

CoP17 Prop 47. [Mexico] Inclusion of Clarion Angelfish *Holacanthus clarionensis* in Appendix II

The Clarion Angelfish *Holacanthus clarionensis* has a relatively limited range and population. It is collected for export for the international marine aquarium fish trade. This harvest is limited and controlled by licence in Mexico, the main range State. The major part of the population occurs in a protected area where collection is not allowed, and is believed to be stable. The species does not appear to meet the criteria for inclusion in Appendix II.

In Mexico, the species is considered subject to special protection, meaning that harvesting should only be undertaken if it is sustainable. Between 2007 and 2013, Mexico gave permits for the collection of just over 3,000 specimens and reportedly around 2,750 individuals were exported. The species is bred at a commercial aquarium exporting facility in Bali, Indonesia; exports at a low level are known to take place from here to the UK and USA.

It is unclear if inclusion in Appendix II will provide significant conservation benefit to the species.

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