

Freedom of Information Request - ATIC1554

Request to: *provide the documents which show there has been no detrimental impact on endangered species and the trophy has been obtained from a sustainable hunting operation for each of the trophies imported into the U.K. during the 2017 calendar year.*

Legal requirements for a 'non-detriment finding'

Article 4.1(a)(i) and Article 4.2(a) of Regulation (EC) No. 338/97 requires the competent scientific authority (in this case the Joint Nature Conservation Committee), after examining available data and considering any opinion from the Scientific Review Group¹, to determine whether the introduction into the Community would not have a harmful effect on the conservation status of the species or on the extent of the territory occupied by the relevant population of the species, taking into account the current or anticipated levels of trade. These opinions shall remain valid for subsequent imports as long as the abovementioned aspects have not changes significantly.

JNCC role /approach to NDFs

When undertaking an NDF (for hunting trophies), the UK Scientific authority (JNCC) takes into consideration the views of the EU CITES Scientific Review Group, available published scientific literature and information provided by the range States or other experts. General guidance on trade in hunting trophies was also adopted at the 17th meeting of the CoP ([Conf Res 17.9](#)) and by the [EU CITES Scientific Review Group](#) - see Scientific Authority guidelines (pg 11 of [guidance document](#)).

Where the EU CITES Scientific Review Group (SRG) have formed an opinion [for an explanation of SRG opinions please refer to http://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/pdf/srg/def_srg_opinions.pdf], we would follow the SRGs published opinion unless there was more recent information to suggest a change of opinion was warranted. Current SRG opinions can be downloaded from www.speciesplus.net. Documents in relation to the SRG decisions can be found [here](#) (<http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=365&NewSearch=1&NewSearch=1>) or via a direct request to the European Commission. (Documents provided by range States may not be in public domain and might require specific permission from the respective governments).

The Unicorn database shows that 31 import applications were logged between 01/01/2017-01/01/2018, for wild-taken hunting trophies, source code H (Hunting trophies). 11 of these applications did not lead to imports, with their status on Unicorn recorded as either being refused, awaiting advice, or returned unused.

The table on the following page summarises the 20 applications we (JNCC) advised on (source W, purpose H) that were approved and imported into the UK, including the basis for our NDF. A list of some of the published scientific literature and references used by the UK CITES Scientific Authority in the formulation of their NDFs is also provided in an Annex to this report.

¹ The Scientific Review Group (SRG) is the consultative body established under Article 17 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97, consisting of the representatives of each member State's scientific authority or authorities and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

Table 1: Applications to import wild-take hunting trophies (purpose code H) between 1/1/17 to 1/1/18 that were approved and used.

Species	Country	Source	Number of applications	Number of specimens imported	Basis for non-detriment finding
<i>Canis lupus</i>	Canada	W	2	2	SRG Positive Opinion
<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	South Africa	W	1	1 specimen (12 teeth)	SRG Positive Opinion
<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	Zimbabwe	W	1	1	SRG Positive Opinion
<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Botswana	W	1	1 (hunting trophy from 2006)	SRG Positive Opinion
<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Namibia	W	3	2 (1 hunting trophy from 2011)	SRG Positive Opinion
<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Zimbabwe	W	3	3 (1 trophy from 2013, 1 trophy from 2016 and 1 trophy from 2017)	SRG Positive Opinion
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Mozambique	W	1	1	NDF compiled by JNCC and presented to SRG81 on 13/11/2017. (provided) SRG positive opinion for Niassa (including the Chipanje Chetu community conservation area) confirmed at SRG81. Negative for rest of Mozambique
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Namibia	W	2	3	SRG Positive Opinion
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Tanzania	W	1	1	SRG Positive Opinion
<i>Panthera pardus</i>	Tanzania	W	1	1	CITES Approved export quota
<i>Ursus arctos</i>	USA	W	1	1	SRG Positive Opinion
<i>Ursus arctos</i>	Russian Federation	W	2	2	SRG Positive Opinion
<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Canada	W	1	1	SRG Positive Opinion

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