing of the species in CITES Appendices in May 2019 before CoP18. They did not have objection to the possible new

control on the understanding that such control is required under CITES. We would keep in contact with relevant stakeholders in the process of legislative amendments.

Advice sought

16. Members are invited to express their views and comments on the issues stated above.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
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獲第 18 屆締約方大會通過的《公約》附錄 I 及 II 的修訂*
Amendments to Appendices I and II of CITES Adopted in CoP18*

(參考：《公約》通知2019/052號)

(Reference: CITES Notification: No. 2019/052)

* 所有物種名稱、註釋和備註謹供參考，以將提交立法會法例的版本為準。

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A. 列入附錄 I Inclusion in Appendix I	
物種 Species	俗稱 (只供參考) Common Name (for reference only)
<i>Ceratophora erdeleni</i>	埃氏角吻蜥 Erdelen's horn lizard
<i>Ceratophora karu</i>	卡魯角吻蜥 Karunaratne's (horn) lizard
<i>Ceratophora tennentii</i>	山地角吻蜥 Leaf-nosed lizard
<i>Cophotis ceylanica</i>	斯里蘭卡卷尾蜥 Pygmy lizard
<i>Cophotis dumbara</i>	敦巴拉卷尾蜥 Knuckles pygmy lizard
<i>Gonatodes daudini</i>	聯盟島守宮/ 僅就膝虎 Grenadines clawed gecko
<i>Achillides chikae hermeli</i>	呂宋翠鳳蝶 Mindoro peacock swallowtail
<i>Parides burchellanus</i>	布爾番鳳蝶 Riverside swallowtail

B. 列入附錄 II Inclusion in Appendix II	
物種 Species	俗稱 (只供參考) Common Name (for reference only)
<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	長頸鹿 Giraffe
<i>Syrmaticus reevesii</i>	白冠長尾雉 Reeves's pheasant
<i>Ceratophora aspera</i> ¹	粗糙角吻蜥 Rough-nosed horn lizard
<i>Ceratophora stoddartii</i> ¹	錫蘭角吻蜥 Rhino-horn lizard
<i>Lyriocephalus scutatus</i> ¹	琴頭蜥 Hump-nosed lizard
<i>Goniurosaurus</i> spp. ²	臉虎屬所有種 Leopard geckos
<i>Gekko gekko</i>	大壁虎 Tokay gecko
<i>Paroedura androyensis</i>	松果尾守宮 Grandidier's Madagascar ground gecko
<i>Ctenosaura</i> spp.	刺尾鬣蜥屬所有種 Spiny-tailed iguanas
<i>Pseudocerastes urarachnoides</i>	蛛尾擬角蝰 Spider-tailed horned viper
<i>Echinotriton chinhaiensis</i>	鎮海棘蜥 Chinhai spiny newt
<i>Echinotriton maxiquadratus</i>	高山棘蜥 Mountain spiny newt
<i>Paramesotriton</i> spp.	瘰蜥屬所有種 Warty newts

<i>Tylototriton</i> spp.	疣螈屬所有種 Crocodile newts
<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	尖吻鯖鯊 Shortfin mako shark
<i>Isurus paucus</i>	長鰭鯖鯊 Longfin mako shark
<i>Glaucostegus</i> spp.	顆粒琵琶鱗屬所有種/銀蓋銼鱸屬所有種 Guitarfishes
Rhinidae spp.	鬻頭鱗科所有種 Wedgefishes
<i>Holothuria fuscogilva</i> ³	白乳參 White teatfish
<i>Holothuria nobilis</i> ³	黑乳海參 Black teatfish
<i>Holothuria whitmaei</i> ³	黑乳海參 Black teatfish
<i>Poecilotheria</i> spp.	華麗雨林屬所有種 Ornamental spiders
<i>Widdringtonia whytei</i>	尼亞薩香柏 Mulanje Cedar
<i>Pterocarpus tinctorius</i> ⁴	染料紫檀 African padauk
<i>Cedrela</i> spp. ^{3, 4, 5, 6}	洋椿屬所有種 Cedars

