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



Sixty-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee Geneva (Switzerland), 7-11 July 2014

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Exemptions and special trade provisions

REGISTRATION OF OPERATIONS THAT BREED APPENDIX-I ANIMAL SPECIES IN CAPTIVITY FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

- 1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
- Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) on Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in 2. captivity for commercial purposes states that:

the Management Authority shall provide the Secretariat with appropriate information to obtain, and to maintain, the registration of each captive-breeding operation as set out in Annex 1; and

the Secretariat shall notify all Parties of each application for registration following the procedure set out in Annex 2:

- On 19 November 2012, the Secretariat received an application from the United States of America to include Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus, bred by Hyacinth Macaw Aviary, Inc., in the CITES Register of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species for commercial purposes. Upon receipt of full information, the Secretariat published Notification to the Parties No. 2013/050 of 13 November 2013, proposing the above new captive-breeding operation to be added to the Register and setting 11 February 2014 as the deadline for submitting objections to the registration of this operation.
- 4. On 6 February 2014, the Secretariat received an objection from the CITES Management Authority of the Philippines regarding the application to include Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus bred by Hyacinth Macaw Aviary, Inc. in the Register.
- In accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 2, paragraph 3, the Secretariat referred the documentation to the Animals Committee to review the objection.
- After reviewing the documentation and the objection in the sidelines of its 27th meeting (Veracruz, April-May 2014), the Animals Committee made the following comments:
 - The Committee noted that it was a requirement of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15) that the Management Authority of the State in which the breeding operation is situated should provide evidence that the parental stock has been obtained in accordance with national measures and with the provisions of the Convention;
 - b) The Committee felt that the matters raised by the Philippines in their objection were primarily of an administrative nature, such that the Committee recommended that the United States provide information to the Philippines to respond to their questions;
 - In particular, the United States may wish to provide more information about the birds that were disposed of in 2012, and whether any of those birds are in the lineage of the current breeding stock provided in Attachment 1 of the application for registration. The United States could then consider

providing the relevant information in diagram form, as suggested by the Philippines in its comments on Section 6 of the application.

- 7. In compliance with Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 2, paragraph 3, the Secretariat forwarded the comments of the Animals Committee to both Parties concerned on 3 June 2014 to allow a further 30-day period for resolution of the identified problems.
- 8. The 30-day period referred to above expired on 3 July 2014. Having consulted both Parties concerned, the Secretariat has received no indication that the objection has been withdrawn or the identified problems resolved. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 2, paragraph 4, the application shall therefore be submitted to the Standing Committee at it following regular meeting. The application submitted by the United States is presented in Annex 1, and the objection by the Philippines in Annex 2.

Recommendation

- 9. The Committee is invited to consider the objection in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 2, paragraph 4.
 - a) If the Committee considers the objection trivial or ill-founded, it shall reject it and the application shall be accepted.
 - b) If the Committee considers the objection justified, it shall review the response of the applying Party and decide whether or not to accept the application.



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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Washington, D.C. 20240

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Dear Mr. Gauthier:

We are hereby transmitting documentation for the registration of the facilities of Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Terri Muscanera of Hyacinth Macaw Aviary, Inc. as a commercial captive-breeding operation for Appendix-I Hyacinth macaws, in accordance with CITES Article VII, paragraph 4, and Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15). Please make note of the following:

- 1. The requested documents providing evidence that the parental stock was obtained in accordance with relevant national and range state laws are enclosed with this correspondence.
- 2. The entire stock listed in Attachment 1 is being held for breeding purposes whether bred at the facility or not.
- 3. The requested documents providing evidence that the species have been bred in captivity to the second generation or beyond are enclosed with this correspondence.

If you have questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact Tim Van Norman at telephone: 703-358-2350 or email: Tim VanNorman@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Gabel, Chief

Division of Management Authority

Enclosures



Application to Register an Operation for Breeding Appendix-I Animal Species for Commercial Purposes: Hyacinth macaw (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*)

1. Name and Address of the owner and manager of the captive-breeding operation:

Joseph P. and Terri Muscanera Hyacinth Macaw Aviary, Inc. 26800 SW 189th Ave. Homestead, Florida 33031

- **2. Date of establishment**: 1993 (under a different company name), in 2012 the company name was changed to Hyacinth Macaw Aviary, Inc. (same location since 1993).
- 3. Species proposed for registration: Hyacinth macaw (Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus)
- **4. Description of parental breeding stock:** The current breeding stock consists of 5.6 Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus. The current breeding stock are F1 and F2 birds produced from 4.4 wild caught birds from Bolivia (Attachment 2). The list of parental breeding stock is attached (Attachment 1).
- **5.** Evidence that the parental stock has been obtained in accordance with relevant national measures and the provisions of the Convention: The hyacinth macaw is native to Brazil, Bolivia, and northeastern Paraguay. The species, listed in Appendix II on June 6, 1981, was uplisted to Appendix I on October 22, 1987.

