SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 73RD MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹ 15 SEPTEMBER 2015

The SRG took the following decisions² under Articles 4.1(a)(i) and 4.2(a) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97:

1) Negative opinions³ for import of specimens from the following species / country combinations:

Uroplatus guentheri	Madagascar ⁴
Uroplatus pietschmanni	Madagascar ⁴
Mantella bernhardi	Madagascar ⁴
Mantella expectata	Madagascar ⁴
Pericopsis elata	Democratic Republic of the Congo
	(transitional quota of 31 763 m³ (round wood
	equivalent))

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

Loxodonta africana	Mozambique (Hunting trophies)
Loxodonta africana	Tanzania (Hunting trophies)
Anguilla anguilla	All range states

3) Confirmation of current prohibitions as listed in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/736

Trigonoceps occipitalis	Côte d'Ivoire
Psittacus erithacus	Liberia
Psittacus erithacus timneh	Guinea-Bissau
Mantella crocea	Madagascar
Mantella viridis	Madagascar
Pachypodium inopinatum	Madagascar
Pachypodium rosulatum	Madagascar
Euphorbia guillauminiana	Madagascar

It is understood that the above opinions are also those of each Member State's 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 (EC) No 338/97. These opinions will remain valid unless or until circumstances related to the trade or conservation status of the species change significantly.

Unless specifically stated otherwise, all decisions relate to wild specimens.

Recommendation based on the following guidelines: The species is in trade or is likely to be in trade, and introduction to the Union 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.

The decision will come into effect when this species / country combination will be removed from the Suspension Regulation.

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

Rationale for the "no opinion":

- i) No trade anticipated: The species is not currently (or is only rarely) in trade, and no significant trade in relation to the conservation status of the species is anticipated
- ii) Decision deferred: There are insufficient data on the species.
- iii) All applications to be referred to SRG: The species is of sufficient conservation concern that the SRG has determined that any application must be referred to the SRG for a decision before a permit is issued or refused

Panthera leo	Mozambique iii) (including hunting trophies)
	(confirmed)
	All applications to be referred to the SRG
Panthera leo	Zambia iii) (including hunting trophies)
	(confirmed)
	All applications to be referred to the SRG
Necrosyrtes monachus	The Gambia iii) (confirmed)
	All applications to be referred to the SRG
Hieraaetus spilogaster	Tanzania iii) (confirmed)
	All applications to be referred to the SRG
Cercopithecus mona	Togo ii 4
Perodicticus potto	Togo i) 4
Poicephalus gulielmi	Côte d'Ivoire i) 4
Poicephalus robustus	Nigeria ^{i) 4}
Poicephalus robustus	Uganda 1) 4
Kinyongia fisheri	Tanzania iii)
Kinyongia tavetana	Tanzania iii)
Uromastyx dispar	Algeria i) 4
Trioceros eisentrauti	Cameroon i) 4
Phelsuma dubia	Comoros i) 4
Phelsuma laticauda	Comoros 1) 4
Uroplatus ebenaui	Madagascar iii) 4
	All applications to be referred to the SRG
Uroplatus fimbriatus	Madagascar ii) 4
Uroplatus henkeli	Madagascar iii) 4
	All applications to be referred to the SRG
Uroplatus malama	Madagascar iii) 4
	All applications to be referred to the SRG
Uroplatus phantasticus	Madagascar ii) 4
Uroplatus sameiti	Madagascar ii) 4
Uroplatus sikorae	Madagascar ii) 4
Python natalensis	Mozambique 1)
Python sebae	Mauritania i)
Stigmochelys pardalis	Mozambique ii)
Mantella milotympanum	Madagascar 1) 4
Pachypodium sofiense	Madagascar ^{i) 4}
Prunus africana	Cameroon ii) (dry bark from Mt Oshie region)

Prunus african	a	Democratic Republic of the Congo ii) (dry
		bark from Walikale, Lume and Mangurdjipa
		regions)

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

Panthera leo	Tanzania (including hunting trophies)
	(confirmed)
Felis silvestris	Ethiopia (Hunting trophies)
Loxodonta africana	Zambia (Hunting trophies)
Python regius	Togo (W, R, F) (confirmed)
Uroplatus lineatus	Madagascar ⁴
Agalychnis spurrelli	Ecuador (confirmed)
Oophaga sylvatica	Ecuador (confirmed)
Acanthastrea amakusensis	Tonga
Millepora spp.	Tonga
Pericopsis elata	Democratic Republic of the Congo (imports
	can only be accepted from the 12 forestry
	concessions for which management
	inventories were submitted by companies to
	the DRC forestry administration,
	corresponding to an overall quota of 31 905
	m³ (round wood equivalent))

6) Import prohibitions for the following species / countries combinations recommended for removal:

Cercopithecus mona	Togo
Perodicticus potto	Togo
Poicephalus gulielmi	Côte d'Ivoire
Poicephalus robustus	Nigeria
Poicephalus robustus	Uganda
Uromastyx dispar	Algeria
Trioceros eisentrauti	Cameroon
Phelsuma dubia	Comoros
Phelsuma laticauda	Comoros
Uroplatus ebenaui	Madagascar
Uroplatus fimbriatus	Madagascar
Uroplatus guentheri	Madagascar
Uroplatus henkeli	Madagascar
Uroplatus lineatus	Madagascar
Uroplatus malama	Madagascar
Uroplatus phantasticus	Madagascar
Uroplatus pietschmanni	Madagascar
Uroplatus sameiti	Madagascar
Uroplatus sikorae	Madagascar
Python natalensis	Mozambique
Python sebae	Mauritania

Stigmochelys pardalis	Mozambique
Mantella bernhardi	Madagascar
Mantella expectata	Madagascar
Mantella milotympanum	Madagascar
Pachypodium sofiense	Madagascar

7) Anguilla anguilla: Although the SRG welcomed the progress made in relation to the definition of criteria and conditions that should be used to assess whether a "non-detriment finding" could be made in the future for the species, the SRG still felt that the status of the species remained critical. It concluded therefore that it was not possible to perform a "non-detriment finding" for Anguilla anguilla, i.e. that it was not possible for the SRG to advise that the capture or collection of European eel specimens in the wild for their import into or export from the EU will not have a harmful effect on the conservation status of the species. The SRG would re-assess the situation when significant new information becomes available. The Commission would inform range states and the CITES Secretariat accordingly.