備註 Remarks

- 作商業目的之野生標本，出口限額為零。
Zero quota for wild specimens for commercial purposes.
- 除日本本土種。
Except the species native to Japan.
- 生效日期延遲 12 個月，直至 2020 年 8 月 28 日。
Entry into effect delayed by 12 months, i.e. until 28 August 2020.
- 指定原木、鋸材、面板和夾板。
Designates logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets and plywood.
- 新熱帶種群。
Populations of Neotropics.
- 巴西洋椿(*Cedrela fissilis*)、阿根廷洋椿(*Cedrela lilloi*)及煙洋椿(*Cedrela odorata*)由附錄 III 轉入。
Cedrela fissilis, *Cedrela lilloi* and *Cedrela odorata* are transferred from Appendix III.

C. 由附錄 I 轉入附錄 II Transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II	
物種 Species	俗稱 (只供參考) Common Name (for reference only)
<i>Vicugna vicugna</i> ¹	小羊駝 Vicuña
<i>Leporillus conditor</i>	刺巢鼠 Greater stick-nest rat
<i>Pseudomys fieldi</i> ²	費氏擬鼠鯊灣亞種 Shark Bay mouse
<i>Xeromys myoides</i>	偽沼鼠 False swamp rat
<i>Zyomys pedunculatus</i>	中澳白尾鼠 Central rock rat
<i>Dasyornis broadbenti litoralis</i>	短翅刺鶯西澳亞種 Lesser rufous bristlebird
<i>Dasyornis longirostris</i>	西刺鶯 Long-billed bristlebird

<i>Crocodylus acutus</i> ³	窄吻鱷 American crocodile
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備註 Remarks

1. 阿根廷薩爾塔省種群，附《公約》附錄註明 1。
Population of the Province of Salta (Argentina) with annotation 1 to CITES Appendices.
2. 先前以 *Pseudomys fieldi praecornis* 列入附錄 I。
Previously listed as *Pseudomys fieldi praecornis* in Appendix I.
3. 作商業目的之墨西哥種群野生標本，出口限額為零。
Population of Mexico with a zero export quota for wild specimens for commercial purposes.

D. 由附錄 II 轉入附錄 I Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	
物種 Species	俗稱 (只供參考) Common Name (for reference only)
<i>Aonyx cinerea</i>	亞洲小爪水獺 Small-clawed otter
<i>Lutrogale perspicillata</i>	江獺 Smooth-coated otter
<i>Balearica pavonina</i>	黑冕鶴 Black crowned-crane
<i>Cuora bourreti</i>	布氏閉殼龜 Bourret's box turtle
<i>Cuora picturata</i>	圖紋閉殼龜 Vietnamese box turtle
<i>Mauremys annamensis</i>	安南龜 Annam leaf turtle
<i>Geochelone elegans</i>	印度星龜 Star tortoise
<i>Malacochersus tornieri</i>	餅乾龜 Pancake tortoise

E. 注釋修訂 Amendments to Annotations		
物種 Species	俗稱(只供參考) Common Name (for reference only)	修訂(以英文為準) Amendments (The English version shall prevail)
<i>Saiga borealis</i> , <i>Saiga tatarica</i>	賽加羚羊、蒙古賽加羚羊 Saiga, Mongolian saiga	加入以下注釋「作商業目的之野生標本，出口限額為零」。 The following annotation (a zero export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes) was included.
<i>Vicugna vicugna</i>	小羊駝 Vicuña	智利種群的名稱由「普美拉地區的種群」改為「塔拉帕卡地區和阿里卡及帕裡納科塔地區」。 The name of the population of Chile was amended from “population of the Primera Región” to “populations of the region of