The original founder stock, part of a group of 60 Hyacinth macaws, were exported from Bolivia to the United States in 1983 under Bolivian CITES export permit #01748 (Attachment 3). Since the species was Appendix II at the time, no import permit was required by the United States. The birds were exported by Zoological Gardens Suppliers, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and imported by Pacific Birds, Los Angeles, California. Hyacinth Macaws Aviary purchased their founder stock from Pacific Birds in 1997. All of the founder stock were legally imported into the United States and subsequently legally sold to Hyacinth Macaw Aviary in 1997.

6. Current stock held in addition to parental breeding stock: All birds listed in Attachment I are breeding stock or potential breeding stock. In addition to the breeding stock, Hyacinth Macaw Aviary, has four chicks (unknown sex) (not banded at the time this application was submitted) and four clutches of eggs (not hatched at the time this application was submitted).

7. Information on the percentage of mortalities: Since the establishment of this breeding operation in 1993, the facility has had very limited mortality. Four adult birds, one male and three females, have died at the facility. Two of these birds died from cancerous tumors, one from trauma due to a feral dog entering the facility, and one from food poisoning. This has amounted to less than 0.5% annual mortality for adults. In response to these mortalities, the facility has expanded and strengthened the exterior fencing to reduce the possibility of other feral animals entering the operation. The facility also no longer feeds birds unshelled Brazil nuts – all nuts are cracked and checked for spoilage.

Prior to 1997, there is approximately 5 to 10% annual mortality of chicks under the age of 3 weeks. These mortalities were primarily due to numerous factors including nutritional challenges presented in hand-rearing chicks and parenting problems associated with inexperienced parents. There may have also been genetic factors due to high relatedness within breeding pairs.

Due to extensive research into the nutritional needs of chicks carried out by the Muscanera's and their veterinarian, Dr. Susan Clubb, an improved diet for hand-reared chicks has been developed. Since 1997, chick mortality has dropped to less than 1% annually. Mortalities that have occurred at the facility since 1997 appear to be primarily due to inexperienced parents.

- 8. Documentation that the species has been bred to second-generation offspring (F2) at the facility and a description of the method used: The birds were bred using standard avicultural techniques in common usage in the United States. The Muscanera's have successfully produced multiple clutches of F2 generation offspring. Until 2012, when they reorganized and renamed their operation, the Muscanera's consistently produced approximately 30 chicks on an annual basis.
- 9. If the operation has only bred one generation of the species, that the husbandry methods used are the same as, or similar to, those that have resulted in second-generation offspring in other operations: Not applicable.
- 10. **Past, current, and expected annual production of offspring:** The applicant has been successfully breeding since 1997. Once the applicant established their founder stock [in 1997] through 2011, the facility yielded between 28-39 chicks on an annual basis. Lower yield years were typically attributed to weather fluctuations including drought and hurricanes. The facility generally maintained approximately 20 breeding pairs.

In 2012, the facility reorganized, selling off most of their breeding stock in order to maintain only those birds that have clear evidence of legal acquisition. The legal origin of some of their original breeding stock could not be clearly established due to missing documents or other factors. The current stock (Attachment 1) has already produced four chicks from two pairs of birds and has an additional four clutches, either on the nest or in incubators.

11. Anticipated need for, and source of, additional specimens to augment breeding stock to avoid deleterious inbreeding: There is concern about the mean kinship relation between the current

breeding stock. To avoid inbreeding, it is expected there will be a to need augment the current breeding stock. As the population expands, the need for additional stock will become evident. There have been a limited number of legal imports into the United States and, as such, limited access to unrelated stock. Importation for the purposes of obtaining additional breeding stock to augment the current U.S. captive population, as allowed under Resolution Conf. 10.16 (Rev.), will be considered in the future if an appropriate source can be located outside the United States.

