

**CoP17 Prop. 21 [Colombia] Transfer of the American Crocodile *Crocodylus acutus* population in the Bahia Cispata, Tinajones, La Balsa and Sectores Alendanos in the District of Cordoba, Colombia from Appendix I to Appendix II for the purposes of ranching**

The American Crocodile *Crocodylus acutus* population of Cispata Bay, Colombia, remains small (<2,500 individuals), with a restricted range. However, the population appears to be increasing or stable, and possibly at carrying capacity. The population does not appear to be threatened currently and the proposed ranching operation does not appear to present a conservation risk. Most management conditions set out in Res. Conf. 11.16 (Rev. CoP15) appear to be in place and the proposed management measures appear to be sound.

However, more information on key elements such as harvesting controls and offtake is needed and Colombia should be encouraged to include these in the management plan under development.

**ACCEPT**