



To proposal 17.5

The Florida panther and eastern cougar is a very good success for CITES. The real situation by the customs it gives a problem to identify, and it is better, all other subspecies are already listed in Appendix II. So DCSP recommends, support this proposal.

Thank you Madame Chair.

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Proposal CoP17 Prop. 5

to transfer *Puma concolor coryi* and *P. c. cougar* from Appendix I to Appendix II was introduced by Canada, who noted that the proposal resulted from the Periodic Review and was endorsed by the Animals Committee. The proposal included a recommendation that, should it be accepted, the Conference of the Parties adopt the standard taxonomic reference for mammals [Wilson and Reader (2005)] as the taxonomic reference for *Puma concolor*

The United States of America explained that the proposal was essentially procedural and would have no effect on the conservation of *Puma concolor coryi* in the wild.

However, they were aware that some countries with *Puma concolor* populations had raised concerns that the proposal, if adopted, might have

an impact on domestic protection of those populations. They intended therefore to abstain if the proposal were to come to a vote. Brazil, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Humane Society International and the Natural Resources Defense Council did not support the proposal, Costa Rica drawing attention to evidence of illegal trade in Puma concolor.

Canada stressed that the proposal concerned only Puma concolor coryi and P.c.couguar, whose distribution was confined to Canada and the United States of America. Chile, Colombia, the European Union and its member States, Mexico, Switzerland and the **Documentation Center for Species Protection** supported the proposal. Proposal CoP17 Prop. 5 to transfer Puma concolor coryi and P. c. couguar from Appendix I to Appendix II was accepted by consensus. The Committee agreed that the Annex to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP16) on Standard nomenclature be amended to reflect the fact that the taxonomic reference for Puma concolor would henceforth be Wilson and Reader (2005)

Thank you Madame Chair.