

CoP17 Prop. 24 [Malaysia] Transfer of the Saltwater Crocodile *Crocodylus porosus* in Malaysia from Appendix I to Appendix II, with wild harvest restricted to the State of Sarawak and a zero quota for wild specimens for the other States of Malaysia (Sabah and Peninsular Malaysia), with no change in the zero quota unless approved by the Parties

Malaysia's population of Saltwater Crocodile *Crocodylus porosus* is not small and there have been marked increases in the States of Sarawak and Sabah. Little is known about the population in Peninsular Malaysia but it is thought to be small. Overall the Malaysian population would appear no longer to meet the biological criteria for inclusion in Appendix I. The proposed harvesting of 500 non-hatchlings and 2,500 eggs (or their equivalent) in Sarawak is thought unlikely to have a significant impact on the population. The intent to harvest only a limited number of non-hatchlings and eggs from Sarawak could be taken as meeting the requirement for a precautionary measure as set out in Annex 4 of Res. Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16).

A crocodile Management Plan has been drawn up for Sarawak. Malaysia should be encouraged to provide more information on the Plan, specifically the management measures being taken to control harvest and trade, measures to comply with the universal tagging system for the identification of skins in Res. Conf. 11.12 (Rev. CoP15) and how specimens would be differentiated from those from captive-breeding facilities, and measures to ensure that specimens from Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah do not enter the trade chain through Sarawak.

ACCEPT, if additional information on management measures is provided and considered to be appropriate by the CoP