

CoP17 Prop. 17. [Canada] Transfer of Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* from Appendix I to Appendix II

The Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* has a worldwide distribution and a large and stable population, and thus does not meet the biological criteria for inclusion in Appendix I. Although there is the possibility that a transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II could stimulate some trade in wild birds, the impact on the wild population is likely be minimal as there is already a well-established trade in captive-bred birds that is largely able to satisfy current market demands. The majority of current key trading countries have indicated that national-level controls would not change as a result of a transfer to Appendix II. It is therefore unlikely there will be a commercial trade in wild specimens from the majority of range States. A transfer could stimulate illegal trade in other Appendix I-listed *Falco* species—given the similarity in appearance to *F. peregrinus* of (particularly) young birds (and hybrids). However, that risk is likely to be small.

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