

INFORMATION GATHERING AND INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Rainbow Bee-eater (*Merops ornatus*) LC
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CONFISCATION SPECIALIST NETWORK

1 SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

- What species is each confiscated individual?
- Is specialist identification required (available via taxonomic organisations)?
- What is its range?
- Does it exist in the country of confiscation?
- Is the country of confiscation part of the species native range?
- Have all the relevant authorities been consulted e.g. quarantine?
- Is there an existing conservation action plan for the species?

2 IUCN CONSERVATION STATUS & PRIORITIES

- Is it classified as a 'Threatened Species' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™ (i.e. Is it classified as Vulnerable, Endangered or Critically Endangered?) See www.redlist.org
- What are the conservation actions for the species as advised by the IUCN Red List?
- If it is not listed on the IUCN Red List or is Listed as NE or DD, seek advice from the IUCN Species Survival Commission
- Does the individual belong to a species of national conservation importance based on National Red List Data or other national conservation list?

3 HEALTH CHECKS

- Has a health check in accordance with the IUCN-OIE Guidelines for Wildlife Disease Risk Analysis been carried out?
- Is it 'Fit'? An individual is considered to be 'Fit' if it has been through comprehensive veterinary screening and quarantine and shows no sign of infectious diseases or disability that would adversely affect it from surviving independently
- If it is 'Unfit', can the individual be made 'Fit' through treatment? Are the facilities / resources available for required treatment?
- Does it require immediate euthanasia to prevent further suffering? Requires Vet/Expert assessment.

Is it fit?

Yes

No

Can it recover its health and fitness so that it has (1) has a reasonable chance of survival in the wild and (2) will not introduce any disease into any wild population?

No

EUTHANASIA
Consult Guidelines, eg. AVMA

Transfer to Immediate Holding Centre that has appropriate facilities to ensure welfare and survival of individual.

4 FITNESS TO SURVIVE

- Has the individual been taken from its natural wild habitat?
- Is this a captive born individual/ artificially propagated?
- Is it a species that is held in any conservation breeding programme?
- If so, can it make a contribution to a conservation breeding programme?

5 REASON FOR CONFISCATION

- Is the individual a species that can be legally traded?
- If so, have the correct procedures for trade/possession been followed?
- Is it likely that the correct procedures and bureaucratic process will be completed in the near future?
- If so, when?

6 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN & ARRIVAL

- Where was the location the confiscated individual was taken from the wild: in which country; in which area?
- If 'UNKNOWN', can the location be identified?
- Is the country of origin a signatory to any of the following: Convention on Biological Diversity; Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS); Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES); International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)?
- Is the country the individual arrived from the same as the country of origin?
- Is the country where the individual arrived from willing to manage the confiscated individual?
- Are there any welfare concerns if the individual is repatriated?



Sulawesi Forest Turtle (*Leucocephalon yuwonoi*) CR
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