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1. ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES (SEE REFTTEL), UPON
THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY OF THE
MONGOLIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

DECIDES THE NUMBER OF WHITE FALCONS THAT CAN BE EXPORTED

EACH YEAR. FOR 1998 THE INSTITUTE CALCULATED THAT 50
FALCONS COULD BE EXPORTED. BASED ON A CONTACT SIGNED BY
THE INSTITUTE AND A KUWAITI ORGANIZATION CALLED "AL JEAAN
INTERNATIONAL," THE MINISTRY EXPORTED 25 FALCONS FOR
RESEARCH. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THIS EXPORT HAS

PROVED BY THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION, JUSTICE AND
EXTERNAL RELATIONS, AND HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITES.

2. NO WHITE FALCONS, HOWEVER, WERE EXPORTED FOR BUSINESS
IN 1998. IN THE NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW, BAYARTSOGT, THEN
ACTING MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY

THAT FALCONS WOULD BE EXPORTED DURING 1999, BUT THAT SUCH EXPORT WOULD BE BASED ON THE INSTITUTE'S RECOMMENDATION ANE) THROUGH CONTACTS FOR RESEARCH SIGNED BY THE

UNDATION FOR PROTECTION OF NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

COMMENT. FOLLOWING THE SEIZURE OF SIX FALCONS BEING SMUGGLED ONTO A PLANE BOUND FOR ISTANBUL IN NOVEMBER AND A PRESS CONFERENCE BY ALAN PARROT LATER THAT MONTH ABOUT THE GOM'S UNRESPONSIVENESS TO HIS BUSINESS PROPOSALS, THE

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MINISTRY SEEMS TO BE TAKING A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN PUBLISHING INFORMATION CONCERNING NOT ONLY FALCON EXPORT, BUT ISSUES RELATING TO WOLVES, GAZELLES AND OTHER MONGOLIAN SPECIES. END COMMENT.

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