

**SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 60TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹
7 JUNE 2012**

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 / countries combinations:

<i>Manis tricuspis</i>	Guinea
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2) Confirmation of current suspensions as listed in EU Reg. No. 828/2011

<i>Panthera leo</i>	Ethiopia
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3) 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 not currently (or is only rarely) in trade, but significant trade in relation to the conservation status of the species could be anticipated.

<i>Panthera leo</i>	Benin ⁱⁱⁱ⁾
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Botswana ⁱⁱⁱ⁾
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Burkina Faso ⁱⁱⁱ⁾
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Cameroon ⁱⁱⁱ⁾
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Central African Republic ⁱⁱⁱ⁾
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Mozambique ⁱⁱⁱ⁾
<i>Panthera leo</i>	South Sudan ⁱⁱⁱ⁾
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Sudan ⁱⁱⁱ⁾
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Zambia ⁱⁱⁱ⁾
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Zimbabwe ⁱⁱⁱ⁾
<i>Homopus areolatus</i>	South Africa ⁱⁱⁱ⁾

¹ 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 338/97. These opinions will remain valid unless or until circumstances related to the trade or conservation status of the species change significantly.

² Unless specifically stated otherwise, all decisions relate to wild specimens.

³ 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.

<i>Trogonoptera brookiana</i>	Malaysia (R) ¹⁾
<i>Troides amphrysus</i>	Malaysia (R) ¹⁾
<i>Troides helena</i>	Malaysia (R) ¹⁾

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

<i>Canis lupus</i>	Kyrgystan (Hunting trophies) ⁴
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Namibia (confirmed)
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Tanzania (confirmed)
<i>Eryx tataricus</i>	Uzbekistan
<i>Trogonoptera brookiana</i>	Malaysia (W)
<i>Troides amphrysus</i>	Malaysia (W) (confirmed)
<i>Troides helena</i>	Malaysia (W) (confirmed)

5) Import suspensions for the following species / countries combinations recommended for removal:

<i>Canis lupus</i>	Kyrgyzstan
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6) SRG criteria for urgent listing of invasive species under Regulation (EC) No 338/97

Article 6 (d) of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 lays down that the Commission may establish restrictions on the introduction into the EU of species for which it has been established that their introduction into the natural environment of the EU presents an ecological threat to wild species of fauna and flora indigenous to the Union.

Pending the entry into force of the future EU strategy on invasive alien species, the SRG agreed that this provision should only be used in relation to species meeting the criteria in Article 6(d) above and which:

- are in international trade or are likely to enter international trade as live specimens, and
- are capable of establishing viable populations in the wild.

The SRG discussed whether, in addition to those criteria, the need for urgent action under the Wildlife Trade Regulation should be demonstrated to justify a listing under that Regulation before the entry into force of the EU strategy on invasive alien species. There was no consensus within the SRG whether this additional criterion was appropriate or not.

⁴ The decision will come into effect when this species / country combination will be removed from the Suspension Regulation.