

JSCOT Hearing - Answer to Questions on Notice

CITES Amendments, 8 May 2017

Response to Senator Ian McDonald on trade in crocodile:

Saltwater crocodiles (*Crocodylus porosus*) are listed on Appendix I of CITES, except for populations of Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea, which are listed on Appendix II. This means that saltwater crocodile harvested from Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea may be traded commercially, so long as CITES requirements are met and the necessary permits are obtained. For Malaysian populations, wild harvest is restricted to the State of Sarawak and a zero quota is in place for wild specimens for the other States of Malaysia, with no change in the zero quota unless approved by the Parties to CITES.

Response to the Chair on when the department expects to advise the Minister of potential amendments to the EPBC Act to facilitate import and export of musical instruments:

The Department advises the Minister on legislative amendments as part of the Government's reform agenda for the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The timing of specific advice on potential legislative amendments related to international movement of musical instruments containing species listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora has not yet been determined. This matter could be dealt with specifically, in conjunction with a broader EPBC reform package, or as part of the next statutory review of the EPBC Act which is due in 2019. The approach to and timing of dealing with this issue is a matter for Government.

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