

**SHORT SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 47TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC
REVIEW GROUP ON TRADE IN WILD FAUNA AND FLORA¹
12 MARCH 2009**

The SRG took the following decisions under Articles 4.1(a)(i) and 4.2(a) of Council Regulation (EC) N° 338/97:

1) Negative opinions² for import of specimens from the following species / countries combinations:

<i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	Ghana (W)
<i>Chamaeleo senegalensis</i>	Ghana (W)
<i>Kinixys homeana</i>	Ghana (W) (confirmed)
<i>Python reticulatus</i>	Peninsular Malaysia (W) (confirmed)
<i>Tridacna crocea</i>	Solomon Islands
<i>Tridacna derasa</i>	Solomon Islands
<i>Tridacna gigas</i>	Solomon Islands
<i>Tridacna maxima</i>	Solomon Islands
<i>Tridacna squamosa</i>	Solomon Islands
<i>Scleractinia</i> spp.	Ghana
<i>Pericopsis elata</i>	Democratic Republic of the Congo
<i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i>	India (agreed by written procedure on 29/01/09)

2) Negative opinions² for import of specimens from the following species / countries combinations confirmed / maintained – NOT to be formalised in the Suspensions Regulation:

<i>Ursus arctos</i>	Kazakhstan (Hunting trophies)
<i>Pericopsis elata</i>	Congo

¹ Subject to confirmation by the Members of the Scientific Review Group. Further, it is understood that the above opinions are also those of each 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 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.

3) No opinion for import of specimens of the following species / countries combinations

<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	Democratic Republic of Congo ³
<i>Cynogale bennettii</i>	Malaysia ³ All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Monodon monoceros</i>	Canada
<i>Macaca arctoides</i>	Malaysia ³ All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Polyplectron schleiermacheri</i>	Malaysia ³ All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Pitta nympha</i>	Malaysia ³ All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Pycnonotus zeylanicus</i>	Malaysia ³ All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Varanus exanthematicus</i>	Ghana (R)
<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>	United Republic of Tanzania ³
<i>Gongylophis colubrinus</i>	United Republic of Tanzania ³
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Belize (confirmed) All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Bolivia (confirmed) All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Brazil (confirmed) All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Nicaragua (confirmed) All applications to be referred to SRG
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Peru
<i>Gonystylus</i> spp.	Indonesia

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

<i>Kinixys erosa</i>	Ghana (W) (confirmed)
<i>Python regius</i>	Ghana (W)
<i>Polyodon spathula</i>	USA (W) (confirmed)
<i>Pericopsis elata</i>	Cameroon (confirmed)
<i>Indotestudo elongata</i>	Malaysia (W) (confirmed)
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Guatemala
<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>	Mexico
<i>Gonystylus</i> spp.	Malaysia (Sarawak; Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah) (confirmed)
<i>Guaiacum sanctum</i>	Mexico

³ This will come into effect when the country / species combination will be removed from the current import Suspensions Regulation.

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

<i>Cynogale bennettii</i>	Malaysia
<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	Democratic Republic of Congo
<i>Macaca arctoides</i>	Malaysia
<i>Polyplectron schleiermacheri</i>	Malaysia
<i>Pitta nympha</i>	Malaysia
<i>Pycnonotus zeylanicus</i>	Malaysia
<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>	United Republic of Tanzania
<i>Gongylophis colubrinus</i>	United Republic of Tanzania

- 6) ***Kinixys erosa* (W) / Ghana:** The SRG confirmed the positive opinion in the understanding that Ghana set an export quota of 120 specimens for 2009.
- 7) ***Prunus africana* / Cameroon:** The SRG accepted the import of 505 tons from old stocks from 2007 as an exceptional case after consideration of new data on legality and sustainability of the harvest of those stocks.
- 8) ***Troides rhadamantus* (C) / Philippines:** The SRG decided not to accept source code “C” for one specific breeding facility in the Philippines.
- 9) **NDF *Anguilla anguilla*:** With regard to glass eels (less than 12cm), the SRG decided to accept national exports whose maximum levels are to be set along the following procedure for Member States intending to export glass eels:
- a baseline of catches, against which future quota reductions will be measured; is taken from the 2007/2008 fishing season which Member States have to report to the European Commission;
 - the export levels for the 2008/2009 fishing season will be set at a max of 85% of the baseline;
 - the export levels for the 2009/2010 fishing season will be set at a max of 43% of the baseline for those countries for which eel management plans are approved under Regulation 1100/2007 by the European Commission and set at zero for those countries for which management plans have not been approved.

The SRG will review the situation in 2010 for the fishing seasons 2010/2011 and 2011/2012; countries proposing further exports should report further data and good evidence in order to reconsider the situation before further exports are agreed.

The SRG decided that exports of other live eels and eel products can take place until the review of the situation in 2010, but need to be considered on a case by case basis by national CITES authorities based on the national eel management plans.

With regards to imports of eels and eel products, the SRG decided to apply a similar approach that such imports are in principle accepted only if they are from specimens exported by countries of origin with approved management plans based on suitable scientific advice.

Eels or eel-products being re-imported into the Community need to be derived from eels harvested and exported before the CITES listing came into force or from eels having being exported legally by the EU and/or from other non-EU exporting range states which have similar approved management plans based on suitable scientific advice in place. This requires close tracking, monitoring and reporting by the exporting countries by which the re-exported (aquaculture) products are linked to export documents originally approved by the EU or the other non-EU range states.

The representatives from the Netherlands and Sweden expressed their disagreement with this opinion of the SRG and the representative from Germany issued a reservation on this opinion.