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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

ACCEPTANCE BY JAPAN

Based on Article XX of the Convention, Japan has deposited with the Swiss Government, on 6 August 1980, an instrument of acceptance of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

According to Article XXII, paragraph 2 of the Convention, the acceptance of Japan will take effect on 4 November 1980.

The instrument of acceptance of Japan includes the following reservation:

"Le Gouvernement du Japon, acceptant la Convention sur le commerce international des espèces de faune et de flore sauvages menacées d'extinction, formule des réserves spéciales, conformément à l'Article XXIII de la Convention, concernant les espèces suivantes inscrites à l'Annexe I:

Balaenoptera physalus
Moschus moschiferus
Chelonia mydas
Eretmochelys imbricata
Lepidochelys olivacea
Crocodylus porosus
Varanus bengalensis
Varanus flavescens
Varanus griseus."

Furthermore, Japan has also deposited, on 6 August 1980, an instrument of acceptance of the Amendment to Article XI, paragraph 3, sub-paragraph a) of the Convention, adopted in Bonn on 22 June 1979. This Amendment is not yet in force.

II

ACCESSION OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Based on Article XXI of the Convention, the Central African Republic has deposited with the Swiss Government, on 27 August 1980, an instrument of accession to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. According to Article XXII, Paragraph 2 of the Convention, the accession of the Central African Republic will take effect on 25 November 1980.

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

Berne, 26 September 1980