

**CSUG meeting, 11:00-13:00, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Horizon House, Defra**

**Minutes**

**1. Welcome & introductions**

- The agenda was adopted and attendees were welcomed (the list is available at the end of this document).

**2. Agree minutes from June meeting & action point update**

- The minutes of the June meeting were agreed apart from a few revisions to the list of attendees and organisation names.
- The majority of the previous action points had been completed apart from action point 2 (JNCC to compile a list of potential listings). This was then covered in the meeting during a presentation provided by JNCC.
- A summary of the animal species being considered as candidates by the SRG mentioned in the presentation is below:
  - **Mammals** – *Ovis aries ophion* (downlisting proposal)
  - **Amphibians** - *Hynobius tokoyensis* (consultation ongoing with Japan)
  - **Reptiles:**
    - *Paroedura androyensis* & *Tracheloptychus petersi* (consideration to list under appendix II)
    - *Zonosaurus maximus* & *Z. Quadrilineatus* (Madagascar being consulted for consideration as COP proposal)
    - *Varanus macraei* & *Malacochersus tornieri* (do not appear likely candidates for inclusion in Appendix I)
    - *Vipera* - SRG agreed not to pursue.
    - *Gonatodes daudini* - EC is consulting St. Vincent & the Grenadines
  - **Other proposals:**
    - *Symaticus reevesii* - proposal being prepared by China
    - *Paramesotriton genera* - Viet Nam is considering to list six species of the genus *Goniurosaurus* in Appendix II
    - *Goniurosaurus genus* - Viet Nam is considering to list in Appendix II
    - *Tylotriton genera* - Viet Nam is considering to list in Appendix II

**Action Point 1:** Any CSUG members that have queries relating to the presentation/listing proposals are to get in touch with JNCC

**3. Corporate update**

- APHA has been through a very busy period but workload is now stabilising. APHA are currently recruiting for new case officers ahead of EU-Exit.

- Kew has appointed a new team member, Carly, who will be heading up the CITES team and will be starting in October.

#### **4. EU and international meetings – review and forward look:**

##### **(i) Review of 30th [Animals Committee](#), 16-21st July 2018;**

- 3 delegates attended the meetings from JNCC. JNCC reported that the meetings were successful.
- UK was involved in various WGs and side events during AC.
- JNCC was involved in the following: Review of significant trade (chaired by Vin Fleming), Captive breeding of ranched specimens, Quotas for hunting trophies, Appropriate and acceptable destinations, Eels (chaired by Vin Fleming), Sharks and rays, Nomenclature.
- There was also discussion around corals

##### **(ii) Review of 24th Plants Committee, 20-26th July 2018;**

- Sonia (Kew) stated that a summary of each day of the Plants Committee meetings are available online on the [CITES website](#).
- Kew was heavily involved in the 'definition of a plantation' workshop but no new definition was adopted.
- There was new definition for the term cosmetics – the PC agreed to re-establish the working group

##### **(iii) Review of SC69 working groups;**

- Most of the working groups are now at the reporting stage. Kris stated that anyone with any particular working group questions should get in touch with him.

##### **(iv) Upcoming 84<sup>th</sup> Scientific Review Group, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018;**

- The agenda was not available at the time of the meeting, Kew and JNCC had nothing to report.

##### **(v) Upcoming 83<sup>rd</sup> Management Committee & 12<sup>th</sup> Expert Group, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018;**

- ManCom agenda had not been released at the time of the meeting. It was anticipated that much of the agenda would relate to SC70.

##### **(vi) Upcoming 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee (SC70), 1-5<sup>th</sup> October 2018;**

- Delegation for SC70 is as follows; Elaine, Jane Stratford, Elif Skinner, Elizabeth Morrow, Elizabeth Biott and Alison Littlewood (JNCC). Elaine stated that the larger delegation will increase capacity meaning an improved ability to engage.

##### **(vii) Upcoming 18<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (CoP18):**

- **Species listing proposals**

- This item was partly covered during the PowerPoint presentation under item 2
- Kew reported that there is genus support for *Pericopsis* and that range states are being consulted.
- JNCC reported that it does not look as though the Banggai cardinal fish will be proposed at CoP18

## 5. Updates:

### (i) Ivory ban & UK ivory controls

- On 23 May the government introduced the Ivory Bill into the House of Commons, it has now passed to the House of Lords where it will have report stage on 24 October.
- The ivory team are working on developing an online registration system for exemptions.
- The ivory team confirmed that displaying an ivory item for commercial purposes is not within the Bill's definition of commercial dealing. The EU Wildlife Trade Regulations will still apply to 'displaying for commercial purposes' and therefore those requirements will still apply.
- It was confirmed that it will be an offence if a fraudulent registration is made

**Action Point 2:** Anyone looking to raise a concern for further discussion with the Ivory team, please get in touch via the UK Management Authority mailbox ([CITES.UKMA@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:CITES.UKMA@defra.gsi.gov.uk)) and we'll make sure it gets passed on.

- **Australia's stricter measures for ivory (raised by Defra)**

- Elaine passed on the information that Australia treats elephants, lions and cetaceans as though they are on Appendix 1 and no longer allows these imports into the country. This stricter measure has been communicated via [CITES notification 2018-025](#).

### (ii) Rosewood, *Dalbergia* listing & annotations

- Peter Beare questioned whether there could be some kind of exemption for finished parts which could apply to pegs used in instruments when considering amendments to the current *Dalbergia* listing and Annotation. .