- 12. Type of product exported: Live birds.
- 13. Detailed description of the marking methods: All juvenile birds are marked with seamless leg bands comprised of 5/32" diameter stainless steel wire with a 9/16" inside diameter hole. They are banded at a young age and "grow into" the band so the same bands cannot be placed on adult birds. Breeding stock that are not banded have been microchipped. Some birds have both bands and microchips.
- **14. Description of inspection and monitoring procedures to be used by the CITES Management Authority:** Hyacinth Macaw Aviaries is licensed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (state wildlife authority). Under this license, state officials have the right to inspect the facilities at any time. In addition, the applicant may receive unannounced visits from USFWS personnel (e.g., Division of Law Enforcement, Division of Management Authority, Division of Scientific Authority) who will report their findings to the CITES Management Authority. In order to export any progeny, Hyacinth Macaw Aviaries would submit individual applications to the U.S. Management Authority for all export authorizations. Annual reports may also be required of the applicant that would identify the total number of birds at the facility, number of offspring produced, mortalities, and other acquisitions and/or dispositions of the birds. This would allow the U.S. Management Authority to monitor activities in the breeding facility.
- **15. Description of housing facilities:** The breeding facility, located on a two-acre property in southern Florida, consists of ten breeder cages that are 2m x 2m x 5m, partially wrapped and covered in interlocking insulated aluminum building panels. These cages are housed in a locked 7.6m x 36.5m commercial nursery bowhouse with insect and rodent barriers.

The nursery contains two Grumbach 2-84 digital/modified incubators, three Air-Shields human infant isolettes, six brooders, six 1.2m x 1.2m x 1.2m stainless steel cages by Design weaning cages, one 1.2m x 2m x 2.5m stainless steel dividable weaning cage, six 1m x 1.2m Freedom and Kings stainless steel cages and, one 3.7m x 3m x 9m exterior play flight cage.

Security cameras are installed to monitor the aviary for the possibility of theft.

The daily feeding regiment consists of 5 to 8 fresh cut fruits and vegetables, macadamia nuts, almonds, walnuts, hazelnuts, pistachios, shelled Brazil nuts, vita-seed mix, Macaw pellets, and calcium/vitamin supplements.

Young birds that are hand-raised in the nursery remain there until completely weaned and then moved outdoors into the aviary, preferably into flocking cages with other young birds until they are old enough to be paired in breeding cages. Each breeding cage has secured doors so they cannot be inadvertently opened allowing escape. Basket feeders are designed to preclude escape during routine provision of food and water.

A full service veterinary clinic, Rainforest Clinic for Birds and Exotics, owned and operated by Dr. Susan Clubb is available for any veterinarian needs. For record keeping, the aviary utilizes Avi Mate software, Microsoft Excel as well as electronic and paper copies to maintain all records related to the breeding operation.

16. Strategies used by the breeding operation to contribute towards the conservation status of wild populations of this species: Hyacinth Macaw Aviaries has worked with a number of breeders and conservationists in the species' range countries in an effort to promote conservation. They have made significant contributions to the conservation of hyacinth macaw breeding, to the extent possible, producing genetically diverse birds. The Muscanera's have contributed extensive time and effort towards research into adult and neonatal nutritional needs of the species, resulting in greatly improved nutritional and husbandry procedures that can be used in re-introduction efforts within the range countries.

The operation is willing to continue working with breeders and conservationists to promote the conservation of the species within it natural range.

17. Assurance that the operation is humane: All birds are kept in breeding or flocking cages that are large enough to keep the birds safe and to allow them to fly short distances. All birds have access to natural sunlight, sufficient food, and clean water. A veterinary facility is available onsite. Therefore, the operation will be conducted in a humane manner.

Attachment 1: Current Breeding Stock

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WFHH98009	071873592	17 Jun 1998	M	George/Julie	F1
WFHH97007	076263840	14 Jun 1997	M	Panda/Amanda	F1
WFHH97001	071880821	21 Apr 1997	F	Kevin/Susan	F1
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WFHH01030	081869635	16 Sept 2001	F	Panda/Amanda	F1
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8GHFL025	081871304	22 May 2011	F	WFHH98003/WFHH980	004 F2

Current stock = 11 birds (5.6)

Attachment 2: Original Breeding Stock

HOUSE NAME	SEX	GENERATION	HATCH DATE	IMPORT DATE
Regal	Male	Wild-caught	unknown	1993 from Bolivia
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Kevin	Male	Wild-caught	unknown	1993 from Bolivia
Susan	Female	Wild-caught	unknown	1993 from Bolivia
Panda	Male	Wild-caught	unknown	1993 from Bolivia
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George	Male	Wild-caught	unknown	1993 from Bolivia
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ATTACHMENT 3: CITES export permit and other supporting documents

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Santa Cruz, 18th February

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SUBJECT: Notification No. 2013/050-Application submitted by the United States for the registration of Hyacinth Macaw Aviary, Inc. as a breeder of Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus

Dear Sir:

The Philippines, through this CITES Management Authority expresses concern about the application of the United States to include Hyacinth Macaw Aviary, Inc., for *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*, in the Register of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species for commercial purposes.

