

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

A. PROPOSAL

Deletion of Tetrao mlokosiewiczi from Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

11. Class: Aves
12. Order: Galliformes
13. Family: Tetraonidae/Phasianidae
14. Species: Tetrao mlokosiewiczi
15. Common Names: English; Caucasian black grouse  
French;  
Spanish;
16. Code Numbers: 214.003.007.002 (ID Manual)



2. Biological Data

21. Distribution: Islamic Republic of Iran; small area in the North-West adjoining the USSR.

Turkey: Upper levels of Black Sea coastal range East of Trabzon, rather small area.

USSR: Caucasus area of the Armenian, Azerbaydzhan, Grusinian and Russian Federative Soviet Republics.

22. Population: Islamic Republic of Iran; Rare.

Turkey: Rare but stable.

USSR: Numbers generally low.

There are no captive specimens recorded by the International Zoo Yearbook Vol. 24/25.

23. Habitat: Mountain forests and meadows from 1,000 to 3,000 m above sea level, in winter also lower forest zones. Habitat considered stable in Turkey. In USSR encroachment of cattle grazing is considered being a major adverse factor.

3. Trade Data

31. National Utilization: No information.

32. Legal International Trade: Has never been recorded in trade since 1977.

33. Illegal Trade: No evidence.

34. Potential Trade Threats: None.

4. Protection Status

Totally protected in Turkey which includes the prohibition of all kinds of trade.

CITES history: Listed at Berne, 1976, following a proposal by Iran. Very short supporting statement. Partially reviewed by the European region.

5. Information on Similar Species

Very similar to Tetrao tetrix with which it forms a superspecies. T. tetrix is widely distributed from Scotland and Wales to eastern USSR.

There is no ID Manual sheet available.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

The General Directorate of Forestry, National Parks Department of Turkey provided some of the information above, stated that the best protection for the species would be implementation of national legislation and expressed the view that removal from Appendix II would not negatively affect the species. The Islamic Republic of Iran and USSR did not respond to the questionnaire.

7. Additional Remarks

8. References

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