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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Exemption and special trade provisions

Applications to register operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes

REQUEST FROM THE PHILIPPINES REGARDING BIRDS INTERNATIONAL (PHILIPPINES)

1. This document has been submitted by the CITES Management Authority of the Republic of the Philippines.
2. Through Notification to the Parties No. 2004/054 of 26 July 2004, the Secretariat, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP13), Annex 2, paragraph 1, informed Parties of the request by the Management Authority of the Philippines to register a captive-breeding operation for *Ara militaris* and *Cacatua goffini*. The United States of America objected to the registration within the deadline provided in the same Resolution.
3. Through Notification to the Parties No. 2005/48 of 15 August 2005, the Secretariat, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP13), Annex 2, paragraph 1, informed Parties of the request by the Management Authority of the Philippines to register the same captive-breeding operation for *Amazona ochrocephala auropalliata*, *Amazona ochrocephala oratrix*, *Amazona viridigenalis*, *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*, *Ara rubrogenys* and *Propyrrhura maracana*. Brazil, New Zealand and the United States objected to the registration within the deadline provided in the same Resolution.
4. Both applications mentioned above refer to taxa not yet included in the Secretariat's Register. The captive-breeding operation concerned had already been included under registration number A-PH-501 for *Cacatua haematuropygia* and *Guarouba guarouba*.
5. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP13), Annex 2, paragraph 3, the Secretariat referred the documentation to the Animals Committee, and facilitated a dialogue between the Management Authority of the Philippines and the Parties objecting to the registrations, providing the recommendations of the Animals Committee. While Brazil withdrew its objection, the two other Parties did not.
6. Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP13) states that if objections from Parties are not withdrawn or the identified problem(s) not resolved, the applications shall be postponed until it is decided by a two thirds majority vote at the meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
7. The request by CITES Management Authority of the Philippines (CITES-MA, Philippines) for the registration of a captive-breeding operation for *Amazona ochrocephala auropalliata*, *Amazona ochrocephala oratrix*, *Amazona viridigenalis*, *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*, *Ara militaris*, *Ara rubrogenys*, *Cacatua goffini* and *Propyrrhura maracana* for commercial purposes has been previously presented for decision during the Fourteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP14) at The Hague,

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Netherlands under agenda item 47. However, the said request (agenda 47) was rejected because it fell short of one (1) vote of required two-thirds majority vote of the Conference of the Parties for its approval (63 votes in favour, 32 against and 21 abstentions).

8. Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP14) Annex 2, item 7 states that when an operation is not accepted for registration, provide the relevant Management Authority with a full explanation of the reasons for rejection and indicate the specific conditions that must be met before it can be resubmitted for further consideration.
9. In conformity after receiving the recommendation from the CITES Secretariat in accordance to Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP14) Annex 2, item 7, the CITES Management Authority of the Philippines would like to submit for reapplication all species previously included under agenda 47 CoP14. This submission for reapplication is likewise in compliance to CITES Notification No. 2009/038 item 2 dated 24 August 2009.
10. The Management Authority of the Philippines is providing CoP14 Doc.47 Annexes 1-8, the registration information of *Amazona ochrocephala auropalliata*, *Amazona ochrocephala oratrix*, *Amazona viridigenalis*, *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*, *Ara militaris*, *Ara rubrogenys*, *Cacatua goffini* and *Propyrrhura maracana* when it was presented during CoP14.
11. Following one of the recommendations of the CITES Secretariat, the CITES-MA, Philippines would like to put forward updates related to the registration information of *Amazona ochrocephala auropalliata*, *Amazona ochrocephala oratrix*, *Amazona viridigenalis*, *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*, *Ara militaris*, *Ara rubrogenys*, *Cacatua goffini* and *Propyrrhura maracana*. For brevity, all updates for all the species concerned are presented following Res. Conf. 12.10 (Rev CoP14) Annex 1¹. Information provided under item (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (9), (10), (12), (13), (14), (15), (16), (17) and (18) remains the same. However, items number (6), (7), (8) and (11) are updated.
12. Earnest efforts based on Resolution Conf. 13.9 have been exerted to engage the CITES Management and Scientific Authorities of Bolivia in consultation particularly concerning the *Ara rubrogenys*. The CITES Management Authority of the Philippines is sincerely awaiting a response from the Government of Bolivia on the proposed endeavors to share and exchange important information or data with the Management and Scientific Authorities of Bolivia concerning *in situ* or *ex situ* conservation programmes².
13. Regarding, the objections of Indonesia, the CITES-MA, Philippines was able to encourage the CITES-MA of Indonesia to collaborate under a Memorandum of Understanding concerning various species of *Cacatua* included under CITES Notification 2008/002 dated 21/01/08. Similarly, the CITES-MA, Philippines is positive that a similar Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for *Cacatua goffini* will also be signed by both Parties on or before CoP15 Doha³.
14. Relevant to the objections of the CITES Management of the United States of America, we are providing again the CITES pre-Convention certificate (based on the current and valid Res. Conf. 13.6) to reiterate our position that these specimen are exempted from the provisions of the Convention as well as to confirm among others the pre-Convention status *Amazona ochrocephala auropalliata*, *Amazona ochrocephala oratrix*, *Amazona viridigenalis*, *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*, *Ara militaris*, *Ara rubrogenys*, *Cacatua goffini* and *Propyrrhura maracana*⁴. Likewise, we are confident that the dialogue between the Philippines and the United States of America will resume settling the issues related to registration objections of each Party⁵.
15. The CITES Management Authority of the Philippines has requested for documentary evidence from the Management Authority of New Zealand in relation to the alleged links between breeding-operation concerned and an identified wildlife smuggler in New Zealand. In response, the Management Authority of New Zealand informed that it has no record to substantiate the said allegation⁶.
16. The Management Authority of the Republic of the Philippines exerted communication efforts to utilize Res. Conf. 13.9 to various range States and Animals Committee regional representatives.

¹ Please refer to Annex A.

² Please refer to the printed copies of the electronic mail (email) correspondence dated 19 October 2008, 21 March and 9 April 2009, attached hereto as Annexes B1, B2 & "B3" (with pending approval from BO). See also attached Annex C.

³ Please refer to the draft MoU between IN and PH for *C. goffini* attached hereto as Annex D.

⁴ Please refer to pre-Convention certificate attached hereto as Annex E1 & E2

⁵ Please refer to the printed electronic mail (email) dated September 28, 2009 attached hereto as Annex F (with pending approval from USA)

⁶ Please refer to the printed copies of the electronic mail (email) correspondence dated 19 July, 20 and 28 August 2008, attached hereto as Annexes G1, G2 and G3 (with pending approval from NZ)

17. The Conference of the Parties is requested to make a decision regarding the registrations mentioned above.

COMMENTS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

- A. The Secretariat reviewed in 2004 and 2005 the applications presented in the annexes to this document by the Philippines and assessed that they complied with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 12.10 and its successor Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP13). The Secretariat further notes with appreciation the efforts made by the Philippines to respond to the concerns expressed on these applications at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- B. The Secretariat therefore maintains its original assessment and recommends that these applications be accepted by the Conference of the Parties for inclusion in the *Register of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species for commercial purposes*.