

CoP17 Prop. 20. [Australia] Transfer of the Southern Boobook (Norfolk Island) *Ninox novaeseelandiae undulata* from Appendix I to Appendix II

The Norfolk Island Boobook *Ninox novaeseelandiae undulata* is a subspecies formerly found on Norfolk Island and probably on the adjacent Philip Island, external territories of Australia. Introduction of birds of the nominate subspecies to Norfolk Island in 1987 led to cross-breeding with the sole remaining female *N. n. undulata*, resulting in a small hybrid population that is managed and subject to intensive monitoring. In the unlikely event of *N. n. undulata* being rediscovered, Australian national legislation would prohibit its export for commercial purposes thus it would appear that the precautionary measures in Annex 4 of Res. Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16) have been met.

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