

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2022/982

of 16 June 2022

on the submission, on behalf of the European Union, of proposals to amend Appendices I and II to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) with a view to the 19th Conference of the Parties to CITES, and of a species to include in Appendix III to CITES

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 192(1), in conjunction with Article 218(9), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) entered into force on 1 July 1975. The Union acceded to CITES by Council Decision (EU) 2015/451 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Pursuant to Article XI(3) of CITES, the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP) may, inter alia, adopt decisions to amend Appendices I and II to CITES.
- (3) In addition, pursuant to Article XVI of CITES, any Party to CITES may submit to the CITES Secretariat a list of species for inclusion in Appendix III to CITES which that Party identifies as being subject to regulation within its jurisdiction for the purpose of preventing or restricting exploitation, and as needing the cooperation of other Parties in the control of trade.
- (4) During its 19th meeting, to be held from 14 to 25 November 2022, the CoP will decide on proposals to amend Appendices I and II to CITES. Parties must submit such proposals to the CITES Secretariat by 17 June 2022. The Union may, as a Party to CITES, make such proposals.
- (5) The submission of proposals for consideration by the CoP is based on an expert analysis of the merits of such proposals, in accordance with the criteria established in CITES and in light of the best available scientific evidence. Such evidence supports the proposals set out in this Decision, which aim to ensure that trade in the species concerned does not threaten their survival in the wild,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

With a view to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Union shall:

- submit the proposals for amendments to Appendices I and II to CITES as set out in Annex I to this Decision,
- co-submit the proposals for amendments to Appendix II to CITES as set out in Annex II to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/451 of 6 March 2015 concerning the accession of the European Union to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (OJ L 75, 19.3.2015, p. 1).

Article 2

The Union shall submit the species listed in Annex III to this Decision for inclusion in Appendix III to CITES.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg, 16 June 2022.

For the Council
The President
O. DUSSOPT

ANNEX I

Amendments to Appendices I and II to CITES

Taxonomic group	Taxon (common name)	Proposal
Reptiles	<i>Physignathus cocincinus</i> (Chinese water dragon)	Include in Appendix II
	<i>Cuora galbinifrons</i> (Indochinese box turtle)	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I
Amphibians	<i>Laotriton laoensis</i> (Laos warty newt)	Include in Appendix II With an annual zero quota (source code W) for commercial purposes
	<i>Agalychnis lemur</i> (Lemur leaf frog)	Include in Appendix II With an annual zero quota (source code W) for commercial purposes
Fish	All species of <i>Sphyrnidae</i> spp. (Hammerhead sharks) not yet included in Appendix II	Include in Appendix II
Invertebrates	<i>Thelenota ananas</i> , <i>T. anax</i> , <i>T. rubralineata</i> (Sea cucumbers)	Include in Appendix II
Trees	<i>Khaya</i> spp. (African mahogany) Populations of Africa	Include in Appendix II with Annotation #17
	<i>Azizelia</i> spp. (Pod mahogany) Populations of Africa	Include in Appendix II with Annotation #17
	<i>Dipteryx</i> spp.	Include in Appendix II with Annotation #17 + seeds
	<i>Handroanthus</i> spp. (Trumpet tree); <i>Tabebuia</i> spp. and <i>Roseodendron</i> spp.	Include in Appendix II with Annotation #17
	<i>Pterocarpus</i> spp. (Padauk) Populations of Africa	Include in Appendix II with Annotation #17
Other plants	<i>Rhodiola</i> spp.	Include in Appendix II with Annotation #2

ANNEX II

Amendment to Appendix II to CITES to be co-submitted

Proposed by	Taxonomic group	Taxon (common name)	Proposal
Panama	Cartilaginous fishes	<i>Carcharhinidae</i> spp. Requiem sharks	Include in Appendix II

ANNEX III

Amendment to Appendix III to CITES

<i>Caribena versicolor</i>	Appendix III
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