Other Proposals

A. PROPOSAL

Inclusion of *Xanthopsar (Agelaius) flavus* in CITES Appendix I

B. PROPONENT

The Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxonomy

   11. Class: Aves

   12. Order: Passeriformes

   13. Family: Icteridae

   14. Species: *Xanthopsar flavus (Agelaius flavus)*

   15. Common Names: English: Saffron-cowled blackbird
                         French:
                         Spanish: Dragon, tordo amarillo

   16. Code Numbers:

       The species has been included in Appendix III by Uruguay.

2. Biological Data

   21. Distribution: From the northeastern part of Argentina southward to Buenos Aires, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay.

   22. Population: Fraga (1990) estimates the survivors at 1,000 specimens. Cravino and Arballo (1993) estimated the Uruguayan population at 400 specimens.

   23. Habitat: Low meadowlands adjacent to ravines or gullies without visible water but with wet soil with dense, sprouting hydrophilous vegetation, marshlands.

3. Trade Data

   Uruguayan government authorities confiscated 15 specimens between 1990 and 1994 (June) that were being sold at street fairs or kept in captivity by collectors.

4. Protection Status

   There is a prohibition against hunting, capturing, possessing and marketing the species in all of the range States.

5. Information on Similar Species

   To be completed.

6. Comments from Countries of Origin

   To be completed.

7. Additional Remarks

   The species was included on the UICN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) Red Data Book in 1988 in the "insufficiently known" category, and also on the Red List of Birds of the World. Ridgely and Tudor (1989) referred to a decline in the greater part of the range States. Fraga (1990) termed it on the brink of extinction, as did Cravino and Arballo (1993), who provided new biological data and proposed inclusion of the species in the CITES Appendix I.

8. References

   To be completed.

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