

PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION OF SPECIES ON THE APPENDICES OF THE CONVENTION
ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

A. PROPOSAL: Inclusion of Glareola nuchalis in Appendix II.

B. PROPONENT: Government of the Federal Republic of Germany

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxon

1.1. Classis	Aves
1.2. Ordo	Charadriiformes
1.3. Familia	Glareolidae
1.4. Genus/Species/Subspecies	<u>Glareola nuchalis</u> Gray 1849 ssp. <u>nuchalis</u> and <u>liberiae</u>
1.5. Common names	
English:	Rock Pratincole
Spanish:	-
French:	Glareole aureolee

2. Biological data

2.1. Distribution

Two subspecies have been described: nuchalis from Chad, northeastern Sudan and Ethiopia south through Zaire, western Kenya and southeastern Tanzania to east-central Angola, extreme northeastern Botswana, Zimbabwe and western Mozambique; and liberiae from Sierra Leone to western Cameroon. Intermediates between nuchalis and liberiae occur in western Cameroon (Urban et al. 1986).

2.2. Population

Two populations are recognized.

- Entire population of nuchalis: Unknown (over 10,000).
- Entire population of liberiae: Unknown (over 10,000).

Almost no information is available on numbers. Said to be locally abundant, with breeding groups of up to 100 pairs in some areas (Urban et al. 1986). No information is available on population trends.

2.3. Habitat

Closely associated with exposed rocks in rivers and lakes, normally roosting on rocks, but at high water levels perching on branches of overhanging trees. Occasionally occurs on the muddy fringes of lagoons or on sandy beaches. Nests on rocks in rivers or lakes (Hayman et al. 1986; Urban et al. 1986).

2.4. Migrations

Both subspecies are partly sedentary and partly migratory, and are known to make extensive movements, but these are poorly understood. Populations in Gabon and on the shores of Lake Victoria are sedentary.

However, other populations undergo seasonal movements related to changes in water level. The species is a regular migrant in Nigeria, occurring on the Niger River only between mid-March and September. In Zambia, it is plentiful only between July and early January, with a peak in September when water levels become low. Migrants from northeastern Namibia have been observed in eastern Zaire between January and July. Migrants of the southern race *nuchalis* have been observed in October in the range of *liberiae* (Urban *et al.* 1986).

3. Threat data

3.1. Direct threats to the population

No information.

3.2. Habitat destruction

Some suitable habitat must have been lost as a result of the creation of dams on some of the major rivers within the species' range.

3.3. Indirect threats

Possibly at risk from the contamination of rivers with pesticides and other chemicals, but details are lacking.

3.4. Threats connected especially with migrations

None known.

3.5. National and international utilization

None known.

4. Protection status and needs

4.1. National protection status

Fully protected under national legislation in Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi and Tanzania; partially protected as a game species in Benin; partially protected in Rwanda.

4.2. International protection status

None known.

4.3. Additional protection needs

The species is considered to have a favourable conservation status, and is not in need of any additional special protection measures at the present time.

5. Range States

See attached table.

6. Comments from Range States

7. Additional remarks

8. References

Hayman, P., Marchant, J. & Prater, T. (1986). Shorebirds: An identification guide to the waders of the world. Croom Helm, London & Sydney.

Urban, E.K., Fry, C.H. & Keith, S. (1986). The Birds of Africa. Volume II. Academic Press, London & Orlando.

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Population		
(a) Entire population of ssp <i>nuchalis</i>		
(b) Entire population of ssp <i>liberiae</i>		
State	Pop.	Status
Angola	a	?
Benin	b	?
Botswana	a	?
Burkina Faso	b	?
Cameroon	a	?
"	b	?
Central African Republic	a	?
Chad	a	?
Congo	a	?
Cote d'Ivoire	b	?
Equatorial Guinea	a	?
Ethiopia	a	?
Gabon	a	?
Ghana	b	?
Kenya	a	?
Liberia	b	?
Malawi	a	?
Mali	b	?
Mozambique	a	?
Namibia	a	?
Niger	b	?
Nigeria	b	?
Sierra Leone	b	?
Sudan	a	?
Togo	b	?
Uganda	a	?r
Zaire	a	?
Zambia	a	?
Zimbabwe	a	?

Key to Status	
S/s Breeding summer visitor	R/r Resident
W/w Winter visitor	V Vagrant
P/p Passage migrant	? Status uncertain
Upper case = primary status Lower case = secondary status	