		Tarapacá and of the region of Arica and Parinacota”.
<i>Dalbergia</i> spp., <i>Guibourtia demeusei</i> , <i>Guibourtia pellegriniana</i> , <i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i>	黃檀屬所有種、德米古夷蘇木、佩萊古夷蘇木、特氏古夷蘇木 Rosewoods, Palisanders and Bubingas	修改對附錄 II 有關黃檀屬所有種、德米古夷蘇木、佩萊古夷蘇木、特氏古夷蘇木 (<i>Dalbergia</i> spp., <i>Guibourtia demeusei</i> , <i>Guibourtia pellegriniana</i> , <i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i>) 的注釋#15 如下： 「所有部分及衍生物，但下述項目除外： a) 葉片、花、花粉、果實和種子； b) 每一付運批次所列木材物種含量總重量不超過 10 公斤的製成品； c) 樂器成品、樂器部件成品及樂器配件成品； d) 就 <i>Dalbergia cochinchinensis</i> <交趾黃檀> 而言—注釋#4 所涵蓋的部分及衍生物；及 e) 就源自墨西哥及自墨西哥出口的 <i>Dalbergia</i> spp. <黃檀屬所有種> 而言—注釋#6 所涵蓋的部分及衍生物。」 Amendment of annotation #15 to the listings of <i>Dalbergia</i> spp., <i>Guibourtia demeusei</i> , <i>Guibourtia pellegriniana</i> , <i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i> in Appendix II to read as follows: “All parts and derivatives, except: a) leaves, flowers, pollen, fruits, and seeds; b) finished products to a maximum weight of wood of the listed species of up to 10 kg per shipment; c) finished musical instruments, finished musical instrument parts and finished musical instrument accessories; d) parts and derivatives of <i>Dalbergia cochinchinensis</i> , which are covered by annotation # 4; e) parts and derivatives of <i>Dalbergia</i> spp.

		originating and exported from Mexico, which are covered by annotation # 6.”
<i>Pericopsis elata</i>	高大花檀 African rosewood	以注釋#17 取代對附錄 II 有關高大花檀 (<i>Pericopsis elata</i>) 的注釋#5，如下： 「原木、鋸材、面板、膠合板及加工木材。」 Replacement of annotation #5 to the listing of <i>Pericopsis elata</i> in Appendix II with annotation #17 to read as follows: "Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, and transformed wood."
<i>Aloe ferox</i>	青鱷蘆薈 Bitter aloe	對附錄 II 有關蘆薈屬所有種 (<i>Aloe spp.</i>) 的注釋#4 第 f)段加入青鱷蘆薈，如下： 「f) 經包裝並隨時可供零售貿易的 <i>Aloe ferox</i> <青鱷蘆薈> 及 <i>Euphorbia antisiphilitica</i> <蠟大戟> 製成品。」 Amendment of paragraph f) of annotation #4 to the listing of <i>Aloe spp.</i> in Appendix II to include <i>Aloe ferox</i> to read as follows: “f) finished products of <u><i>Aloe ferox</i></u> and <u><i>Euphorbia antisiphilitica</i></u> packaged and ready for retail trade."
<i>Adansonia grandidieri</i>	格氏猴麵包樹 Grandidier's baobab	修改附錄 II 有關格氏猴麵包樹(<i>Adansonia grandidieri</i>) 的注釋#16 如下： 「種子、果實及油」 Amendment of annotation #16 to the listing of <i>Adansonia grandidieri</i> to read as follows: “Seeds, fruits and oils”

