

**SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 53RD MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹**
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The SRG took the following decisions² under Articles 4.1(a)(i) and 4.2(a) of Council Regulation (EC) N° 338/97:

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

<i>Ursus arctos</i>	Russian Federation (hunting trophies from all populations)
<i>Acipenser gueldenstaedtii</i>	Azerbaijan
<i>Acipenser gueldenstaedtii</i>	Iran
<i>Acipenser gueldenstaedtii</i>	Kazakhstan
<i>Acipenser gueldenstaedtii</i>	Russia
<i>Acipenser persicus</i>	Iran
<i>Acipenser stellatus</i>	Azerbaijan
<i>Acipenser stellatus</i>	Iran
<i>Acipenser stellatus</i>	Kazakhstan
<i>Acipenser stellatus</i>	Russia
<i>Huso huso</i>	Iran
<i>Huso huso</i>	Kazakhstan
<i>Huso huso</i>	Russia
<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	Tunisia – under consideration
<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	Norway – under consideration
* <i>Profelis aurata</i>	Tanzania (agreed by written procedure on 21/06/10)
* <i>Varanus spinulosus</i>	Solomon Islands (agreed by written procedure on 21/06/10)
* <i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Bolivia (agreed by written procedure on 03/08/10)

¹ Further, 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 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.

- 2) Negative opinions³ for import of specimens from the following species / countries combinations confirmed / maintained – NOT to be formalised in the Suspensions Regulation:**

<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	Algeria
<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	Morocco

- 3) Negative opinions² for import of specimens from the following species / countries combinations confirmed – to be formalised in the Suspensions Regulation:**

<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	Tanzania
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- 4) Confirmation of current suspensions as listed in EC Reg. No. 359/2009**

<i>Chamaeleo deremensis</i>	Tanzania
<i>Chamaeleo feae</i>	Equatorial Guinea
<i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	Togo (R > 8 cm)
<i>Chamaeleo werneri</i>	Tanzania
<i>Chamaeleo wiedersheimi</i>	Cameroon
<i>Varanus exanthematicus</i>	Benin (W, R)
<i>Varanus exanthematicus</i>	Togo (W, R > 35 cm)
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Benin (W, R)
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Togo (W, R)
<i>Calabaria reinhardtii</i>	Benin (R)
<i>Calabaria reinhardtii</i>	Togo (W, R)
<i>Kinixys belliana</i>	Benin (R)
<i>Kinixys belliana</i>	Mozambique
<i>Kinixys homeana</i>	Benin (W, R)
<i>Kinixys spekii</i>	Mozambique

- 5) No opinion for import of specimens of the following species / countries combinations**

<i>Hexaprotodon liberiensis</i>	Guinea ⁴ All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Mozambique (Hunting trophies)
<i>Uromastyx aegyptia</i>	Egypt ⁵
<i>Chamaeleo ellioti</i>	Burundi ⁵
<i>Chamaeleo pfefferi</i>	Cameroon ⁵
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Burundi ⁵
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Mozambique ⁵
<i>Gongylophis colubrinus</i>	Tanzania ⁵

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

<i>Aldabrachelys gigantea</i>	Seychelles ⁵ All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>	Tanzania ⁵
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Nicaragua All applications to be referred to SRG

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

<i>Galago senegalensis</i>	Guinea
<i>Chamaeleo dilepis</i>	Tanzania
<i>Chamaeleo jacksonii merumontanus</i>	Tanzania (F1)
<i>Chamaeleo melleri</i>	Tanzania
<i>Chamaeleo rufus</i>	Tanzania
<i>Cordylus tropidosternum</i>	Tanzania
<i>Phelsuma dubia</i>	Tanzania
<i>Testudo horsfieldii</i>	Uzbekistan (W, R)
<i>Euphyllia ancora</i>	Fiji
<i>Euphyllia cristata</i>	Fiji
<i>Galaxea astreata</i>	Fiji
<i>Pachyseris rugosa</i>	Fiji

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

<i>Hexaprotodon liberiensis</i>	Guinea
<i>Uromastyx aegyptia</i>	Egypt
<i>Chamaeleo ellioti</i>	Burundi
<i>Chamaeleo pfefferi</i>	Cameroon
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Burundi
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	Mozambique
<i>Gongylophis colubrinus</i>	Tanzania
<i>Aldabrachelys gigantea</i>	Seychelles
<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>	Tanzania

- 8) ***Swietenia macrophylla* / Nicaragua:** The SRG agreed to allow imports of logs of *Swietenia macrophylla* from Nicaragua that were destroyed by a hurricane in 2007. Nicaragua will be requested to provide information on the quantity of these logs with a view to establishing a monitoring mechanism. All further applications for *Swietenia macrophylla* from Nicaragua should continue to be referred to the SRG
- 9) ***Varanus yuwonoi* (F) / Indonesia:** The SRG decided not to allow imports of this species / country combination from one specific facility in Indonesia. Additional information can be obtained from the Management Authorities in the EU Member States.
- 10) ***Anguilla anguilla* - implementation of the listing:** The SRG expressed its deep concerns about the population status of the species, the current levels of fishing and a wide majority of its members was of the opinion that a regime should be

adopted whereby exports and imports of all specimens and commodities would not be allowed.