

**CoP20 position prep meeting 25 Aug,  
Parrot Breeders Association of SA comments**

**Prop 5 *Okapia johnstonia* Appendix I**

CoP20 Proposal 5 to include the Okapi in Appendix I must be rejected.

Appendix I will not address local consumption or illegal cross border movement of the species and it will not stop the main threat of habitat loss and deforestation.

Par 7.1: National legislation and a ministerial decree are in place to protect the species in the wild. Only enforcement of these legal instruments will protect the wild populations, while Appendix I will be detrimental to the management of captive specimens in non-range states.

Par 6.2 & 7.2: Without any legal harvesting or international trade from the wild, an Appendix I listing is moot.

Par 2: IUCN Red List classification remained “endangered” for 13 years now and have not changed to critical, suggesting that population declines may have stabilized.

Par 4.2 & 6.4: With a population size of 35 – 50’000, the illegal cross border trade of 120 specimens per year, represent less than ½% offtake from the wild population. Surely, with a population larger than that of Giraffe in South Africa, we can certainly not support an Appendix I listing of Okapi.

While this species is not native to South Africa, we must take position on principle.

An Appendix II listing may be of benefit to monitor international trade volumes, do ongoing population studies and can still leave opportunity for the establishment of in-situ and ex-situ captive breeding facilities and allow for ease of international transfer of live specimens between breeding programs.

South Africa as a SADC member, should engage with DRC on this matter before CoP20 to avoid opposing our neighbors at the CoP.

**Prop 2 *Dorcas Gazelle* Appendix II**

Reject on the basis that information on the status and utilization of the species in the range state (Chad) with the largest population is lacking. Legislation seems to be in place in range states where the species is utilized and prohibitions are in place where the species is threatened with extinction. The existing Appendix III listing is sufficient to monitor legal trade volumes and requirements for NDFs to establish sustainable harvesting from the wild. CITES Appendix listings does not much to stop illegal activities.

### **Prop 3 *Saiga tatarica* Annotation**

Support, but the annotation should be removed from the Appendix II listing in its entirety. It is the duty of the AC and SC to establish export quotas annually or triennially. The current listing is effectively an Appendix I listing.

With a population of several million, the species hardly qualify for an Appendix II listing. Particular attention should be paid to par 6.5 (trade impacts) to justify the removal of the annotation to the benefit and support of the livelihoods of local communities and indigenous people, who are the custodians living with this species.

### **Prop 6 Striped Hyena Appendix I**

Reject. With a very large distribution over North Africa, Middle East to India and only 58 specimens traded over 10 years = 6 per annum. At the lowest population estimate, it equates to less than 0.2% offtake from the wild.

National laws on protecting the species are in place, an Appendix listing is not going to address any illegal offtake, DCA control, cultural believes or habitat restoration of the species.

### **Prop 17 *Falco prereginus* down list to Appendix II**

Support, the species no longer meet the criteria for Appendix I

### **Prop 15 Hornbills Appendix II**

Cautiously support, App. II will not address illegal trade but can draw NDFs, population and habitat studies from CITES for regulated legal trade.

### **Prop 16 Vultures Appendix I**

Reject. Appendix I will be detrimental to the species. Under App. II, the Animals- and Standing Committees can initiate population studies, habitat studies and NDFs for legal trade to the benefit of the species while App I will remove all these measures and benefit only poachers and smuggelers.

### **Working Documents (submitted by)**

#### **Doc 7.5 CoP Arrangements (Secretariat)**

Support: Standing Committee may be considering to propose hosting CoPs quadrennially every 4 years.

### **Doc 14 SC, AC & PC meetings & work (Secretariat)**

Support: SC intersessional working group to refine work of the committees like extending the duration of meetings.

### **Doc 33 Review Decisions (Secretariat)**

Support: decision 17.258 proposed to be retained but we suggest that the following text in par. c should be deleted: "using wild sourced specimens seized from illegal trade"

### **Doc 36 Review of Res. 17.7 (SC, AC & PC)**

Support the recommendations in par. 31: a) amend to Res. 17.7; b) new decision to develop and maintain a captive breeding database; c) delete decisions 19.63-19.65

### **Doc 37 Possession of CITES I species (SC)**

No consensus was reached at SC78 on the recommendations in par 15a) and b) and in par 15c) on the addition of new par. 3 to Res 8.4

### **Doc 49 LAF Res. 18.7 (Secretariat)**

Support the Guidance provided by the EU, particularly applicable to us on Legal Acquisition of breeding stock that was bred in captivity or obtained a long time ago

### **Doc 64.3 Confiscated specimens (USA & Nigeria)**

Support establishment of a register of placement facilities

### **Doc 67 Review of provisions on captive breeding (Standing Committee)**

Support recommendation for the Secretariat to arrange a workshop to draft recommendations for amendment of Resolutions and Decisions related to trade in captive bred specimens.

### **Doc 110 Nomenclature (AC & PC)**

Support recommendation for the AC to review and consider the new consolidated Avilist as a possible standard nomenclature reference for birds.

South Africa should also propose the AC to review the standard nomenclature reference for animals, specifically species split for Giraffe.

