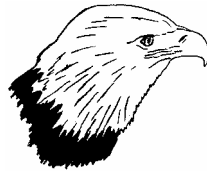


CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Sixteenth meeting of the Animals Committee
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ASIA REGIONAL REPORT
(June-December 2000)

This report has been prepared by the CITES Regional Representative for Asia to the Animals Committee (Dr Tonny Soehartono) based on the communication with Parties in Asia between June and December 2000.

Parties in Asia and Regional Representative

Up to the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP11) the number of Parties in Asia that have acceded to CITES is 42. The Parties elected two regional representatives to the Animals Committee namely Dr. Tonny Soehartono (Indonesia) and Dr Schwann Tunhikorn (Thailand).

Follow-up to agenda items since CoP11

1. Dr Schwann Tunhikorn has elected and attended the Working Group on the revised Criteria of appendices in Canberra on 2-9 August.2000. The report of the working group was submitted and discussed in the 2nd Joint Meeting of Animals and Plants Committees on 7-9 December 2000.
2. Dr Tonny Soehartono has discussed with the Management Authority of China, Malaysia and Indonesia regarding the following items.

a. Fresh water turtles

It was noted that the Management Authority of Indonesia and China would set closer cooperation in enforcing the current trade of fresh water turtle.

b. Cobra

There was an urgent need to clarify the taxonomic problems of the observed species so that Parties in the region would easily identify which species are most in current trade.

c. Marine corals

Indonesia considers that some definitions on the current resolution of marine corals need to be reviewed particularly regarding the term of live coral.

Difficulties

Communications between regional representatives and Parties in the region were not yet smoothly run e.g., of the 40 Parties contacted, three Parties only responded.

Regional representatives have not defined the Parties that should be served.