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DELISTING OF *GIRAFFA CAMELOPARDALIS* FROM CITES II LISTING

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CRITERIA FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II IN ACCORDANCE OF RESOLUTION CONF.9.24 (REV. COP17)

Annex 2 a: A species should be included in Appendix II when, on the basis of available trade data and information on the status and trends of the wild population(s), at least one of the following criteria is met:

- A. It is known, or can be inferred or projected, that the **regulation of trade** in the species is necessary to avoid it **becoming eligible for inclusion in Appendix I in the near future**; or Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) – 5
- B. It is known, or can be inferred or projected, that regulation of trade in the species is required to ensure that the **harvest of specimens from the wild is not reducing the wild population** to a level at which its survival might be threatened by continued harvesting or other influences.

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Annex 2 b – Criteria for the inclusion of species in Appendix II in accordance with Article II, paragraph 2 (b), of the Convention

Species may be included in Appendix II in accordance with Article II, paragraph 2 (b), if either one of the following criteria is met:

- A. The specimens of the species in the form in which they are traded **resemble specimens of a species included in Appendix II** under the provisions of Article II, paragraph 2 (a), or in Appendix I, so that enforcement officers who encounter specimens of CITES-listed species are unlikely to be able to distinguish between them; or
- B. There **are compelling reasons** other than those given in criterion A above to ensure that effective control of trade in currently listed species is achieved
- **The deletion of specie from Appendix II** – the proponent must specify why the criteria in Annex 2 of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) are not satisfied.

POPULATION STATISTICS – COUNTRIES THAT ALLOW OFFTAKE

[HTTPS://GIRAFFECONSERVATION.ORG/GIRAFFE-CONSERVATION-STATUS/](https://giraffeconservation.org/giraffe-conservation-status/)

Range State	Northern	Reticulated	Masai/Thornicroft	Southern
Angola				250
Botswana				10000
Burkina Faso	extinct			
Cameroon	860			
Central African Rep	100			
Chad	1200			
DRC	55			
Eritrea	extinct			
Ethiopia	200	100		
Guinea	0			
Kenya	707	15850	15790	
Malawi				30
Mali	extinct			
Mozambique				250

POPULATION STATISTICS CONTINUE

Range State	Northern	Reticulated	Masai/Thornicroft	Southern
Namibia				12000
Niger	664			
Nigeria				30
Rwanda			100	
Somalia		Extinct – move to Kenya		
South Africa				26919
South Sudan	450			
Swaziland				210
Tanzania			26000	
Uganda		1545		
Zambia				730
Zimbabwe				7985
Total	4236	17495	41890	57485

TRADE STATISTICS 2019/2020 CITES DATABASE

Total exports	%
375 registered exports	
8 from Non Range states	2,1%
2 from Niger	0,53%
1 from Senegal	0,27%
364 from southern African range states	97,1%

Type of products	Quantity	%
Trophies	1219	13%
Tails	8	0,09%
Specimen	32	0,34%
Skulls	104	1,1%
Skins	334	3,54%
Live	501	5,37%
Leather	67	0,72%
Derivatives	24	0,26%
Bones	1377	14,76%
Bone carvings	5630	60,33%
Bodies	17	0,18%
Unspecified	15	0,16%

TROPHIES BY COUNTRY

Country	Exports	Trophies
Botswana	4	4
Mozambique	1	1
Namibia	66	170
South Africa	235	954
Zimbabwe	59	90

POPULATION VS TROPHY EXPORTS

Country	Population	Trophy exports	% of population
Botswana	10000	4	0,04%
Mozambique	250	1	0,4%
Namibia	12000	170	1,42%
South Africa	26919	954	3,54%
Zimbabwe	7985	90	1,13%

REASONS FOR DELISTING

- The trade data trends of 2019/20 indicate **only trade** in the Southern sub specie, a similar trend as the USA trade data prior to 2019
- The total population trophy **off-take** of Southern Giraffe is **2,12%**, far less than the accepted maximum off-take of 5% to 10%.
- There is **NO off-take** of any of the other 3 sub species
- The harvesting of wild populations is **NOT threatened**.
- To regulate the trade is thus not necessary

REASONS FOR DELISTING CONTINUE

- With the delisting of *Giraffa camelopardalis*, law enforcement officials **do not have to distinguish** between different sub species.
- **Not one of the range states** for the 3 sub species (Northern, Reticulated and Masai) **allow hunting** or any other form of off-take. It is thus illegal to issue any CITES permits from these countries (specifically for trophy exports)
- The **illegal killing** of Giraffe for the bushmeat trade **will NOT stop** with a CITES listing. **NO evidence** that there is any **illegal trade** in any other Giraffe products were found
- *Giraffa camelopardalis* **is not threatened by extinction**
- There is NO compelling reason why the trade in Giraffe must be **regulated**.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL

- The South African giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis giraffa*) can be hailed as a **southern African conservation success story**.
- The South African giraffe is **considered a common species** within South Africa, with an estimated population of between 21,053 and 26,919 individuals. Approximately half of the population occurs on privately-owned land (Deacon, & Tutchings, 2018).
- **The population** of *Giraffa camelopardalis giraffa* in South Africa **is increasing**. Data from 13 formally protected areas show an estimated population increase of 54% over three generations (1985–2015) (Deacon, & Parker, 2016).
- Trade data indicate a moderate 2,14% off-take of the South African Giraffe.
- Despite Hunting and trade in South Africa, *Giraffa camelopardalis* **is not threatened by extinction**.
- We thank the Department for this opportunity and hope that the proposal to **Delist the Giraffe** will receive your favourable consideration.

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