

FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

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Notification

to the Members and Signatory States of the
CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED
SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA
signed at Washington on 3 March 1973

I

RATIFICATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

Based on Article XX of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, concluded at Washington on 3 March 1973, the Republic of Panama has deposited with the Swiss Government, on 17 August 1978, its instrument of ratification of the aforementioned Convention.

According to Article XXII, Paragraph 2, of the Convention, the ratification of the Republic of Panama will take effect on 15 November 1978.

II

RESERVATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

Further to its notification of 9 January 1978 concerning the accession of the Republic of Botswana to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

of 3 March 1973, the Federal Political Department has the honour to inform the Parties that the instrument of accession of Botswana includes the following reservations, according to Article XXIII, Paragraph 2:

"The Republic of Botswana, while accepting generally Appendix I makes a reservation in the case of Crocodile*

Further,

The Republic of Botswana submits the following list of animals and their durable recognisable derivatives, for inclusion in Appendix III in accordance with Article XVI:

Night Ape	(Galago Senegalensis)
Aarowolf	(Proteles Cristatus)
Clawless Otter	(Aonyx Capensis)
Otter	(Lutra Maculicollis)
Honey Badger	(Mellivora Capensis)
Civet	(Viverra Civetta)"

* This reservation concerns the Nile Crocodile (Crocodylus niloticus).

III

WITHDRAWAL OF RESERVATIONS BY THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

By note dated 30 June 1978, received on 3 July 1978, the Britannic Majesty's Embassy at Berne has notified the Federal Political Department that, in accordance with the provisions in Article XXIII, Paragraph 3, of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora of 3 March 1973, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland withdraws the reservations made in respect of Hong Kong with regard to all species of reptilia listed in Appen-

dices I and II and to the species *elephas maximus* in Appendix I, as well as the reservation with regard to the African elephant "*loxodonta africana*" in Appendix II.

IV

WITHDRAWAL OF RESERVATIONS BY CANADA

By note dated 10 August 1978, received on the 11 of the same month, the Embassy of Canada at Berne has notified the Federal Political Department of the decision of the Canadian Government to withdraw a number of reservations entered in accordance with Article XXIII on depositing its instrument of ratification of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora of 3 March 1973.

This withdrawal of reservations concerns the following species:

<u>Balaenoptera</u>	<u>musculus</u>
<u>Megaptera</u>	<u>novaeangliae</u>
<u>Balaena</u>	<u>mysticetus</u>
<u>Eubalaena</u>	<u>spp.</u>

All other whale species for which Canada placed reservations will remain under reservation.

The present notification is made in conformity with Article XXV, Paragraph 2, of the Convention.

Berne, 29 September 1978