

Response to Notification No. 2000/044 from Australia

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Dear Mr Wijnstekers

I am writing to you in response to Notification 2000/044 that requested nominations for Appendix I animal species to be considered by the Animals Committee for listing against Resolution Conf. 11.14.

I would like, firstly, to extend my gratitude to you for granting a valuable extension to this Department for submission of these comments.

I understand from the notification that range States are to nominate Appendix I species for inclusion in an annex on the basis that they are critically endangered in the wild and/or known to be difficult to keep or breed in captivity. I note, however, that there is no direction given for determining whether species are 'critically endangered' or 'difficult to keep or breed in captivity' in order to ensure that all relevant species are captured in such an annex. Without such guidance, I believe that each Party's interpretation will vary widely possibly resulting in the compilation of an inappropriate list.

Whilst I believe the intent of the amendment was to limit the number of species that require the full registration process, without the establishment of criteria I am inclined to submit a precautionary list that includes all current Appendix I animal species native to Australia. This list is attached for your reference. Meanwhile, I would like to encourage the Animals Committee to examine the terms "critically endangered" and "difficult to keep or breed in captivity" and to establish criteria for listing species at their upcoming meeting in December.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input to this valuable task.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix I Australian native species to be included in Annex 3 to Resolution Conf 11.14

Sminthopsis longicaudata
Long-tailed Dunnart

Sminthopsis psammophila
Sandhill Dunnart

Macrotis lagotis
Bilby

Perameles bougainville
Western Barred Bandicoot

Lasiorhinus krefftii
Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat

Lagorchestes hirsutus
Rufous Hare-Wallaby

Lagostrophus fasciatus
Banded Hare-Wallaby

Onychogalea fraenata
Bridled Nailtail Wallaby

Bettongia gaimardi
Tasanian Bettong

Bettongia lesueuri
Boodie

Bettongia penicillata
Woylie

Bettongia tropica
Northern Bettong

Leporillus conditor
Greater Stick-nest Rat

Pseudomys praeconis
Shark Bay Mouse

Xeromys myoides
False Water Rat

Zyzomys pedunculatus
Central Rock Rat

Berardius arnuxii
Arnoux's Beaked Whale

Hyperoodon planifrons
Southern Bottlenose Whale

Physeter catodon
P. macrocephalus
Sperm Whale

Neophocaena phocaenoides
Black Finless Porpoise

Balaenoptera acutorostrata
Minke Whale

Balaenoptera bonaerensis
Southern Minke Whale

Balaenoptera borealis
Sei Whale

Balaenoptera edeni
Bryde's Whale

Balaenoptera musculus
Blue Whale

Balaenoptera physalus
Fin Whale

Megaptera novaeangliae
Humpback Whale

Eubalaena australis
Southern Right Whale

Caperea marginata
Pygmy Right Whale

Sousa chinensis
Indo-Pacific Hump-backed
Dolphin

Dugong dugon
Dugong

Papasula abbotti
Abbotts Booby

Fregata andrewsi
ChristmasIsland Frigatebird

Falco peregrinus
Peregrine Falcon

Cyanoramphus cookii
[Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae
cookii]
Norfolk Island Parakeet

Cyclopsitta diophthalma coxeni
Coxens Fig Parrot

Pezoporus occidentalis
[Geopsitticus occidentalis]
Night Parrot

Neophema chrysogaster
Orange-bellied Parakeet

Pezoporus wallicus
Ground Parrot

Probosciger aterrimus
Palm Cockatoo

Psephotus dissimilis
Hooded Parrot

Ninox squamipila natalis
Moluccan Hawk Owl

Atrichornis clamosus
Noisy Scrub-bird

Dasyornis broadbenti litoralis
Western Rufous Bristlebird

Dasyornis longirostris
Western Bristlebird

Zosterops albogularis
White-chested White-eye

Lichenostomus melanops cassidix
Helmeted Honeyeater

Caretta caretta
Loggerhead Sea Turtle

Chelonia depressus
Flatback Sea Turtle

Eretmochelys imbricata
Hawksbill Sea Turtle

Lepidochelys olivacea
Olive Ridley Sea Turtle

Dermochelys coriacea
Leatherback Sea Turtle

Pseudemydura umbrina
Western Swamp Turtle

