



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/113

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CONCERNING:

CANADA

Potential proposal from Canada for CITES CoP20  
regarding the peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

1. This Notification to the Parties is submitted by Canada.
2. In preparation for the 20th regular meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties (CoP20), Canada is considering submitting a proposal to transfer *Falco peregrinus* from Appendix I to Appendix II.
3. Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) was assessed again globally by IUCN in 2021 for the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species as Least Concern. As a part of that assessment, it was estimated that there are between 100,000 – 499,000 mature individuals globally and that the population trend is increasing or stable. The Europe and Mediterranean populations were also assessed in 2021 as Least Concern and their population trend is also increasing or stable.
4. The Peregrine Falcon has a very large global distribution, one of the widest of any bird species. According to Species+, there are 210 Countries and Territories that are range States of this species. Peregrine Falcons occur in North America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia, and South America. The species appears to be absent from the Amazon Basin, Sahara Desert, through the steppes of central and east Asia, New Zealand and Antarctica.
5. Based on the analysis of current information, Canada maintains that this species does not meet the biological criteria for continued inclusion in CITES Appendix I. Further, given the robust processes in place to ensure that trade in Appendix II species is properly implemented under CITES, an Appendix II listing would provide proportionate protections for the species.
6. Recall that at CITES CoP17, in 2016, Canada submitted [CoP17 Prop. 17](#) (to transfer *Falco peregrinus* from Appendix I to Appendix II in accordance with the Precautionary Measures of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16) Annex 4.) and [CoP17 Inf. 5](#) (Supplementary information on the Peregrine Falcon). At the time, Parties expressed concerns with a lack of consultation.
7. As such, by this Notification, Canada is broadly consulting with range State Parties to provide information on conservation and management approaches for the Peregrine Falcon as well as on the effectiveness of implementation and enforcement efforts relating to their international trade.

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This information will inform Canada's assessment as to whether the criteria under Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) are met.

8. Accordingly, Canada kindly invites all range State Parties to complete the questionnaire in Annex 1 to the present Notification. Canada would also welcome views from other interested observers.
9. Parties and observers are kindly invited to submit their inputs and comments by email with the subject line "Notification 2024/113 on Peregrine Falcon" to [cites-science@ec.gc.ca](mailto:cites-science@ec.gc.ca) by **30 November 2024**.

**Questionnaire on current legislative instruments or other tools  
that concern the conservation, protection and management  
of the Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the completed questionnaire by email **no later than November 30, 2024**, to the CITES Scientific Authority in Canada at [cites-science@ec.gc.ca](mailto:cites-science@ec.gc.ca)

*\* Please note that, following taxonomic changes at CITES CoP19, Barbary Falcon (*Falco pelegrinoides*) is considered a synonym of Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*). Therefore, the questions in this questionnaire should be responded to taking into account both species.*

1) Is the Peregrine Falcon naturally present in your country?

**If YES:**

- a) Which subspecies?
- b) Are these permanent, seasonally breeding, seasonally wintering or transitory migrant residents?
- c) Please estimate the number of breeding pairs in your country. If there is uncertainty related to these estimates please specify:

\_\_\_ No breeding population

\_\_\_ 0-10 pairs

\_\_\_ 10-100 pairs

\_\_\_ 100-1000 pairs

\_\_\_ 1000-5000 pairs

\_\_\_ Unknown

2) Is the Peregrine Falcon protected nationally?

**If YES:**

- a) What are the legislative instruments (laws, regulations, orders, etc.) relevant to the protection, conservation and management of the Peregrine Falcon? Please provide copies or links to these if possible.
- b) Are there any other tools in place to ensure trade is not a threat to the Peregrine Falcon? (e.g. conservation agreements, directives, policies, stewardship agreements)
- c) Would transferring the Peregrine Falcon to CITES Appendix II impact the existing controls for these species?

3) Does your country allow the practice of falconry and if so, how is it managed and regulated?

4) Does your country permit the use of Peregrine Falcon for falconry? If so, how is it managed and regulated?

5) Is the take of Peregrine Falcon from the wild allowed in your country? *Please describe the uncertainty related to the information you provide.*

**If YES:**

- a) Is a permit from designated authority required? Please indicate the legislative instrument(s) and the institution that provides the permit and provide an example of such a permit (if possible).
- b) How many animals may be taken from the wild legally in a year?
- c) Is there an obligation to report on the animals taken from the wild, legally and illegally?
- d) Which life stages are taken from the wild? Adult, juveniles, nestlings or eggs. If multiple life stages are involved in the wild take, what is the proportion taken for each life stage?
- e) Is export of wild caught individuals allowed?
  - (i) If **YES**, what is the proportion of the legal wild take individuals versus captive bred individuals for national consumption and for export. How is it monitored?

(ii) If **NO**, would export be allowed if the species were transferred to Appendix II?

**If NO:**

- a) Please describe the existing monitoring and enforcement measures that are in place to ensure that wild Peregrine Falcons are not removed from the wild. Are they fully enforced?
  - b) Do you have evidence of the illegal capture and take of Peregrine Falcon? If yes, what percentage of illegal harvest would you estimate is exported?
  - c) Would wild take of Peregrine Falcon be allowed if the species were transferred to Appendix II?
- 6) Are Peregrine Falcon currently bred in captivity in your country? If yes, how many captive breeding operations exist and how many are registered? If you are able to provide information on production from these facilities, such as how the animals are marked, please do so.
- 7) Do you consider that your country has adequate precautionary measures in place to satisfy Resolution Conf. 9.24 Annex 4 should Peregrine Falcon be transferred to Appendix II? Please provide relevant details.
- 8) Are there other potential impacts (positive or negative) of a transfer of the Peregrine Falcon to Appendix II that have not been described above? Please explain.
- 9) Please provide any further comments you consider relevant. Please also provide contact information for individuals and organizations in your country that could contribute information on the topics of interest.

***If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [cites-science@ec.gc.ca](mailto:cites-science@ec.gc.ca).***

***We appreciate your valuable contribution.***