**Action Point 3:** Anyone with information relating to *Pterocarpus elata* should get in touch with Kris: [Kristopher.Blake@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Kristopher.Blake@defra.gsi.gov.uk);

### (iii) BIP charges (raised by SUN)

- The issues raised have been passed to the charging team. The main issue related to the guidance being released after the event had actually taken place.

### (iv) COTES (raised by SUN)

- **Requirement for including A10 number on adverts**

- UK will not be enforcing either of the two civil sanctions until the guidance has been made publically available.
- Defra is committed to consultation and will be seeking views on the draft guidance in due course.
- Jim raised the point that it would not be practical to have an advert with several A10 numbers.
- Attendees suggested that a new business model is emerging where rescue centres are charging a rehoming fee and then gifting away animals. Attendees would like to see this issue addressed, which may be through the guidance.

## 6. Brexit matters (*raised by Defra*)

- This was discussed during the subsequent sub group meeting.

**Action Point 4:** Going forwards all CSUG attendees are to be invited to the EU-Exit sub group meeting. Minutes of both meetings are to be shared.

## 7. AOB and next meeting

- **Corals and OATA guidance document (*raised by SUN*)**

- The guidance was made available to members of the SRG back in May (SRG83) and helped inform discussions around the trade in maricultured corals during a workshop which preceded the 83rd meeting of the SRG.
- The document (below for reference) has also been made available to UK BF colleagues and it is likely that other Member States have done the same.
- The guidance is unlikely to be given any official status by the SRG and will simply be taken as welcome guidance from an external source.
- JNCC have stated that at this stage there is no intention to adopt the document as formal or official guidance



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- **Rehoming of tortoises (*raised by SUN*)**

- Issues were raised regarding old tortoises. It was questioned how history and proof of provenance can be shown.
- It was confirmed that the onus is on the rescue centre / individual to obtain proof of where the animal is coming from prior to taking it in. At the moment, best practice for rescue centres would be for donors to fill in a form with their name and address details of how long they have had the specimen and why they no longer want it and a declaration about how they acquired it and why they do not have the relevant

paperwork to the best of their knowledge. Each animal is considered on a case by case basis.

- Attendees suggested that guidance should be produced explaining that rescue centres are able to give away animals without the need of an A10 so long as no financial transaction is taking place.
- Some attendees stated that there is no conservation benefit of obtaining A10s for common species.

**Action Point 5: Defra to look into producing guidance relating to A10s for certain species**

- There was also discussion around European maple (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) and musical instruments. Some CSUG members have been made aware by Bulgarian colleagues that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get hold of this material. It was suggested that China may be using these materials as opposed to indigenous woods. Kew confirmed they are not aware of a listing proposal for this species.

### **BREXIT SUB-GROUP MEETING MINUTES**

- A technical notice should be issued by mid-September.
- It was discussed that the UK MA has the opportunity to interpret the rules on permits differently to other Member States. This can potentially be used to our advantage to simplify the permitting process and reduce the burden post EU-Exit. There was discussion around the timing of this.
- There was discussion around semi-complete permits and circumstances in which they might be used.

**Action Point 6: APHA to review the use of semi complete permits.**

- Elaine stated that Defra would be keen to know what species would cause a lot of 'traffic' where conservation benefit may be limited. Information relating to this was welcomed.
- There was discussion around certain species being downlisted and whether this could be a possibility
- APHA reported that they are planning at 2-3 times staff increase to deal with increased workload following EU Exit

- Traders suggested that the disappearance of free movement combined with increased requirements for documentation could lead to the creation of a black market.
- There was discussion of trade shows – some attendees suggested there are as many as 70 significant shows per year in Europe. It was stated that the Hamm trade fair is one of the largest with an estimated 10,000 animals being transported back to the UK each time.

**Action Point 7:** Traders are invited to send any relevant information to Defra regarding trade shows; including specimens that might be transported and the associated quantities.

### **Attendees**

Alejandro Doyle (Defra)  
Elif Skinner (Defra)  
Elaine Kendall (Defra)  
Kris Blake (Defra)  
Mark (BADA)  
Annalies Stevens (Christies)  
Jemima Parry Jones  
Martyn Denney  
Mike Moser (British Fur)  
Paul McManus (MIA)  
Simon Woods (APHA)  
Amy Mathias (Border Force)  
Fran Nicholls (APHA)  
Sophie Bird (APHA)  
Louise Hubble (NWCUC) (Dialling in)  
Valentina Vaglica (Kew) (Dialling in)  
James Parsons (APHA)  
David Hopkins  
Stephen Beadle (IOA)  
Jules McAlpine (JNCC)  
Tom Fuller (Defra)  
Madeleine Groves (FTS Botanics)  
Josie Trippier (APHA)  
Sarah Buchanan (Amati)  
Graham Irving (Hawk Board)  
Jim Collins (SUN)  
Mike Gates (International Owl Society)  
Sonia Dhanda (Kew)  
Anthony Chadwick (Covance)  
Nichola Burnett (JNCC)  
Martin Jones (Falconry Online)  
Matthew Ford (Specialist Wildlife Services)  
Jenny Lomas (Association of British Orchestras)  
Peter Beare (Beare Violins)  
James Elliott (Defra)  
Derek Stotton

### **Apologies**

Grant Miller (Border Force)  
Tessa Ferry (Defra)  
Clive Hayter (Kew)  
Laurence Jessup (Border Force)  
Elizabeth Biott (Defra)  
Alison Littlewood (JNCC)  
Caroline Rainsford (CTPA)  
Dominic Whitmee (Ornamental Fish)  
Deborah Hembury (Defra)