

CoP17 Prop. 6. [South Africa] Transfer of the Cape Mountain Zebra *Equus zebra zebra* from Appendix I to Appendix II

One of two subspecies of Mountain Zebra *Equus zebra*, the Cape Mountain Zebra *E. z. zebra* is endemic to South Africa and has been in Appendix I since 1975. The second subspecies, Hartmann's Mountain Zebra *E. z. hartmannae*, occurs in Namibia and South Africa and was included in Appendix II in 1979.

This species has a small population that is increasing and a geographic range that is also increasing, albeit limited currently by a shortage of State-owned protected areas required for further expansion. The majority of the populations appear to be secure in protected areas where hunting is not permitted. Trade levels are low and limited mainly to trophy hunted specimens that will doubtless be a part of future management. It is crucial that populations are maintained and careful monitoring of trade takes place through the national Biodiversity Management Plan for the species recently developed by South Africa.

The use of a system to set hunting quotas outlined in the Supporting Statement may be considered as a special measure that meets the requirements for precautionary measures in Annex 4 of Resolution Conf. 9.24. (Rev. CoP16).

ACCEPT if the proponent confirms that the national Biodiversity Management Plan for the species mentioned in the proposal has been completed and will be implemented.