

CoP17 Prop. 18. [Australia] Transfer of the Helmeted Honeyeater *Lichenostomus melanops cassidix* from Appendix I to II

The Helmeted Honeyeater *Lichenostomus melanops cassidix* has a restricted range and a small population, which is increasing due to intensive conservation management. On this basis it would appear still to meet the biological criteria for inclusion in Appendix I in Annex 1 of Res. Conf 9.24 (Rev. CoP16). However, the only reported trade has been in specimens for scientific purposes and there are no indications of illegal trade or any commercial demand. No other members of the genus are listed in Appendix I and it is highly unlikely that transfer of this taxon to Appendix II would stimulate trade: in any case, no commercial trade would be permitted under Australian legislation. The anticipated risks to the taxon of such a transfer would appear to be negligible.

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