Relative to this, we are providing you our evaluation and comments of the application, and in particular, whether they meet the requirements of Annex 1 of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15).

• On Section 2- Date of establishment:

The original company name in 1993, prior to the renaming of said company to Hyacinth Macaw Aviary, Inc. in 2012, was not declared. For record purposes, the former name of *Hyacinth Macaw Aviary*, *Inc.* should have been stated in the application, and full details would be necessary, including proof(s) of legal operation of such company under domestic policies.

• On Section 5- Evidence that the parental stock has been obtained in accordance with relevant national measures and the provisions of the Convention:

Given that the eight (8) original parental birds, part of a group of sixty (60) Hyacinth Macaws, were legally exported from Bolivia to Pacific Birds, Los Angeles, California in 1983 under Bolivian CITES export permit # 01748, a discrepancy was noted on the attached affidavit pertaining to the sale transaction between Mr. Mohilef, owner of Pacific Birds, and Mr. Joseph P. Muscanera, the present owner of Hyacinth Macaw Aviary, Inc.

The affidavit stated that "the eight Hyacinth Macaws were legally imported by Pacific Bird and Supply Co. Inc. between 1976 and 1982." The said period is contrary to the dates of attached documents (e.g. Invoice from Zoological Gardens Suppliers, Sta. Cruz, Bolivia dated 19 February 1983, Certificate of Origin no. 181643 from Bolivia dated 18 February 1983 and Declaration of Importation from USDA dated Feb. 20 1983).





The application also stated that "Since the species was Appendix II at the time, no import permit was required by the United States. However, the Declaration of Importation from USDA indicated import permit nos. SC-2186 and SC-2187. Likewise on the invoice from Bolivia, import permit nos. SC2186 and SC 2187 were also indicated. The applicant should provide clarification on this concern.

• On Section 6- Current stock (numbers, by sex and age, held in addition to parental breeding stock above).

The current stock held by the operation in numbers, by sex and age of progenies could have been presented in diagram form for clearer presentation to show how the facility was able to achieve F1 and F2 generation from the original pairs.

• On Section 7- Information on the percentage mortalities, if possible reported by age and sex.

The mortality should be presented by age group and sex per year, and full details would be necessary.

• On Section 10 of the application - Past, current and expected annual production of offspring and, where possible, information on:

This should be no. 9 in accordance with Annex 1 of Res. Conf. 12.10.

The information provided in the 2nd paragraph stating that "In 2012, the facility sold most of their breeding stock in order to maintain only those birds that have clear evidence of legal acquisition. The legal origin of some of their original breeding stock could not be clearly established due to missing documents or other factors" is confusing and further details would be necessary. The number of breeding stock that were sold, as well as those that were retained, should be quantified.

• On Section 11 of the application – An assessment of the anticipated need for, and source of, additional specimens to augment the breeding stock to increase the genetic pool of the captive population in order to avoid any deleterious in breeding.

This should be no. 10 in accordance with Annex 1 of Res. Conf. 12.10.

• On Section 14 of the application -Description of inspection and monitoring procedures to be used by the CITES Management Authority:

This should be no.13 in accordance with Annex 1 of Res. Conf. 12.10.

The application stated that Hyacinth Macaw Aviaries is licensed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. However, no copy of the license was attached as proof. There was also no documentary evidence showing that Pacific Birds Co./ Mr. David Mohilef is registered/accredited with the US federal wildlife authorities.

• On Section 15- Description of housing facilities:

This should be no. 14 in accordance with Annex 1 of Res. Conf. 12.10.

Description of the facilities could be included with a lay-out or diagram for clearer presentation. Inclusion of photographs of the facility according to the lay-out will be helpful in the evaluation/review of the proposal. The availability of food source, volume of feeds and consumption per age group may be necessary to indicate sufficiency of supply. The installation of security cameras to monitor the possibility of theft is however, a good control measure. It also monitors accidental escape of stocks, if ever.

In view of the foregoing, we conclude from our review that this application would need additional information as indicated above concerning the application for registration of Hyacinth Macaw Aviary, Inc. in order to comply with requirements of Annex 1 of Resolution Conf. 12.10.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the matter.

Very truly yours,

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CITES Management Authority of the Philippines

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