

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



RECOMMENDATION 4.3 CONSERVATION STATUS OF Crex Crex

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Fourth Meeting (Nairobi, 7-11 June 1994)

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,

Noting that the Scientific Council at its fifth meeting (Nairobi, June 1994) strongly recommended that *Crex crex* be included on Appendix II on the basis of its migratory habits and highly unfavourable conservation status, due to rapid declines in population status throughout its range,

Recognizing that Article X, paragraph 3, of the Bonn Convention requires, *inter alia*, that the text of any amendment and the reasons for it shall be communicated to the Secretariat at least 150 days before the meeting at which it is to be considered,

Noting that *Crex crex* is fully protected in a number of countries throughout its range, and is also listed on Appendix II of the Berne Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats,

- 1. *Confirms* the Scientific Council's conclusion that this species has an unfavorable conservation status;
- 2. *Recommends* that *Crex crex* be considered for listing in Appendix II at the time of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, provided that it continues to meet the relevant criteria;
- 3. *Urges* that in the interim period this species be accorded measures consistent with a species of unfavourable conservation status that would be appropriate for a species which has already been listed on Appendix II; and
- 4. *Recommends* that Range States identify breeding habitats and promote agricultural management practices sympathetic to the conservation of *Crex crex* in those areas.