

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation

Periodic Review of species included in Appendices I and II  
[Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16)]

PERIODIC REVIEW OF *CUORA GALBINIFRONS*, *MAUREMYS ANNAMENSIS*  
AND *CHELODINA MCCORDI* (DECISIONS 16.124, 16.125 AND 16.126)

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013), the following Decisions on Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.), and on Roti Island snake-necked turtle (*Chelodina mccordi*), were adopted:

***Directed to the Animals Committee***

16.124 *The Animals Committee shall, as a matter of priority, include Cuora galbinifrons and Mauremys annamensis in its Periodic Review of the Appendices.*

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16.125 *Include the Roti Island side-necked turtle (Chelodina mccordi) as a matter of priority in the Periodic Review of the Appendices at its 27th meeting.*

***Directed to the Secretariat***

16.126 *Liaise with the range States of the Roti Island side-necked turtle (Chelodina mccordi), Indonesia and Timor-Leste, to compile information relevant to the Periodic Review of the Appendices for review at the 28th meeting of the Animals Committee.*

3. The three species mentioned in Decisions 16.124 to 16.126 formed part of CoP16 proposals to amend their status in the CITES Appendices, as shown in the table below.

Species	Proposal at CoP16	Reference	Result at CoP16	Current listing Annotation
<i>Chelodina mccordi</i>	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	CoP16 Prop. 28 (United States of America)	Adopted as amended	Appendix II Zero export quota for specimens from the wild.

Species	Proposal at CoP16	Reference	Result at CoP16	Current listing Annotation
<i>Cuora galbinifrons</i>	Zero quota on wild specimens for commercial purposes	CoP16 Prop. 32 (China and United States of America)	Adopted	Appendix II <i>Zero quota for wild specimens for commercial purposes.</i>
	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	CoP16 Prop. 33 (Viet Nam)	Not considered due to adoption of Prop. 33	
<i>Mauremys annamensis</i>	Zero quota on wild specimens for commercial purposes	CoP16 Prop. 32 (China and United States of America)	Adopted	Appendix II <i>Zero quota for wild specimens for commercial purposes.</i>
	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	CoP16 Prop. 35 (Viet Nam)	Not considered due to adoption of Prop. 33	

4. The Parties agreed at CoP16 to requests from the United States (for *Chelodina mccordi*) and Viet Nam (for *Cuora galbinifrons* and *Mauremys annamensis*) that these species be included by the Animals Committee in the Periodic Review of the Appendices as a matter of urgency (see document CoP16 Com. I Rec. 9).

Recommendation

5. In the context of its implementation of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP16) on *Periodic review of species included in Appendices I and II*, the Committee is recommended to include *Chelodina mccordi*, *Cuora galbinifrons* and *Mauremys annamensis* in its periodic review of the Appendices. The Committee is likewise advised to conduct the reviews in accordance with the provisions in paragraphs f) to k) of the Resolution.