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Dear Dana

**RE: U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOREIGN SPECIES STATUS REVIEW for the  
Scarlet-chested Parrot**

I have read the account for the Scarlet-chested Parrot *Neophema splendida* and find it a remarkably thorough account of a little known bird. In response to the assessment criteria:

1. Are our descriptions and analyses of the taxonomy, species description, habitat, life history and ecology, historical and current distribution, and population trends for the species accurate? Do we use the best scientific and commercial information available?

Yes. I note only that one reference appears to have been overlooked, that referring to climate change which can be found at <https://www.nccarf.edu.au/content/biblio-1573>. Relevant data can be found in the Appendices of the report, which can be cited as Garnett, S.T., Franklin, D.C., Ehmke, G., VanDerWal, J.J., Hodgson, L., Pavey, C., Reside, A.E., Welbergen, J.A., Butchart, S.H.M., Perkins, G.C. and Williams, S.E. 2013. Climate change adaptation strategies for Australian birds. National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility, Gold Coast. In summary it suggests that, based on current models, the distribution of climate similar to that currently used by the species could contract to the southern part of its current range. Given the variability in the existing climate and uncertainties in modelling, it can be concluded that climate change does not pose a substantial threat to the species in the next 50 years based on current knowledge.

2. Do we provide accurate and adequate review and analysis of the factors affecting the species (habitat loss and modification, overutilization, disease, predation, regulatory mechanisms, and so on)?

Yes

3. Are there any significant oversights, omissions, or inconsistencies in the status review?

No

4. Are our conclusions logical and supported by the evidence we provide?

Yes

5. Did we include all necessary and pertinent literature to support our assumptions and conclusions?

See above. Note the page numbers for the account of the species in Garnett and Crowley (2000) are 346-347.

Yours sincerely



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