

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 cinerea cinerea 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 cinerea</u> Fraser 1843 ssp. <u>cinerea</u>
1.5. Common names	
English:	Grey Pratincole
Spanish:	-
French:	Glareole grise

2. Biological data

2.1. Distribution

Two subspecies have been described: cinerea occurs widely from Ghana, Burkina Faso and Niger east to southern Chad and the Central African Republic, and south to Gabon, northwestern Angola and northeastern Zaire; colorata is confined to the upper Niger River in Mali (Urban et al. 1986).

2.2. Population

Only one migratory population is recognized.
 - Entire population of cinerea: Unknown (over 10,000).

Very little information is available on numbers. Reported to be uncommon to locally abundant (Urban et al. 1986). The only substantial numbers recorded during the African Waterfowl Censuses of 1992 and 1993 were 100 in Cameroon in July 1992 (Taylor 1993). No information is available on population trends.

2.3. Habitat

Primarily a riverine species, frequenting sand bars in slow-flowing rivers and lakes in both forested and open country, but also occurs in coastal mangroves. A colonial nester, breeding on sand banks in rivers (Hayman et al. 1986; Urban et al. 1986).

2.4. Migrations

Breeds during the dry season when water levels are low and sand bars are exposed. After breeding, the nominate race undertakes fairly extensive movements during the rainy season, probably moving down the major rivers to coastal estuaries and along the Logone River to Lake

Chad (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

Partially protected as a game species in Benin.

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**

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Population		
(a) Entire population of ssp <i>cinerea</i>		
State	Pop.	Status
Angola	a	Sw
Benin	a	Ws
Cameroon	a	Ws
Central African Republic	a	Ws
Chad	a	Sw
Congo	a	Ws
Equatorial Guinea	a	Ws
Gabon	a	Ws
Ghana	a	Sw
Nigeria	a	Sw
Togo	a	Ws
Zaire	a	Sw

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	