

CoP17 Prop. 38. [Madagascar] Inclusion of False Tomato Frog *Dyscophus guineti* and Antsouhy Tomato Frog *D. insularis* in Appendix II

The False Tomato Frog *Dyscophus guineti* and Antsouhy Tomato Frog *D. insularis* are widely distributed in Madagascar and although population sizes are unknown, both species are at least locally abundant. Both species are present in the international pet trade, although trade levels appear to be low. *Dyscophus guineti* especially was targeted by collectors after the Tomato Frog *D. antongilii* was listed in Appendix I in 1987, and trade data indicate increasing levels of export from Madagascar in recent years. However, there are conflicting accounts of the sustainability of current harvest levels. In recent years the USA has reported the export of significant numbers of captive-bred individuals. Both *Dyscophus guineti* and *D. insularis* are protected under national legislation (Decree 2006-400) in Madagascar which allows harvest outside protected areas with authorization.

All *Dyscophus* species look similar and require training to distinguish. Both these species, particularly *D. guineti*, resemble *D. antongilii* which is already listed in the Appendices, and therefore both species meet the criteria for inclusion in Appendix II under Annex 2b of Res. Conf. 9.24 (Rev.CoP16). If this proposal and Prop. 37 (to transfer *D. antongilii* to Appendix II) were accepted it will have the effect of placing the entire genus in Appendix II, which may facilitate implementation and enforcement.

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