



## International Primate Protection League

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### IPPL E-Bulletin

#### International Conference Results in Victory for Lorises

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Dear E-Friends,

I recently returned from the fourteenth Conference of the Parties to the treaty on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES CoP14, for short), and I have some good news: thanks to the hard work of a coalition of animal groups, [including IPPL](#), lorises were “uplisted” from Appendix II to Appendix I of CITES, which means they have now been banned from international trade.

These shy, nocturnal primates are popular for use in traditional medicines and as pets. As recently as May 2, 40 lorises smuggled from Thailand to Japan were confiscated from a passenger at Narita Airport, Japan. Twelve of the lorises died. These primates are still under threat by domestic trade and habitat destruction in their native countries, but we hope the uplisting will encourage local wildlife law enforcement efforts, too.

IPPL was represented at the important June conference in The Hague, Netherlands, by Board Member Dianne Taylor-Snow and myself. IPPL co-sponsored loris pins, which were distributed along with “Keep Primates in the Wild” highlighters to meeting delegates.



Also discussed at CITES CoP14 was the plight of the Barbary macaques, a monkey native to Algeria and Morocco (with a small feral population on the Rock of Gibraltar). Our Dutch friends at Stichting AAP are promoting a campaign to raise awareness of the status of this species, whose numbers in the wild are probably less than 12,000 (in 2005, IPPL and Stichting AAP helped sponsor a [population survey](#) of these animals). Although these monkeys have not been popular as lab animals, IPPL is frequently contacted by Europeans (especially the French) who are trying to get rid of pet monkeys that have outgrown their baby cuteness. Sadly, most European sanctuaries are already full (and Stichting AAP has only limited space). Uplisting these animals from CITES Appendix II to Appendix I—which we will try to do at the next CoP in Qatar in 2010—will, I hope, help curb the trade. In the meantime, please [educate yourself](#) about these neglected animals. We'll keep you posted!

Sincerely,

Dr. Shirley McGreal, IPPL Founder/Executive Director



▲ IPPL co-sponsored this loris pin while advocating on behalf of these small Southeast Asian primates.



▲ Barbary macaques on the Rock of Gibraltar.

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