

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/075

Geneva, 28 June 2024

CONCERNING:

Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I
animal species in captivity for commercial purposes

1. Article VII, paragraph 4, of the Convention provides that specimens of Appendix-I animal species bred in captivity for commercial purposes shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix II. In Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), the Conference of the Parties agreed that the exemption of Article VII, paragraph 4, should be implemented through the registration by the Secretariat of operations that breed specimens of Appendix-I species in captivity for commercial purposes. In paragraph 5 of that Resolution, the Conference resolves that:
 - b) *the first and major responsibility for approving captive-breeding operations under Article VII, paragraph 4, shall rest with the Management Authority of each Party, in consultation with the Scientific Authority of that Party;*
 - c) *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.*

The Secretariat's capacity to review registration applications is limited. In order to facilitate a timely review, Parties are requested to ensure that the applications they submit are complete and accurate. The Secretariat's role is primarily to verify that the required information has been provided.

2. The Secretariat has been requested to include the following operation in the *Register of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes*:

Country	Species	See
Italy	<i>Astrochelys radiata</i> , <i>Geochelone elegans</i> , <i>Malacochersus tornieri</i> , <i>Testudo kleinmanni</i>	Table below

3. With respect to paragraph 5 in Annex 1 of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), the Secretariat notes that it is not possible to be certain that the documentary evidence provided confirms that the parental stock has been obtained in accordance with the provisions of the Convention. The Secretariat has accepted the assurance of the Management Authority of Italy that the requirements of Annex 1 have been met.

4. In accordance with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 12.10 (Rev. CoP15), Annex 2, the operation will be included in the Secretariat's Register 90 days after the date of this Notification, i.e., on 26 September 2024, unless the Secretariat receives an objection from a Party which is fully documented and includes the supporting evidence that has given rise to concerns. According to paragraph 1 b) of Annex 2, any Party may request the full information (specified in Annex 1) on the operation.

Italy	
A-IT-XX	Special Turtles Owner/manager: Michele Calandrini Via San Rocco n. 17 Gatteo 47043 Forli Cesena Tel/Fax: +39 340 472 2479 Email: calandrinim@pecagorastf.it
Date of establishment: 2016	
Species bred <i>Astrochelys radiata, Geochelone elegans, Malacochersus tornieri, Testudo kleinmanni</i>	
Origin of stock Specimens bred in captivity in Italy and imported from other Parties in the European Union. The documentary evidence provided consists exclusively of European Union certificates.	
Marking of specimens Live specimens with microchips	