Amendments to Appendix III of CITES *

《公約》附錄 III 的修訂 *

A. 列入附錄 III Inclusion in Appendix III			
物種 Species	俗稱 (只供參考) Common Name (for reference only)	提議國 Proponent(s)	《公約》通知 CITES Notification
<i>Anolis agueroi</i>	安樂蜥 Cabo Cruz bearded anole	古巴 Cuba	No. 2019/047
<i>Anolis baracoae</i>	安樂蜥 Baracoa anole		
<i>Anolis barbatus</i>	安樂蜥 Western bearded anole		
<i>Anolis chamaeleonides</i>	安樂蜥 Short-bearded anole		
<i>Anolis equestris</i>	安樂蜥 Knight anole		
<i>Anolis guamuhaya</i>	安樂蜥 Escambray bearded anole		
<i>Anolis luteogularis</i>	安樂蜥 Western giant anole		
<i>Anolis pigmaequestris</i>	安樂蜥 Cayko Frances anole		
<i>Anolis porcus</i>	安樂蜥 Oriente bearded anole		
<i>Sphaerodactylus armasi</i>	侏儒壁虎 Guantanamo coastal gecko		
<i>Sphaerodactylus celicara</i>	侏儒壁虎 Baracoan eyespot sphaero		
<i>Sphaerodactylus dimorphicus</i>	侏儒壁虎 Santiago de Cuba least gecko		
<i>Sphaerodactylus intermedius</i>	侏儒壁虎 Mantanzas least gecko		
<i>Sphaerodactylus nigropunctatus alayoi</i>	侏儒壁虎 Black-spotted least gecko		
<i>Sphaerodactylus nigropunctatus granti</i>	侏儒壁虎 Black-spotted least gecko		
<i>Sphaerodactylus nigropunctatus lissodesmus</i>	侏儒壁虎 Black-spotted least gecko		

Remarks 附註

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<i>Sphaerodactylus nigropunctatus ocujal</i>	侏儒壁虎 Black-spotted least gecko		
<i>Sphaerodactylus nigropunctatus strategus</i>	侏儒壁虎 Black-spotted least gecko		
<i>Sphaerodactylus notatus atactus</i>	侏儒壁虎 Reef gecko		
<i>Sphaerodactylus oliveri</i>	侏儒壁虎 Juventud least gecko		
<i>Sphaerodactylus pimienta</i>	侏儒壁虎 Cuban pepper sphaero		
<i>Sphaerodactylus ruibali</i>	侏儒壁虎 Ruibal's least gecko		
<i>Sphaerodactylus siboney</i>	侏儒壁虎 Siboney gray-headed geckolet		
<i>Sphaerodactylus torrei</i>	侏儒壁虎 Cuban broad-banded geckolet		

B. 從附錄 III 中刪除 Deletion from Appendix III			
物種 Species	俗稱 (只供參考) Common Name (for reference only)	提議國 Proponent(s)	《公約》通知 CITES Notification
<i>Galictis vittata</i>	南美麩鼬 Greater grison	哥斯達黎加 Costa Rica	No. 2019/047
<i>Bassaricyon gabbii</i>	加氏犬浣熊 Bushy-tailed olingo		
<i>Bassariscus sumichrasti</i>	中美蓬尾浣熊 Central American cacomistle		
<i>Cabassous centralis</i>	五趾裸尾犛犛 Northern naked-tailed armadillo		
<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	霍氏樹懶 Hoffmann's two-toed sloth		
<i>Sciurus deppei</i>	德氏松鼠 Deppe's squirrel		
<i>Crax rubra</i>	大鳳冠雉 Great curassow		
<i>Cedrela fissilis</i> ^{1,2}	劈裂洋椿、巴西洋椿	巴西；多民族玻利維亞國 Brazil; Plurinational State of Bolivia	No. 2019/052
<i>Cedrela lilloi</i> ^{1,2}	阿根廷洋椿	巴西；多民族玻利維亞國 Brazil;	

		Plurinational State of Bolivia	
<i>Cedrela odorata</i> ^{1,2}	煙洋椿	巴西；多民族 玻利維亞 國；哥倫比亞 種群(哥倫比 亞)；危地馬 拉種群(危地 馬拉)；秘魯 種群(秘魯) Brazil; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Population of Colombia (Colombia); Population of Guatemala (Guatemala); Population of Peru (Peru)	

Remarks 備註:

1. 指定原木、鋸材和面板。
Designates logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets.
2. 轉入附錄 II。
Transferred to Appendix II.