

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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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

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I

AMENDMENT TO THE CONVENTION ADOPTED  
BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

In accordance with Article XVII, Paragraph 1, of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, concluded at Washington on 3 March 1973, an extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties has adopted in Bonn on 22 June 1979 the following amendment to the Convention:

at the end of Article XI, Paragraph 3, sub-paragraph (a), the words ", and adopt financial provisions" shall be added.

According to Article XVII, Paragraph 3, of the Convention, the amendment shall enter into force for the Parties which shall have accepted it 60 days after two-thirds of the Parties shall have deposited an instrument of acceptance of the amendment with the Depositary Government. Thereafter, the amendment shall enter into force for any other Party 60 days after that Party shall have deposited its instrument of acceptance of the amendment.

A certified copy of the amendment in the authentic versions of the Convention (English, French, Spanish, Russian and Chinese) is transmitted with this notification.

II

RATIFICATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF BOLIVIA

Based on Article XX of the Convention, the Government of the Republic of Bolivia has deposited with the Swiss Government, on 6 July 1979, the instrument of ratification of this State to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, concluded at Washington on 3 March 1973 and signed by the Republic of Bolivia on 23 December 1974. In conformity with Article XXII, Paragraph 2, the Convention will come into force for the Republic of Bolivia on 4 October 1979.

III

ACCESSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

Based on Article XXI of the Convention, the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas has deposited with the Swiss Government, on 20 June 1979, the instrument of accession of this State to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, concluded at Washington on 3 March 1973. According to Article XXII, Paragraph 2, of the Convention, the accession of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas will take effect on 18 September 1979.

IV

RESERVATIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I  
AND II OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN  
ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA, CONCLUDED  
AT WASHINGTON ON 3 MARCH 1973, ENTERED BY THE REPUBLIC  
OF SOUTH AFRICA, CANADA, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC  
OF GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND

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1. By note of 28 June 1979, received on the same day, the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa at Berne entered on behalf of its Government, according to Article XV, Paragraph 3, of the Convention, the following reservation regarding the amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention, adopted at San José (Costa Rica) on 30 March 1979:

"The South African government wishes to make a reservation in respect of the following amendments to the Appendices of the Convention:

- 1) The inclusion of SOUSA spp. and SOTALIA spp. on Appendix I; and
  - 2) The inclusion of all other CETACEAN species on Appendix II."
2. By note of 21 June 1979, received on the 22 of the same month, the Canadian Embassy at Berne entered on behalf of its Government, according to Article XV, Paragraph 3, of the Convention, the following reservation regarding the amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention, adopted at San José (Costa Rica) on 30 March 1979:

"The Government of Canada, in accordance with the provisions of Article XXIII enters reservations for the following species which were placed in Appendices I and II at the Second General Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, San José, Costa Rica, 19-30 March 1979.

Appendix I

Sotalia spp.

Sousa spp.

Neophocaena phocaenoides

Appendix II

CETACEA spp.

Previously placed reservations on Appendix I species remain under reservation. These are:

Eschrichtius robustus (glaucus)

Balaenoptera borealis

Balaenoptera physalus

With the exception of six species (Platanista minor, Lipotes vexillifer, Phocaena sinus, Sotalia spp., Sousa spp., and Neophocaena phocaenoides) which were included in Appendix I, all whales and dolphins not presently in the Appendices were added as a group to Appendix II. In our opinion, adequate biological data, in the form of status reports, were not provided to allow for the inclusion of all these animals in the Appendices.

It is the Canadian view that the listing of entire groups of animals in the Appendices without adequate scientific and technical justification is open to criticism and may indeed weaken the impact of the Convention as it applies to those species truly in need of special protection.

The Small Cetaceans Sub-committee of the International Whaling Commission has reviewed this group of animals on a worldwide basis and has identified only three species (P. minor, L. vexillifer and P. sinus) of small cetaceans which are in need of special protection under CITES. Canadian reservations have not been placed against these three species."

3. By note of 22 June 1979, received on the 25 of the same month, the French Embassy at Berne entered on behalf of its Government, according to Article XV, Paragraph 3, of the Convention, the following reservation regarding the amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention, adopted at San José (Costa Rica) on 30 March 1979:

"Le Gouvernement de la République française se référant à la notification en date du 4 mai 1979 relative aux amendements aux annexes I et II de la Convention adoptés par la Conférence des Parties à la Convention sur le Commerce International des espèces de faune et de flore sauvages, lors de sa 2ème session, déclare qu'il formule, conformément aux dispositions du paragraphe 3 de l'article XV de ladite Convention, une réserve spéciale en ce qui concerne l'espèce suivante inscrite à l'annexe I: CROCODYLUS POROSUS (Reptilia-Crocodylia)."

4. By note of 27 June 1979, received on the same day, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany at Berne entered on behalf of its Government, according to Article XV, Paragraph 3, of the Convention, the following reservation regarding the amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention, adopted at San José (Costa Rica) on 30 March 1979:

"Die Regierung der Bundesrepublik Deutschland legt unter Bezugnahme auf das Uebereinkommen über den internationalen Handel mit gefährdeten Arten freilebender Tiere und Pflanzen vom 03. März 1973 (Washingtoner Artenschutzübereinkommen) gemäss Artikel XV Absatz 3 des genannten Uebereinkommens bei der Regierung der Schweizerischen Eidgenossenschaft als Verwahrregierung gegen die Aufnahme des Leistenkrokodils (Crocodylus Porosus) in Anhang 1 des genannten Abkommens einen Vorbehalt ein."

5. By letter of 8 June 1979, registered on 12 June 1979, the Swiss Government entered, according to Article XV, Paragraph 3, of the Convention, the following reservation regarding the amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention, adopted at San José (Costa Rica) on 30 March 1979:

"a) Après comme avant, les taxons ci-après sont traités sur la base de l'Annexe II:

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- Canis lupus (Population du Bhoutan, de l'Inde, du Népal et du Pakistan)
- Felis caracal (Population asiatique)
- Felis rubiginosa (Population de l'Inde)
- Pantholops hodgsoni

- Chlamydotis undulata
- Crocodylus acutus (Population des Etats-Unis d'Amérique)
- Crocodylus porosus (Excepté la population de Papouasie-Nouvelle Guinée)

FLORE

- Araucaria araucana (Population du Chili)
- Renanthera imschootiana
- Vanda coerulea

b) Après comme avant, les taxons ci-après sont traités comme ne tombant pas sous le coup de la Convention:

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- Ursus arctos isabellinus
- Turnix melanogaster
- Pedionomus torquatus
- Caloenas nicobarica
- Cyanoliseus patagonus byroni
- Mytilus chorus

FLORE

- Ceropegia spp.
- Frerea indica
- Byblis spp.
- Cephalotus follicularis
- Cloanthaceae spp. (Populations de l'Australie)
- Anigozanthos spp.
- Macropidia fuliginosa
- Verticordia spp.
- Banksia spp.
- Conospermum spp.
- Dryandra polycephala
- Xylomelum spp.
- Boronia spp.
- Crowea spp.
- Geleznovia verrucosa
- Pimelea physodes"

The present notification is addressed to the Governments of Signatory or Contracting States in conformity with Article XXV, Paragraph 1 and 2, of the Convention.

Berne, 30 July 1979

Enclosures:

Certified copies of the amendment of 22 June 1979 to the Convention, in the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages.