

CANADA

Proposal for amendments to Appendix I

FAUNA

MAMMALIA

CARNIVORA

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| 1. | Felidae | <u>Felis yagouaroundi cacomitli</u> | should be deleted |
| 2. | | <u>Felis yagouaroundi fossata</u> | " " " |
| 3. | | <u>Felis yagouaroundi panamensis</u> | " " " |
| 4. | | <u>Felis yagouaroundi tolteca</u> | " " " |
| 5. | | <u>Felis yagouaroundi</u> | " " added |
| 6. | | <u>Felis pardalis mearnsi</u> | " " deleted |
| 7. | | <u>Felis pardalis mitis</u> | " " " |
| 8. | | <u>Felis pardalis</u> | " " added |
| 9. | | <u>Felis wiedii nicaraguae</u> | " " deleted |
| 10. | | <u>Felis wiedii salvinia</u> | " " " |
| 11. | | <u>Felis wiedii</u> | " " added |
| 12. | | <u>Felis tigrina oncilla</u> | " " deleted |
| 13. | | <u>Felis tigrina</u> | " " added |
| 14. | | <u>Felis geoffroyi</u> | " " " |

PROBOSCIDEA

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| 15. | Elephantidae | <u>Loxodonta africana</u> | should be added |
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REPTILIA

SERPENTES

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| 16. | Boidae | <u>Python molurus molurus</u> | should be deleted |
| 17. | | Pythoninae spp. | " " added |

Proposal for amendments to Appendix II

FAUNA

MAMMALIA

CARNIVORA

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|-----|---------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 18. | Felidae | <u>Felis yagouaroundi</u> | should be deleted |
| 19. | | <u>Felis wiedii</u> | " " " |
| 20. | | <u>Felis pardalis</u> | " " " |
| 21. | | <u>Felis tigrina</u> | " " " |

REPTILIA

SERPENTES

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| 22. | Boidae | <u>Python</u> spp. | should be deleted |
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Proposal for amendments to Appendices I and II

Supporting statement

1. Inclusion of all *Felis yagouaroundi*, *Felis pardalis*, *Felis wiedii* and *Felis tigrina* in Appendix I

- a) the trade in skins of all these species, excepting *Felis yagouaroundi*, is extremely heavy;
- b) it is visually impossible to identify one subspecies from another and thus importing States are unable to apply the Convention correctly;
- c) the trade in illegal skins is obviously encouraged by the confusion with identification problems;
- d) Canada, because of the fur industry, is probably the largest importer of spotted cat skins in the world today, and is faced with an almost impossible task of identification of skins, or parts of skins, to a subspecies level.

2. Inclusion of *Felis geoffroyi* in Appendix I

- a) skins of this species are being heavily traded between South America (mainly Paraguay) and Canada and other nations. Over the last few years, one Canadian importer has imported over 30,000 Geoffroy's cat skins, including over 10,000 skins in three shipments between May and October 1975. Similar shipments are frequently received by other Canadian furriers either direct from South America or from nations in Europe;
- b) if trade in this species is permitted, unscrupulous dealers are apt to include skins of *F. wiedii* and *F. tigrina* with *F. geoffroyi*;
- c) the number of skins being imported into Canada is probably only a small part of the trade in skins of this species, and it is doubtful if any species can sustain such a heavy take;
- d) with severe restrictions being placed on other species of spotted cats, dealers will turn to similar species not included in Convention appendices.

3. Inclusion of *Loxodonta africana* in Appendix I

- a) hunting of this species has either been prohibited or is very strictly regulated in the majority of African States in which the species occurs;
- b) the majority of elephant tusk carvings that are sold throughout the world are produced in the Far East (Hong Kong, Singapore, etc.). Once carved, it is, for practical purposes, impossible to distinguish between small carvings made from African elephant ivory (*Loxodonta africana*) and Indian elephant ivory (*Elephas maximus*). Thus controls over any illegal trade in Indian elephant ivory are nonexistent.

4. Inclusion of all Pythons (Pythoninae) in Appendix I

- a) the trade in skins of all these species is extremely heavy;
- b) it is visually impossible to identify one subspecies from another and thus importing States are unable to apply the Convention correctly;
- c) the trade in illegal skins is obviously encouraged by the confusion with identification problems.