

## RESOLUTION

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The Astacologists of the International Association of Astacology meeting in its seventh International Symposium in Lausanne, Switzerland, August 3-5, 1987, have noted:

- the damaging effects to live crayfish markets following the drastic decline in Turkish crayfish production,
- the marketing of new living crayfish species from many different places,
- the total absence of guarantees that such crayfish do not carry communicable parasites and diseases,
- the appearance of epidemics in European crayfish of aphanomycosis (the crayfish plague parasite), especially where it has not previously existed,
- the accrued risks of transmission of parasites and diseases, especially aphanomycosis, from other crayfish populations to native crayfish,
- the grave menace to native crayfish populations from introduction of undesirable exotic crayfish, and
- the potential for exposing fish to diseases and parasites born by crayfish.

Therefore, in view of the need for conservation of indigenous species and populations, we recommend that Governments find the means to stop the importation of living crayfish into their countries for any purpose (food, fish bait pets, etc.), except for governmentally approved research, restockings or introductions. Further, those Governments should be responsible for assuring that such living crayfish are parasite and disease free. Finally, Governments should encourage the restoration of native crayfish stocks wherever possible.

We encourage the immediate international adoption of this resolution.

