Conf. 10.15 (Rev. CoP14)*

Establishment of quotas for markhor hunting trophies

RECALLING that, with the exception of the rare cases of exemptions granted under Article VII of the Convention, commercial trade in Appendix-I species is prohibited;

RECALLING that the markhor *Capra falconeri* was included in Appendix II at the plenipotentiary conference held in Washington D.C. (1973) and transferred to Appendix I at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Kyoto, 1992);

RECOGNIZING also that the markhor is threatened by illegal hunting, fragmentation and loss of its habitat and competition with domestic livestock;

RECOGNIZING further that conservation of the species will depend on the capacity of the State to regulate use and on local people having sufficient incentives to maintain the species in preference to their domestic livestock;

RECOGNIZING that Pakistan is actively promoting community-based management of wild resources as a conservation tool and has approved management plans for ibex that ensure the financial benefits derived from trophy hunting of a limited number of specimens go direct to the managing communities and that the communities use an equitable share of such financial benefits to sustain the management programme for the species;

RECALLING that countries of export may authorize trade in such dead specimens in accordance with Resolution Conf. 2.11 (Rev.), adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting (San José, 1979) and amended at its ninth meeting (Fort Lauderdale, 1994), and may grant export permits in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article III of the Convention;

RECALLING that paragraph 3 (c) of Article III provides that an import permit shall be granted only when a Management Authority of the State of import is satisfied that the specimen is not to be used for primarily commercial purposes, and that paragraph 2 (a) of Article III provides that an export permit shall be granted only when a Scientific Authority of the State of export has advised that the export will not be detrimental to the survival of the species;

RECOGNIZING that, because of the importance of monitoring the utilization of quotas granted under this Resolution, Pakistan will implement a rigorous programme to monitor community-based management plans, including annual surveys of the wild population;

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APPROVES an export quota of 12 hunting trophies of markhor *Capra falconeri* from Pakistan per calendar year (1 January to 31 December);

RECOMMENDS that:

a) in reviewing and

- a) in reviewing applications for permits to import markhor hunting trophies, in accordance with paragraph 3 (a) of Article III, the Scientific Authority of the State of import approve permits if it is satisfied that the trophies being considered are from Pakistan and will be traded in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution;
- b) in reviewing applications for permits to import markhor hunting trophies, in accordance with paragraph 3 (c) of Article III, the Management Authority of the State of import be satisfied that the said trophies are not to be used for primarily commercial purposes if:
 - i) the trophies are acquired by the owners in the country of export and are being imported as personal items that will not be sold in the country of import; and
 - ii) each owner imports no more than one trophy in any calendar year and export is authorized by the legislation of the country of origin;

^{*} Amended at the 11th, 12th and 14th meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

- c) the Management Authority of the State of import permit the import of markhor hunting trophies in accordance with this Resolution only if each trophy has a self-locking tag attached which indicates the State of export, the number of the specimen in relation to the annual quota and the calendar year to which the quota applies, and if the same information as is on the tag is given on the export document;
- d) in the case of trophies traded according to the terms of this Resolution, the words "has been granted" in paragraph 2 (d) of Article III be deemed to have been satisfied upon the written assurance of the Management Authority of the State of import that an import permit will be granted; and
- e) the system adopted in this Resolution be continued, with any increase in the quota or any new quota (i.e. for another State not previously having one) requiring the consent of the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 9.21 (Rev. CoP13) adopted at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Fort Lauderdale, 1994) and amended at its 13th meeting (Bangkok, 2004).