

## **18.40 Appendix I Reservations within CITES**

RECOGNIZING that one purpose of reservations under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is the short-term mitigation of economic damage to a country or its inhabitants, if a decision of the Parties is likely to lead to such damage;

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that the permanent retention of reservations for the purpose of trade may severely undermine the Convention;

NOTING that a small number of CITES Parties are actively trading under reservations in Appendix I species;

AWARE that Japan holds ten reservations on Appendix I species under CITES, and that Japan is the largest trader of Appendix I species under such reservations;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Japanese Government has already withdrawn a number of reservations for Appendix I species;

RECALLING that at the last Conference of the Parties, the Japanese Government publicly announced that it will withdraw all reservations excluding those for the hawksbill sea turtle and six species of whale;

NOTING that Japan is to host the 8th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES in 1992;

The General Assembly of IUCN—The World Conservation Union, at its 18th Session in Perth, Australia, 28 November-5 December 1990:

1. URGES Japan to continue the process of withdrawal of all Appendix I reservations held under CITES;
2. CALLS UPON IUCN members, especially member governments, to communicate their endorsement of this recommendation to the Japanese Government;
3. URGES all other CITES Parties holding reservations on Appendix I species to cease trading under those reservations as soon as possible.